

Ashleworth Parish Council

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Minutes of the Meeting of 29 April 2013

Councillors Present	In attendance
Phil Cheeseman (PC)	12 members of the public
Mike Fellows (MF)	
Adeline Raine (AR)	
David Peckham (DP)	
Caroline Saunders (CS)	

Minute No.	Item
191/0413	<p>The Chair welcomed people to the meeting and agreed to extend the normal 15 minute public session in view of the importance of the planning application under discussion. Most members of the public expressed their opposition to the application of the change of use of The Queen's Arms.</p> <p>Pat Riach presented a petition opposing the application and it contained some 121 signatures of local residents.</p> <p>The Chair closed the public session after considerable discussion and thanked everyone for their attendance and for expressing their concerns.</p>
192/0413	<p>Apologies for absence were received from the Clerk and Jackie Eardley took the Minutes. There were no declarations of interest.</p>
193/0413	<p>The Minutes of the meetings of 20 March 2013 were approved by the Council and signed by the Chair.</p>
194/0413	<p>Planning:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> a. Planning applications received since last meeting: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> i. APPLICATION NO: 13/00251/FUL, change of use of public house to form detached dwelling house. The Queens Arms, The Village, Ashleworth ii. 13/00286/FUL, conversion of and alterations to existing barns and outbuildings to provide annexe at Scarifour Farm and change of use to land to north-east of outbuildings to provide garden to annexe, Scarifour Farm , Wickridge Street, Ashleworth. <p>Re 13/00251/FUL</p> <p>Each councillor commented on the application with AR, DP, MF and PC objecting. CS was in favour. The conclusion was that the Council objects on the basis of Policy RET5 and wishes to point out anomalies on the application, as follows:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The village hall does not have a liquor licence - The Boat does not have a restaurant facility - The survey mentioned in the assessment under 5.5 saying that only 4% of respondents utilised the Queens Arms is misleading as it does not include the reason

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	<p>why people did not use the pub – this was due to a lack of welcome</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A petition has been signed by 121 people in the village opposing the change – this will be sent separately to TBC. <p>The Council's representation is based on Policy RET5 (a), (b) and (c) and includes points which the Council wished to draw attention to. The Council voted 4 against and 1 for the change of use.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RET5(a) The selling price is unrealistic - RET5(b) The Parish Council is not aware of any efforts undertaken by the client to secure viability of the facility – no local campaigns, no special offers and no liaison with the parish council or community groups. - RET5(c) There are no equivalent facilities within the Parish that can provide the required restaurant facilities. <p>CS, who supported the application, stated that she:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - RET5(a) does not know if the selling price is a realistic figure. - RET5(b) is not aware of efforts undertaken by the client to secure viability of the facility - RET5(c) believes there are facilities elsewhere that can provide the required services adequately. The Boat Inn, which is within walking distance of the Queens Arms and the centre of the village and sells beer and snacks. Additionally, the Royal Exchange in Hartpury, although not in the village itself, is similarly within walking distance of Ashleworth, has restaurant facilities and serves food daily. <p>Action: The Council agreed to object to the planning application and the Clerk was asked to contact the relevant Tewkesbury Borough Council (TBC) Planning Officer to convey the Parish Council's view.</p>
195/0413	Re 13/00286/FUL – the Council has no objections to the proposed development
	The meeting closed at 8.30pm