

# Sonning Common Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held in the Village Hall, Sonning Common, on Monday 18 November 2019 at 1915 hrs.

Present: Mr Rawlins (chairman), Mr Giles, Mr Fort, Mr Kedge, Mrs Lewis, Mr Stoves and Mrs Varnes (Deputy Parish Clerk).

P20/101 Apologies for absence: Mr Coombs.

P20/102 Declarations of interest: none.

P20/103 Public consultation time: none present.

P20/104 New applications:

104.01/P19/S3377/HH. The construction of a two-storey side extension, single-storey front and rear extensions plus internal alterations at 25 Rowan Close RG4 9LD.

After discussion the committee decided that they had no objections to the proposal but wished for the district council to take into account the following prior to making a decision on the application: that access for bins and parking provision was adequate.

104.02/P19/S3390/HH. The construction of a single-storey rear extension at 35 Shiplake Bottom RG9 5HH.

After discussion the committee resolved to fully support the application.

(Mrs Diwell arrived part-way through the discussion of the above items, so did not vote).

P20/105 To note:

105.01/P19/S3412/DIS. Discharge of conditions 3 (levels), 4 (materials schedule), 10 (cycle parking), 21 (Archaeological WSI), 22 (street lighting), 23 (drainage) and 24 (foul water drainage) on application P18/S2631/FUL for the construction of 25 dwellings and associated works at 44 Kennylands Road RG4 9JT. Noted.

105.02/P19/S3230/SCR. An Environmental Impact Assessment (EIA) is not required for a proposed Continuing Care Retirement Community (CCRC) of up to 150 residential units at Little Sparrows, off Blounts Court Road.

The decision was noted. Mr Fort asked about the significance of the decision and why an EIA was not deemed to be necessary. Mr Rawlins explained that the scale of the proposal for a retirement community at Little Sparrows was not great enough to warrant an environmental impact assessment.

P20/106 Application granted:

P19/S2792/HH. An 8ft x 12ft x 2.1m high shed at Jalna, Peppard Road RG4 9NJ. Noted.

P20/107 Matters for future agendas.

Mr Giles recommended that, if possible, planning applications should be projected onto a screen to make the viewing of them easier for the public and councillors.

Members agreed that this was a good idea. Mr Kedge said he approved of the idea provided it did not generate extra work for the Parish Office. Mr Rawlins said that, in future, the district council proposed to issue plans digitally for consultation purposes.

The invitation from Inspired Villages to meet with Parish Council representatives was discussed. It was agreed that there should be some pre-engagement with the proposed developer, as per existing Sonning Common Neighbourhood Plan policy. Members agreed to invite Inspired Villages to a future Planning Committee meeting

to outline its proposal for a retirement community at Little Sparrows, off the Blounts Court Road. The deputy clerk agreed to write to Inspired Villages with the invitation.

Mr Kedge suggested that the policy on pre-engagement with proposed developers should be removed from the revised Neighbourhood Plan. He recommended that the decision on whether to engage with proposed developers should be made by the Planning Committee.

The meeting closed at 19:40.

Date of next meeting: Monday 02 December 2019 at 1915.

Chairman: .....

Dated: .....