

Sonning Common Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held at the Village Hall Sonning Common on Monday 7 November 2011 at 19.30 hrs

Chairman: Mr Greenwood

Present: Mrs Lewis, Mr Reynolds and Miss Hunt; two members of the public and one journalist.

P12/63 Apologies for absence: Mr Rooke and Ms Noble - each with a conflicting engagement; Mr Kedge was on vacation.

P12/64 Declarations of Interest: None

P12/65 Public Question Time: Mrs Whitelaw asked if the Parish Council was aware of an extensive clearance of trees and shrubs all around the Thames Valley Gymnasium which had happened without warning to the neighbours and has resulted in an unsightly pile of debris that may present a fire risk. Also the cutting has left a considerable number of very jagged tree stumps that could cause injury if tripped over etc. A discussion took place about the result if this activity and it was resolved that the Parish Clerk should write to the Chairman of Thames Valley Gymnasium to ascertain by when the debris and the trip hazards will be removed.

P12/66 New Applications:

P66.01 P11/E1349/RLB
Retrospective Listed Building Application for the structural repair and stabilisation of the existing building fabric at Pond Farm Cottage Blackmore Lane. The Committee recommended that this be approved.

P66.02 P11/E1713
Remove existing conservatory, construct single storey garden room & store at rear of house at 32a Grove Road. The Committee recommended that this be approved.

P66.03 P11/E1725
To erect a single storey conservatory to the rear of 16a Woodlands Road. The Committee recommended that this be approved.

P12/67 Applications Granted. The following were noted:

P11/E1129 Replacement of existing garden room to rear of garage at 84 Kennylands Road.

P11/E1137 Two storey side extension and a single storey rear extension at 72 Peppard Road.

P11/E1422 New bay window and porch with pitched tile roof at 5 Kidmore Lane.

P12/68 Applications Refused. The Committee noted with approval that the Planning Inspectorate has rejected the application for an illuminated sign outside the Co-op in Wood Lane.

P12/69 Applications Withdrawn:

P11/E1123/O - Land at Lea Meadow. Noted.

P12/70 Appeals:

Kennylands Road appeal hearing on 4, 5 and 6 January at Crowmarsh Gifford. It was resolved that Mr Greenwood will represent SCPC. If he is unable to attend Ms Noble will be asked to take his place and in the event of her being unavailable Mr Kedge will be asked to attend.

P12/71 Unapproved advertising boards/bills/posters. The Committee discussed the complaints made about proliferation of unofficial notices, A-Boards etc. The Clerk advised that the Village Hall Management Committee are amending their conditions of hire to say that putting up flyers etc to advertise events around the area is not allowed. Informal approaches to the Butchers Arms and the Car Wash have failed to produce action and it was resolved that the Parish Clerk should write to both to request voluntary compliance prior to removal of their signs.

P12/72 Matters for future consideration: Engagement of professional advisers for the development of the Neighbourhood Plan and the budget for that activity.

Date of next Meeting: Monday 21 November 2011 at 19.15

Chairman..... Dated.....