



STRATFORD ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PLANNING MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2018 COMMENCING AT 9.30AM ON SITE AT THE ANCHOR INN, STRATFORD ST MARY

1. Present and apologies for absence: -

Cllrs Bill Davies (Chairman); Hilary Cairns; Brian Such; Lorry Shead & Jenny O'Hanlon (clerk)

Members of the Public: 12

Apologies from Cllr Shaun Baker; Roger Barrell (Vice-Chairman); Kevin Cassell, Graham Pearce and Richard Tilbrook were received and noted.

2. Declarations of interest and dispensations.

- (1) To receive declarations of interest from councillors on items on the agenda.
- (2) To receive written requests for dispensations for disclosable pecuniary interests (if any).
- (3) To grant any requests for dispensations as appropriate.

None received.

3. To consider the following planning application: -

Application No: DC/18/03671
Location: Anchor Inn, Upper Street, Stratford St Mary CO7 6LW
Proposal: Planning Application - Application under Section 73 of the Town and Country Planning Act DC/17/05887. Erection of 5no dwellings without compliance with condition 2 (Approved plans and documents) and condition 3 (Materials).

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and he advised the public present that the Parish Council would only be giving their opinion to Babergh DC about this application and that it was down to BDC to approve the plans or not.

He outlined the revised proposal & asked for comments from the members of the public present for their views and opinions.

The occupants of neighbouring properties all confirmed that they remain strongly opposed to plans for the development of the land and that the concerns raised in the previous application (DC/17/05887) remain unchanged.

One resident confirmed that although is much happier with the proposed new property on Plot 3 to be a bungalow rather than a house, he is very concerned about how close it now will be to his boundary.

Another main concern of the residents is that the provision for parking at the Anchor has not been addressed and that this will force cars using the public house to be forced to park in Upper Street.

In answer to a query about what materials are to be used, Cllr Davies read out an email that he had received from Samantha Summers on the matter.

It was discussed that two trees are to be removed and Cllr Such confirmed where these are on the plans.

One resident asked if the Parish Council can ascertain what height the fences will be and the Clerk will action this and correspond with Babergh on the matter.

One resident wished it to be noted about his concern over future change of use of the Anchor Inn to a residential property and how this will impact on the access to the new development.

The Chairman then asked the members of the public for their overall view of the new plans. The consensus point of view was that although bungalows are preferential to houses in terms of overlooking their properties, they all still remain opposed to any development on the site.

The Chairman then asked the Councillors to make further comment before voting on the proposed plans.

Cllr Cairns felt that it was unethical that new plans should be submitted once the previous ones had gained approval, she agreed that the close proximity of the boundaries needs to be questioned and finally how could these large bungalows be seen as affordable.

Cllr Such and Cllr Shead both agreed that these new plans were an improvement over the last ones due to being bungalows.

Cllr Such stated that as he did last time that he again wished to abstain from the vote.

Cllr Davies reiterated that Babergh made the decision to approve the plans or not, he suggested members of the public write to Babergh detailing their objections.

There being no other questions or comments, the Chairman asked the Councillors to vote on the proposed application.

Cllr Davies proposed that these new plans again be rejected by the Parish Council in their current format pending confirmation of the points raised above and this was seconded by Cllr Cairns. 3 councillors were in favour, with 1 abstention.

The Chairman thanked the members of the public for attending.

4. Close of meeting.

There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting was closed at 9.49