

# Sonning Common Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held on Monday  
16 January 2023 in the Village Hall.

Present: Mr Rawlins (Chair), Mrs Diwell, Mrs Lewis, Mrs Pearman, Mr  
Robinson, Mr Stoves, Mr Collings Parish Clerk and three members of the  
public.

- P23/077 Apologies for absence - none.
- P23/078 Declarations of interest - none.
- P23/079 Public question time. The three residents who all back on to 1 Shiplake  
Bottom described problems being caused by this development.
- P23/080 New applications:
- o80.01/P22/S4553/S73 - Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) in  
application P20/S4042/HH (Removal of front bay and alteration to  
roof, two storey side and rear extension including single storey  
extension and loft conversion) - size of the extension was reduced to  
avoid impact on the public footpath and new masonry boundary walls  
erected to replace dilapidated softwood panels. At 1 Shiplake Bottom  
RG9 5HG.
- With the input of the neighbours and from members it was resolved  
that this application should be thoroughly investigated by a site visit by  
Planning Officers. Letter to SODC attached.
- o80.02/P22/S4530/HH Two storey side extension following  
demolition of the existing garage & utility area; single storey front side  
& rear extension following demolition of the existing conservatory,  
study flat roof & car port; smooth render finish to all existing and new  
elevations. At 3 Carling Road Sonning Common RG4 9TG. Committee  
had no strong views other than a concern about the adequacy of  
parking space.
- o80.03 P22/S3782/O withdrawn - proposal to remove existing  
buildings and scrub and construct new 2 bed dwelling at 26a Peppard  
Road Sonning Common. Noted.
- P23/081 Update on completion of the SODC Settlement Assessment  
Questionnaire for Town and Parish Councils – still in progress.
- P23/082 Means to seek £7.5 million from Inspired Villages such a Community  
Land Trusts etc to be led by Mr Rawlins.
- P23/083 Matters for future agendas – items o81 and o82 above.
- Meeting closed at 19.50 - next meeting: Monday 13 February 2023 at 19.15.

Chairman: .....

Dated: .....

# SONNING COMMON PARISH COUNCIL

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Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023

Dear SODC Planning

RE: P22/S4553/S73 – 1 Shiplake Bottom RG9 5HG

Sonning Common Parish Council's Planning Committee considered the following application at its meeting of 16 January 2023:

'Variation of condition 2 (Approved Plans) in application P20/S4042/HH (Removal of front bay and alteration to roof, two storey side and rear extension including single storey extension and loft conversion) - size of the extension was reduced to avoid impact on the public footpath and new masonry boundary walls erected to replace dilapidated softwood panels. At 1 Shiplake Bottom RG9 5HG.'

**All members voted that this application should be thoroughly investigated by a site visit by Planning Officers.**

Concerns with this self-build development are legion as well set out in comments already posted on the SODC website by the immediate neighbours with all of which we concur. Starting with the very unnecessary removal of the trees screening the property to the rear and the fact that all normal constraints around hours of working and noise levels have been consistently ignored, our planning concerns are that what is being built does not match what was approved and is resulting in considerable overdevelopment of the site. There is ongoing incursion on the public footpath, Fulford Way, that shows no sign of being made good.

We also wish it to be known that the whole of this property is within Sonning Common and therefore the views of Rotherfield Peppard Parish Council are not relevant on this occasion.

Yours sincerely

Signed by

Philip Collings

Clerk to Sonning Common Parish Council