

Shapwick Parish Council

Minutes of a virtual meeting held on 15 December 2020 at 7.00pm

20/21/64 Present: Martin Davies, Laura Anderson, Jerome Hayes, Nigel Phillips, and Sue Sellick

20/21/65 In Attendance: Sue Williams (Clerk)

20/21/66 Apologies: Apologies were received from Sally Richardson and Mr & Mrs Higgs (applicants).

20/21/67 Planning Application 43/20/00003 4 Timberyard, Shapwick - Change of use and conversion of existing outbuilding/barn into a granny annexe

The applicant asked the clerk to inform the meeting that the proposals are to convert the barn for a family member to live in.

Martin Davis asked Councillors for comment.

Martin Davis said he had been concerned by the term granny annexe but that the additional information supplied by the applicant makes the picture clearer. He said that these proposals are the same as the application made in 2011 which was refused by SDC even though it was supported by the PC.

Nigel Phillips queried whether there would be loss of habitat. Martin Davis said a bat survey had been carried out and the proposals incorporated special tiles to accommodate findings of the survey.

Laura Anderson said she felt that ecology and habitats had been considered and that the development of the barn would save a building from becoming derelict.

Martin Davis said the proposals are in keeping with surrounding properties and no neighbours would be adversely affected.

Jerome Hayes said he had nothing to add and was in support of the application.

Sue Sellick said she was pleased to see that wildlife had been considered.

Nigel Phillips proposed that the Parish Council support the application for the following reasons:

- i) in keeping with and proportionate to the neighbouring properties
- ii) no owners of neighbouring properties will be affected
- iii) development of barn will prevent it becoming derelict
- iv) consideration has been given to bat habitats

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

20/21/68 Date of Next Meeting

Date of next PC meeting will be Tuesday 19th January 2021 at 7.00pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.15pm.

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