

Shapwick Parish Council
Minutes of a meeting held on 27 July 2021
at sites of application

21/22/33 Present: Martin Davis, Lesley Gaskell, Sally Richardson and Paul Rogers

21/22/34 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were received from Laura Anderson, Graham Croucher and Sue Sellick as well Sue Williams (Clerk).

21/22/35 6.30pm Planning Application 43/21/00005 4 Timberyard, Shapwick – Change of use of existing outbuilding to residential dwelling

21/22/36 Also Present: Mr & Mrs Higgs (applicants)

Open Session

Martin Davis invited the applicants to explain the plans.

The proposal is to convert the building to a dwelling and change some of the surrounding land to provide a garden and a parking/turning area for vehicles.

A bat emergence survey has been carried out.

Closed Session

Martin Davis asked Councillors present to comment.

Councillors agreed that the proposals are in keeping with the surrounding properties.

The proposals would enhance the building and save it from further deterioration.

Councillors felt that the applicant had taken into consideration the natural habitat and relevant surveys have been carried out.

Martin Davis proposed that the Parish Council support the application for the reasons listed above. Seconded by Paul Rogers. Unanimous. Clerk to inform SDC.

21/22/37 6.45pm Planning Application 43/21/00009 2 Butcher's Lane, Shapwick – Remove Cherry Plum (T1). Move Himalayan Birch (T2). Lift canopy of Lime Tree (T6) and Sycamore Tree (T22). Prune front two stems of Sycamore Tree(T21)

21/22/38 Also Present: Mrs Pomeroy (applicant)

21/22/39 Declaration of Interest

Sally Richardson, being the owner of a neighbouring property, declared an interest and took no part in the meeting.

Open Session

Martin Davis invited the applicant to comment.

The application can be considered in two parts – 1. The trees to the West of the property and 2. The sycamores bordering Main Road.

The trees to the West of the property require works/removal to make room for a new extension.

The work sycamore trees is to allow more light beneath (T21 and T22) and to avoid overhang into Main Road (T22).

Closed Session

Martin Davis asked Councillors present to comment.

Councillors agreed that the proposed works to trees T1, T2 and T6 are appropriate.

Councillors expressed concerns about the proposed works to trees T21 and T22. Councillors felt that the proposed works would be detrimental to the health of the trees and would also have a detrimental impact on the surrounding area as well as potentially creating a security issue for the neighbouring property. Councillors agreed that further clarification from the applicant was required. Councillors believe the trees overhanging the road to be sound.

Martin Davis proposed that the Parish Council respond to SDC supporting the works to trees T1, T2 and T6 but to raise concerns about works to trees T21 and T22 without further clarification. Seconded by Lesley Gaskell. Clerk to inform SDC.

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Date of Next Meeting

Date of next PC meeting will be Tuesday 21st September 2021 7.00pm in Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.30pm.

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