

Sonning Common Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting of the PLANNING COMMITTEE held in the Village Hall, Sonning Common, on Monday 15 May 2017 at 1900 hrs.

Present: Mrs Lewis (chairman), Mr Rawlins, Mr Kedge, Mr Rust, Mr Fort and Mrs Varnes (Deputy Parish Clerk). Mr McLoughlin, Henley Standard.

P18/020 Apologies for absence: Mr Stoves.

P18/021 Declarations of interest: none.

P18/022 Public consultation time: none present.

P18/023 New applications:

023.01/P17/S1549/FUL. The construction of 14 standard parking bays and one disabled parking bay at 2-24 Pages Orchard RG4 9LW.

After consideration, the committee unanimously resolved to recommend approval of the application.

023.02/P17/S0961/HH. The construction of a single-storey rear extension and two-storey side extension with dormer windows (as amended by plans received 24 April 2017) at 14 Old Copse Gardens RG4 9TH.

No discussion took place on this application since it was supplied by South Oxfordshire District Council (SODC) for information only.

P18/024 Applications granted:

024.01/P17/S0321/HH. A single-storey rear extension (as amended by plans received 02 May 2017 omitting the rear balcony) at 4 Gardeners Copse RG4 9JJ. Noted.

024.02/P17/S0757/HH. A wooden garden building measuring 5m long, by 3.9m wide, by 2.5m high in the rear garden of Woodlands, 75 Shiplake Bottom RG9 5HJ. Noted.

P18/025 Applications refused: none.

P18/026 Appeal allowed:

Appeal ref: APP/Q3115/W/16/3165188. The appeal is allowed and planning permission is granted for the construction of a new detached dwelling with an integral garage at 2 Baskerville Road RG4 9LS. Noted.

To discuss a letter from the owner of 16a Woodlands Road in relation to the outcome of the appeal.

The committee considered a letter from the owner of 16a Woodlands Road expressing her disappointment over the outcome of the appeal. She requested that the committee make a formal complaint to Her Majesty's Appeals Inspectorate and to the local MP over how the appeal had been handled and how the infill and housing design policies within the Sonning Common Neighbourhood Plan had been ignored.

Members resolved to take no further action, considering that they had hitherto done everything they could to object to the application through the consultation processes for planning applications and appeals.

They resolved to ask the deputy clerk to send a reply to the owner of 16a Woodlands Road (see letter attached).

P18/027 Status of the Memorial Hall Field project.

The deputy clerk reported that the parish council was still awaiting the proposed detailed planning conditions and Section 106 agreement from SODC.

P18/028 The parish council's response to the public consultation on the Local Plan 2033.

Members unanimously resolved to approve the proposed response to the Local Plan 2033 consultation prepared by Cllr Rawlins on the parish council's behalf. Mr Rawlings was praised for his "sterling work" on the consultation response.

P18/029 Matters for future agendas:

- the outline application to build 30 homes on SON 5 off the Kennylands Road
- the outcome of the planning committee's complaint into the development at 59 Orchard Avenue
- the proposal to amend the planning conditions in relation to the new dwelling at 31a Woodlands Road
- inquiry to SODC as to whether developers can be required to reinstate pavements left in a poor state following construction work.

The meeting closed at 1920.

Date of next meeting: Monday 05 June 2017 at 1915.

Chairman: Dated:

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Monday 22 May 2017

Dear Mrs Rice

Re: 2 Baskerville Road planning appeal

Thank you for your letter dated 04 May 2017 in which you raise your concerns over the outcome of the appeal in relation to the application to build a new dwelling in the garden of 2 Baskerville Road.

You request that the parish council's Planning Committee makes a formal complaint over the handling of the appeal to Her Majesty's Appeals Inspectorate and to the local MP.

The Planning Committee discussed your letter at its last meeting on 15 May 2017. Members sympathise with your disappointment and frustration that the appeal has been allowed and permission granted to build a new dwelling, which does not meet the housing design and infill policies of the Sonning Common Neighbourhood Plan.

However, they believe they have taken every opportunity to object to the application through the consultation processes for planning applications and appeals and do not intend to take any further action.

With best wishes



Ros Varnes
Deputy Clerk, Sonning Common Parish Council
(On behalf of the Planning Committee)