

Shapwick Parish Council

Minutes of a meeting held on 14 May 2019
at 7.30pm at The Pavilion, Shapwick

- 19/20/1 Present:** Laura Anderson, Martin Davis, Brian Norris, Nigel Phillips and Sally Richardson
- 19/20/2 In Attendance:** Sue Williams (Clerk)
- 19/20/3 Also Present:** Mr Alistair Barr (applicant) and 6 villagers
- 19/20/4 Acceptance of Office**
Following an uncontested election acceptance of office forms were collected from councillors.
- 19/20/5 Apologies for Absence**
Apologies were received from Sue Sellick. Jerome Hayes declared an interest, being a member of the Shapwick Community Playing Field Company Limited (the company) and did not attend the meeting.
- Brian Norris took the chair for the meeting – the chair for the year will be elected at the annual meeting of the Parish Council to be held on 21st May 2019.
- 19/20/6 Open Session**
Brian Norris welcomed everyone to the meeting, explained proceedings and asked Mr Barr to explain the plans.
- 19/20/7 Planning Application 43/19/00001 The Pavilion - Retrospective display of non-illuminated advertising board.**
Alistair Barr explained that following the development of the pavilion there was a need to advertise the cricket club and the pavilion as a venue for hire. The Pavilion is used widely by the community as well as for sporting activities. Promotion of the venue is necessary to secure the future of the Pavilion.
- Brian Norris asked villagers for their comments.
- A villager commented that, in principle, they were not against the idea of advertising however, they felt that the sign was too big and not in keeping with the vicinity. Additionally the sign is a distraction at a busy junction. The villager also commented that the colours are more in keeping with a housing development than a village cricket club.
- Alistair Barr said the colours chosen are the 'corporate' colours of the cricket club and tie in with their website.
- A villager commented that they felt the sign is inappropriately large and indicated that there is repetition of information on the current sign and that the central 'blackboard' section has, to date, not been used.
- Another villager commented that the sign is not in keeping with a village setting.
- A villager asked what the rules on signage are. Brian Norris said the rules are complex and a number of things have to be taken into consideration.
- Alistair Barr said the company were not aware that planning permission for the sign was required hence the retrospective application.

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A villager commented that they felt the fact that the company/cricket club seems to start projects before having permissions in place should be addressed.

19/20/8**Closed Session**

Brian Norris asked Councillors for comment.

Laura Anderson said she felt the sign was too large and not in keeping with the village.

Nigel Phillips said that the size of the sign was not an issue for him personally but that clearly villagers have concerns.

Martin Davis said that he didn't think the sign caused an obstruction at the junction but the concerns of villagers present should be taken into consideration.

Brian Norris said that size of the sign is the major concern of villagers.

Laura Anderson proposed that the Parish Council object to the sign on the grounds that the sign is overly large for the location/village setting. Seconded by Sally Richardson. Unanimous. Clerk to inform SDC.

19/20/9**Planning Application 43/19/00001 The Pavilion - Formation of patio area.****Open Session**

Alistair Barr explained that the patio area was to provide a social space and to tidy up the area following erection of the pavilion. He said he felt that it improves the Pavilion as an amenity.

Brian Norris asked villagers for their comments.

A villager asked whether there would be a cut off time for use of the patio so that neighbours are not disturbed by noise.

Alistair Barr said it would be sensible to put one in place so as not to create a disturbance.

Brian Norris asked whether lighting would be needed for health and safety reasons if people are using the patio after dusk.

Alistair Barr said he was unsure on the matter of lighting but thought it might be only low level lighting to indicate where the steps are.

Martin Davis asked whether railings rather than a wall would be more appropriate.

Alistair Barr said other than there rear wall there are no plans for railings – it will be an open space.

19/20/10**Closed Session**

Brian Norris asked councillors for comment.

Brian Norris said he felt there should be a stipulated curfew in place.

Laura Anderson said that she thought the patio area tidies up the area.

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Martin Davis said a condition should be placed on any granted permission such that there must be no change of use to ensure that the area remains a patio and not a hardstanding area for the construction of a shed, storage facility etc.

Brian Norris said he felt that the application lacked detail and there were a number of unanswered questions.

Brian Norris proposed that the Parish Council object to the application on the following grounds:

- Noise Nuisance – a formalised curfew on use of the patio area is required
- Lighting – there is no indication whether the area will be lit and could potentially be a nuisance to neighbours
- Limit on future use of patio – to safeguard owners of neighbouring properties
- No information on finish at the front and side of the area

Seconded by Martin Davis. Unanimous. Clerk to inform SDC.

19/20/11

Date of Next Meeting

Date of next PC meeting will be Tuesday 21st May 2019 at 7.00pm. This will be the Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.15pm.

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