



STRATFORD ST MARY PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PLANNING MEETING HELD ON SATURDAY 4th NOVEMBER 2017 COMMENCING AT 9.30AM ON SITE AT THE SWAN, STRATFORD ST MARY

1. Present and apologies for absence: -

Cllrs Bill Davies (Chairman); Roger Barrell (Vice-Chairman); Hilary Cairns; Brian Such; Lorry Shead
Graham Pearce;

Members of the Public: 5

Apologies from Cllrs Richard Tilbrook, Kevin Cassell & Shaun Baker; & Jenny O'Hanlon (Clerk) 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/17/05197
Location: The Swan, Lower Street, Stratford St Mary CO7 6JR
Proposal: Application for Listed Building Consent - Erection of two single storey extensions (to provide new kitchen, WC, dining area, bar, brew house and ancillary accommodation) following demolition of outbuilding and existing extension; extension of car park and terrace area; insertion of rooflights; internal alterations to include removal of partition walls, blocking openings and creating new openings; creation of 2 no. additional rooms to let.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and read out the official statement about recording devices being used at public meetings. He also 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 proposal & asked for comments from the public. The occupants of neighbouring properties, although confirming that they were not opposed to an expansion of activity at The Swan, detailed the following concerns:

- Parking concerns – this is already a problem & would be exacerbated
- Proximity & noise levels – especially if there should be late night functions, weddings etc
- Pollution – the proposed brewhouse would be more suited to an industrial area. In particular, concern was expressed about possible smells emanating from the brewhouse for long periods
- Design – it does not complement the existing building or suit the village, especially as the property is in a Conservation Area

Cllr Pearce stated that the design was not in keeping with the village, there was agreement from some other councillors. Cllr Barrell suggested that the proposed design would be lower than a brick building & therefore preferable.

Cllr Such stated that, whilst understanding the concerns of the public, it is beneficial to the village if some development occurs.

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. It is to be hoped that Babergh will send planners to view the site.

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

Cllr Pearce proposed that the plans, as they stand, be rejected by the Parish Council and this was seconded by Cllr Shead. 4 councillors were in favour, with 2 abstentions.

4. **Close of meeting.**

There being no further matters to discuss, the meeting was closed at 9.52