

# Sonning Common Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held in the Parish Office, Village Hall, on Monday 01 September 2014 at 1915 hours.

Present: Ms Noble (chairman), Mr Greenwood, Mrs Lewis, Mr Rawlins, Mr Stoves (ex-officio) Mrs Varnes (Deputy Parish Clerk).

P15/066 Apologies for absence: Mr Reynolds, Mr Kedge.

P15/067 Declarations of interest: none.

P15/068 Public question time: none present.

P15/069 New applications:

069.01/P14/S3591/FUL. The addition of four garages to the consented development of two pairs of semi-detached houses on land to the rear of 23c Wood Lane RG4 9SJ. After discussion the committee resolved to recommend unanimously that this application be refused (see letter attached).

069.02/P14/S2528/HH. The construction of single-storey side, rear and front extensions at 40 Westleigh Drive RG4 9LB. The committee resolved to recommend unanimously that this application be approved.

P15/070 Application granted:

070.01/P14/S2024/HH. An extension to the front elevation of 26 Lea Road RG4 9LJ, including a mono pitched roof. Noted.

P15/071 Applications refused: none.

P15/072 Matters for future consideration:

The progression of the Green Lane corner (P14/S1503/FUL) and Lea Meadow applications (P14/S2391/FUL).

The committee agreed that Mr Rawlins and Mrs Noble would attend the South Oxfordshire District Council Planning Committee meeting, scheduled for 17 September, to comment on the Green Lane corner application.

The committee asked the deputy clerk to schedule an additional Planning Committee meeting for Monday 22 September at 1930 hours, in the Village Hall, to discuss the Lea Meadow application.

Date of next meeting: Monday 15 September 2014 at 1915.

The meeting closed at 20.10

Chairman: .....

Dated: .....

# SONNING COMMON PARISH COUNCIL

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Thursday 4 September 2014

Dear Ms Bowerman

**Reference: P14/S2591/FUL (land to the rear of 23c Wood Lane, Sonning Common)**

The Planning Committee of Sonning Common Parish Council considered the above application at its meeting of Monday 01 September 2014. Members voted unanimously to recommend that this proposal be refused on the grounds that:

- it represents an over-development of the site and is therefore contrary to planning policy G2
- the proposal is contrary to planning policies D2 and T2 in that there is insufficient turning and parking space on-site. Parking provision is not adequate with the likelihood that the proposed garages be used for storage, as mentioned in the Design and Access Statement
- there is a clear threat of harm to Sonning Common's busy and frequently congested service centre from anticipated parking overspill on to Wood Lane, due to there being insufficient parking provision on site. This is contrary to planning policies CST1, T1, G5 and D6.
- it is of poor design (planning policy D1).

We must re-iterate the point made in Lynda Stiles' web comment (resident of 23c Wood Lane) that the two parking spaces adjacent to the proposed detached garage block have been allocated for the use of the Occasions shop and the flat above. They are not available as additional parking for the new housing, as has been implied by the applicant.

For all of the above reasons we urge you to reject this unsuitable and detrimental application. However, should you be minded to approve it we ask that you impose restrictions to prevent the future development of the garages.

Yours sincerely



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Gail Noble  
Chairman, Planning Committee, Sonning Common Parish Council