

# Sonning Common Parish Council

## Minutes of the meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held in the village hall on Monday 19 May 2014 at 1830 hrs.

Present: Ms Noble (Chairman), Mr Greenwood, Mrs Lewis, Mr Rawlins, Mr Kedge (ex-officio), Mr Stoves (ex-officio), Ros Varnes (deputy clerk).

P15/023 Apologies for absence: Mr Reynolds.

P15/024 Declarations of interest: Mrs Lewis asked for it to be recorded that her property neighbours 53 Woodlands Road RG4 9TD (planning application (P14/S0889/HH)).

P15/025 Public question time: none present.

P15/026 New applications:

026.01/P14/S1263/FUL. The construction of a detached dwelling (amendment to expired planning permission P10/E1967) at the Butcher's Arms, Blounts Court Road RG4 9RS. After discussion the committee resolved to recommend this application be approved.

026.02/P14/S1268/FUL. The construction of a detached dwelling (amendment to planning permission P13/S0655/FUL) at the Hare and Hounds, 12 Woodlands Road RG4 9TE. The committee recorded no strong views on this application but asked SODC to consider whether it represented an overdevelopment of the plot.

026.03/P14/S0581/FUL. The construction of a two-storey, four-bedroom dwelling with rooms in the roof space, a detached garage and a new vehicular access on land at The Ridgeway, Bird in Hand Lane RG4 9JY (the dormer windows have been replaced with roof-lights and corrections made to site boundaries on floor plans and building heights as shown on the amended plans received on 29 April 2014). The committee recommended that this application be refused on the grounds that a three-storey ridge height was out of character with the surrounding properties.

026.04/P14/S0889/HH. A rear and side extension to the ground floor and loft conversion at 53 Woodlands Road RG4 9TD (as amended by drawing no. PL.10B). The committee recommended that this application be approved, subject to the tree officers' report.

026.05/P14/S1292/HH. A rear and part side and front porch extensions at 18 Lambourne Road RG4 9LX. The committee recorded no strong views on this application but asked SODC to consider whether such a large extension would take light from and be obtrusive to the adjacent property (number 16). The committee suggested an alternative roof treatment might be more suitable.

026.06/P14/S1314/HH. The demolition of the existing conservatory and the construction of a single-storey orangery and utility room at 26 Westleigh Drive RG4 9LB. The committee recommended that this application be approved.

026.07/P14/S0996/HH. The erection of a detached garage at 34 Ashford Avenue RG4 9LR. The committee recommended that this application be approved but expressed some concern that the neighbour at number 12 might consider the proposed garage to be overbearing due to the size of the garden.

P15/027 Applications granted:

027.01/P14/S0905/HH. The erection of a front porch at 87 Kennylands Road RG4 9JR. Noted.

027.02/P14/S0429/HH. The construction of a first floor side extension, single-storey rear and side extension, front entrance porch and the conversion of an integral garage into living accommodation at 1a Newfield Road RG4 9TB. (The rear extension has been reduced from two-storey to single-storey and the side extension increased in height as shown on the amended plan received on 31 March 2014). Noted.

P15/028 Applications refused: none.

P15/029 Matters for future consideration:

029.01/P14/S1345/LDP. South Oxfordshire District Council has written to the parish council to confirm that it is processing an application for a Certificate of Lawful Development for a single-storey rear extension at 8 Carling Road RG4 9TG. Noted.

029.02. Cllr Noble reported some concern from residents about the amount and nature of the signage outside BB Wines on the Peppard Road. Councillors agreed the signage was garish and out of keeping with the village character. Cllr Noble asked the deputy clerk to write on her behalf to SODC to ask whether some controls could be placed on signage outside the business.

The meeting closed at 1930.

Chairman: .....

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