

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF SONNING PARISH COUNCIL PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON MONDAY 26 APRIL 2021 AT 6.00PM VIA SKYPE IN VARIOUS LOCATIONS IN SONNING

PRESENT: Mr A E Farnese (Chairman), Mr T Fisher, Mr J Halliday, Mr P Morrison.
Mrs L Bates (Clerk).

APOLOGIES: There were no apologies. The Chairman welcomed all those present.

AGENDA

- a) Present.
- b) Apologies for Absence
- c) Declaration of Interest
- d) Minutes of 6 April 2021 to approve.
- e) Updates.
- f) The Beeches Bath Road (211073). Householder application for the proposed erection of 2m boundary wall and electronic sliding access gate. (28/04/21)
- g) Orchard End Parkway Drive (211251). Householder application for the proposed erection of a single storey rear extension with 1 no. roof light following the demolition of existing conservatory. (11/05/21)
- h) 41 West Drive (211022). Householder application for the proposed erection of a part single/part two storey rear extension, alterations to existing rear pitched roof and changes to fenestration to facilitate the creation of a first floor balcony, plus the insertion of 1 no. rooflight. (11/05/21)
- i) Neighbourhood Plan – Update
- j) Any matters considered urgent by the Chairman.
- k) Date of the Next Meeting.

1509. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

The Chairman said that everyone knew the applicant for item (g), but this was not a prejudicial interest.

1510. MINUTES OF THE LAST MEETING

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

1511. UPDATES.

The Chairman said that there were no decisions and no new applications had been received. WBC had changed their mind about consultation of the RBCS application to fell so many trees and this would go on the agenda for the next meeting. There was a lot of history associated with the grounds, which ran down to the Thames and there was a tunnel running from the house to the towpath, which had now been blocked up.

1512: THE BEECHES (211073)

The Chairman said this was to install sliding metal gates and fencing to the front of the property. It was not in keeping with the area but it was assumed it was to cut the noise from the A4 and to protect the property from debris arising from the regular accidents and resulting damage to the protective white fencing on the A4. The white fencing still hadn't been repaired since the last accident in August 2020. It was agreed that this was a disgrace and Mr Fisher would contact Martin

Heath at WBC about this. Following discussion, it was agreed to say SPC could find no reason to object.

1513: ORCHARD END PARKWAY DRIVE (211022).

The Chairman said that this was to replace an existing conservatory. Following discussion, it was agreed to say that SPC could find no reason to object.

1514: 41 WEST DRIVE (211021).

The Chairman said that this was straightforward. Following discussion, it was agreed to say that SPC could find no reason to object.

1515: NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN.

The Clerk asked if Mr Gilmore could use the SPC email list to remind residents to complete their questionnaires and this was agreed. Mr Fisher said that the delivery had been divided into areas and these had now all been covered. The Chairman said that the questionnaire was well put together, but couldn't see any housing in Sonning being 'affordable'. Mr Halliday asked about the suggestion that by removing litter bins the result would be no litter. Mr Fisher said that this was a known theory. Mr Morrison said that that speaking to residents personally made a difference and all those delivering the questionnaires were being asked to do so if they felt able to. The deadline for delivering was 1 May.

1516: MATTERS CONSIDERED URGENT BY THE CHAIRMAN.

There was a brief discussion about the proposed work to the Council owned land in Sonning Eye, adjoining Sonning Bridge. The Chairman said it was an excellent plan, he was concerned about the provision of safety equipment and the security of boats. Mr Halliday was concerned about general safety and everyone agreed that safety and security needed to be explored. The Clerk agreed to ask if CIL funding could be used.

1517. DATE OF THE OF THE NEXT MEETING.

The next planning meeting would be held on Monday 10 may at 6.00 pm via Skype.

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