

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SONNING PARISH COUNCIL  
PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 16 MAY 2018 AT  
6.00PM IN THE PAVILION, POUND LANE, SONNING.**

PRESENT: Mr Farnese (Chairman), Mr T Fisher, Mrs P Pownall.  
Mrs L Bates (Clerk), 1 visitor.

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Mr Morrison (overseas trip).

**AGENDA**

- a) Present.
- b) Apologies for Absence
- c) Declaration of Interest
- d) Minutes of 30 April 2018 to approve.
- e) Updates
- f) 67 Pound Lane (180965). Householder application for the proposed drop kerb.
- g) The Great House (181058). Application to vary condition 4 following grant of planning consent (163032) for the "proposed 18 space extension to existing "lower" car park with alterations to access and associated landscaping (163032) at the above site was allowed at appeal (APP/X0360/W/17/3179871)". Condition 4 relates to change the timescale from "Prior to commencement of the development" to "Before the removal of trees". 17/05/18
- h) 20 Glebe Lane (181095). Householder application proposed conversion of loft space to create habitable accommodation including a rear dormer extension to dwelling and new gable end. 28/05/2018
- i) Acre Field (181082). Full planning application for the proposed erection of 3 no. dwellings with new access and parking following demolition of existing dwelling and detached garage. 25/05/18
- j) Reading Blue Coat School Appeal 3189500. (171307), Full planning application for the proposed gravelled car park with 41 spaces including 2 disabled spaces with associated new fencing and entrance gates. 22/05/18
- k) Any matters considered urgent by the Chairman.
- l) Date of the Next Meeting.

1950 DECLARATION OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS.

There were no declarations of interest.

1951 MINUTES.

The Minutes of the 30 April, having been circulated, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

1952 UPDATES.

The Chairman said that The Lawns Old Bath Road (171424) and Pool Court (180445) had been approved. There had been a split decision on application Pool Court (180448). The application had been to comply with conditions, 4 Landscaping, 6 Tree protection and 7 Lighting, on consent (173369). Only condition 7 relating to lighting had been approved but had failed on conditions 4 and 6.

1953 ACRE FIELD.

Mr Fisher said that the previous application had been for a terrace of three, four bedroomed dwellings and it had been firmly refused by WBC. The layout on this application was for 1 detached dwelling and two semi-detached. The small wooded area to the right of the site was to remain and the Planning Inspector had referred to the sylvan setting of the whole site. The trees were, however, deciduous and they would offer less screening in the winter

and some other trees on the site were to be removed. Unfortunately, together with the adjoin development the area would look like a small mini-estate if these proposal was approved. The proposal was in the Conservation Area and Sonning was a limited development location. There would be an increased pressure on the infrastructure and hard landscaping to accommodate car parking. The proposal was likely to attract £115,000 in CIL. The right of way are the rear of the plot had been referred to but the applicant said that it would not be affected by the proposal. There was a slight reduction in area over the previous application and the Bat Survey was up to date but the Ecology Report was not (2015). It was agreed that the proposal was an improvement on the previous one but following discussion it was agreed that the Council could see no reason to recommend approval and that the objections to the previous application still applied. An updated copy would be submitted to WBC.

1954 THE GREAT HOUSE

This condition was based on the need to remove two trees and prohibited development until a tree replacement scheme was in place. The trees no longer needed to be removed and the condition was prohibiting development and could not be met. Following discussion it was agreed that SPC could find no reason to object.

1955 67 POUND LANE.

This was for a small dropped kerb. Following discussion it was agreed that the Council could find no reason to object.

1956 20 GLEBE LANE

Following discussion it was agreed that the Council could find no reason to object.

1957 RBCS CAR PARK

The Parish Council had objected strongly to this proposal and fully supported Wokingham's reasons for refusal. The Chairman said that the school had made no effort to provide parking on-site and the Travel Plan had not been available to SPC previously. The appellants claimed that there was great support for the scheme but the large majority supporting letters were not in Sonning. Following discussion it was agreed to make additional comments on elements in the Travel Plan and the Appeal Statement.

1958. MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN.

There were no urgent matters

1959. DATE OF THE OF THE NEXT MEETING. The next meeting would be held on Wednesday 30 May at 6.00pm in the Pavilion.

Signed.....Dated.....