

**MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SONNING PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING
COMMITTEE HELD ON WEDNESDAY 18 SEPTEMBER 2019 AT 6.00PM IN THE
PAVILION, POUND LANE, SONNING.**

PRESENT: Mr A Farnese (Chairman), Mr T Fisher, Mr P Morrison. 2 Visitor. Mrs L Bates (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: There were apologies from Mrs Harvey who was unwell. The Chairman welcomed all those present.

AGENDA

- a) Present.
- b) Apologies for Absence
- c) Declaration of Interest
- d) Minutes of 21 August 2019 to approve.
- e) Updates
- f) Little Shire (192072). Householder application for the proposed erection of a 1.8m high fence to the rear of the flat roof. 20/09/19
- a) RBCS (192293). Full application for the erection/construction of an electricity sub-station to serve approved grounds Maintenance & Activity Centre. 01/10/19
- g) Neighbourhood Plan.
- h) Any matters considered urgent by the Chairman
- i) Date of the Next Meeting.

1326. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. There were none.

1327. MINUTES. The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

1328. UPDATES.

The Chairman said that application 191767, 29 West Drive, had been approved. There was a new application, 192249 at South Meadow Cottage for change of use of the lower ground floor bedroom and en-suite WC (Use Class C3) to fitness training studio with associated WC (Use Class D2).

1329. LITTLE SHIRE (192072)

The Chairman said that Mrs Harvey had looked at the application but had been unable to speak to the neighbours and had no comments. The Chairman said that there had been concerns about the Juliet Balcony when the original proposal had come before the Council but the officer had said that it would be off a bedroom with limited opportunities for overlooking and the Juliet Balcony had been approved. Unfortunately the applicants were not satisfied with this and wished to use the Balcony to access the roof of the garage. Previous suggestions for screening had been withdrawn due to objections from the neighbours and SPC. The latest proposal was to install a 1.8m fence to the rear of the garage roof to provide privacy. There were no details about the manufacturers of the fencing so there was no way to check on them. Mr Fisher said that the neighbours still had objections. Following discussion it was agreed to object to the proposal for the above reasons and as being out of keeping with the area and inappropriate design (contrary to CP1), and impact on the neighbour (contrary to CP3 a, and f).

1330. RBCS (192293).

The Chairman said that this was for a sub-station containing a transformer to provide a 3-phase supply to the ground maintenance and activity centre (theatre). The location of the sub-station was to the rear and the left of the site. Following discussion it was agreed that although there was no reason to object there were concerns about the supply to the sub-station and potential disruption and inconvenience to the surrounding area. It was agreed that the Clerk would request full details in order to assess any impact.

1331: NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

There was little to report except that James McCabe, the Officer taking the lead on Neighbourhood Planning at WBC, had suggested a meeting on 26 September and this would take place at 11.30am. Mr Morrison said that the Hurst neighbourhood Plan was two year into the process so it was difficult to put a timescale on the Sonning Plan. Mr Gilmore said that the contact from Oxfordshire had been very helpful and had already provided a lot IT templates, which would result in a huge saving in time and resources.

1332: MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN.

Mrs Fielder spoke about proposals for VE Day 2020 and it was agreed that she should proceed with outline arrangements.

1333. DATE OF THE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next planning meeting would be held on Monday 30 September 2019 at 6.00pm in the Pavilion.

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