

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SONNING PARISH COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 2 JANUARY 2019 AT
6.00PM IN THE PAVILION, POUND LANE, SONNING.**

PRESENT: Mr A Farnese (Chairman), Mr T Fisher, Mrs J Harvey, Mr Morrison. 2 Visitors.
Mrs L Bates (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: There were apologies from Mr Morrison (holiday). The Chairman welcomed all those present.

AGENDA

- a) Present.
- b) Apologies for Absence
- c) Declaration of Interest
- d) Minutes of 19 December 2018 to approve.
- e) Updates including Local Plan
- f) Acre Field (183160). Full application for the proposed erection of 2no dwellings following demolition of existing dwelling. 31/12/18
- g) York Cottage (183224). Householder application for consent for the proposed single storey rear extension following demolition of existing kitchen. 14/01/18
- h) York Cottage (183227). Listed Building application for consent for the proposed single storey rear extension following demolition. 14/01/19
- i) Saxon House (183166). Householder application for the proposed erection of single storey rear extension, plus changes to fenestration and internal alterations. 16/01/19
- j) Any matters considered urgent by the Chairman.
- k) Date of the Next Meeting.

1246. DECLARATION OF INTEREST/DISPENSATIONS.

There were no declarations of interest.

1247. MINUTES.

The Minutes, having been amended, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

1248. UPDATES.

The Chairman said that application 182889. Sonning Dene, had been refused. A new householder application for Saxon House (183166) had been received. This was for the proposed erection of single storey rear extension, plus changes to fenestration and internal alterations.

1249. ACRE FIELD (183160).

Mrs Harvey had looked at the latest proposals for two new dwellings following the dismissal of the appeal for 3 dwellings. Having looked closely at the history of the site together with the adjoining site of August Field, which was in the same ownership, and listening to the concerns expressed by residents Mrs Harvey was very disturbed about what she had learnt. Concerns had been expressed about previous transgressions by the developer, including laying the foundations for 2 dwellings instead of 1, for which WBC later gave retrospective permission, and changes on another site in the parish. Mrs Harvey had learnt that there was a 10ft legal right of way to the rear of the site in favour of three other properties, however the plans included this strip as part of the application. The siting of the proposed dwellings was also of concern, as they were too close to the boundary with August

Field, leaving a larger area to one side of the plot. Councillors were reminded of the long history of objections to development of the two sites and numerous comments by Planning Inspectors when dismissing several appeals. Following discussion it was agreed to object to the proposal incorporating previous objections, and concluding that the only way to ensure that the views expressed by the Parish Council, residents and the Inspector's, of the importance this site plays as part of **'the sylvan buffer to the aspect of the gradual transition from the countryside towards the built core of the village'** and that the adjoining site on August Field has been overdeveloped with five properties there would only seem room for one large detached dwelling on the Acre Field site, sited on the footprint of the existing dwelling the views from Charvil Lane, so valued by the Inspectors, will be to some extent retained despite the cluttered appearance of the adjoining site.

1250. YORK COTTAGE (183224 & 183227).

The Chairman said that this was for planning permission and Listed Building consent for a single storey rear extension that would provide a good sized kitchen and other internal improvements. Following discussion it was agreed to say that SPC could find no reason to object.

1251. SAXON HOUSE (183166).

The Chairman said that this was for a rear extension and for some changes to the rear windows. Following discussion it was agreed to say no reason to object.

1252. MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN.

There were no urgent matters but the Chairman said that he would attend the Local Plan information evening to together with Mr Fisher, Mrs Harvey and the Clerk, at Twyford on 10 January.

1253. DATE OF THE OF THE NEXT MEETING. The next planning meeting was scheduled to be held on 16 January 2019 but, as there were no new plans, this was likely to be postponed until Monday 4 February at 6.00pm in the Pavilion.

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