

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

PRESENT: Mr A Farnese (Chairman), Mr T Fisher, Mrs J Harvey. 3 Visitors.
Mrs L Bates (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: Apologies were received from Mr P Morrison. The Chairman welcomed all those present.

AGENDA

- a) Present.
- b) Apologies for Absence
- c) Declaration of Interest
- d) Minutes of 30 October 2019 to approve.
- e) Updates
- f) 20 West Drive (192050). Full application for the proposed erection of one 5no. bedroom dwelling with detached double garage, following demolition of existing dwelling. 01/01/20
- g) Neighbourhood Plan – Any update.
- h) Any matters considered urgent by the Chairman
- i) Date of the Next Meeting.

1359. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST. There were no declarations.

1360. MINUTES. The Minutes of the previous meeting had been circulated and were taken as read and signed by the Chairman. However it was noted that the minutes of the meeting held on 22 Oct. 2019 had been unavailable and would be approved at the following meeting.

1361. UPDATES. The Chairman said that the following applications had been approved: South Meadow Cottage (192249) and The Atrium (192312). Linkside (192438), as a major development had been listed but no date had been set yet. The appeal at York Cottage had been dismissed.

1362. 20 WEST DRIVE (192050)

Mr Fisher said that he had visited the site and had only been able to speak to the neighbour at 18 West Drive, which was the property most affected by the proposal. The proposal was interesting in that the design was quite modern and not the ‘mock Tudor/Georgian’ as so many in West Drive were. The neighbour was concerned about the existing garage which was attached the adjoining property 20 West Drive. However, on closer inspection it was clear there were no proposals to alter this garage in the current application. The proposal was to demolish the existing dwelling and to build a modern property closer to the front boundary. The proposed materials would be a mix of white rendering, dark grey bricks and timber cladding. The proposed dwelling would provide ample gaps to the boundaries but would still be closer to neighbouring properties than the existing. The main concern was the relocation of the proposed dwelling towards the front boundary, particularly as the site narrowed towards the front and would be level with the neighbouring properties, 18 and 22 West Drive. The neighbours would be more aware of the proposed dwelling, than the existing, and it would compromise and have a negative impact on their current amenity, it would also result a more cramped form of development. Following discussion it was agreed to say that SPC had not objections in principle but had concerns about the siting of the proposed dwelling for the above reasons. This could be overcome by siting it further into the plot.

1363: NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.

The Chairman said that he had mentioned the open meeting on 18 February in his Chairman's Newsletter and Mr Hine said the Hall had been booked. The Clerk would invite representatives from WBC and ask if they had a large map that could be displayed at the rear of the Hall so residents could see the area. Smaller maps would also be circulated for reference. The Chairman said that a meeting between the Society and SPC would be arranged in the New Year.

1364: MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN.

There were no urgent matters.

1365. DATE OF THE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next planning meeting would be included in the main meeting to be held on Monday 6 January 2020 at 6.00pm in the Pavilion.

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