

## Avebury Parish Council

### Planning Committee

Minutes of a meeting of Avebury Parish Council's Planning Committee held on 15 October 2021 outside the **Red Lion public house, Avebury** to consider the planning applications below.

Start time: 18:04

Present: Councillors Stephen Stacey (Chairman) and Mike Daniel.

1. Apologies for absence: Councillors Dr Mike Bedford, Mr Ben Butler, Mrs Donna Byatt, Mrs Maggie Lewis, Mrs Lynzey Paradise and Ms Zandria Service.
2. Declarations of interest: none declared.
3. To answer questions from members of the public: there were no members of the public present and no questions received.
4. To consider Revised plans for the Red Lion PH

It was noted that both Councillors present had received comments on the revised plans making up these applications from absent colleagues and that these would inform their discussion.

We were disappointed that only very modest changes had been made to the items about which APC expressed views on the applicant's original plans.

In objecting to these revised plans, the following comments were made. It was agreed that they would be submitted through Wiltshire Council's planning portal before expiry of the deadline (23:59 15 October) and **it was so resolved**, being proposed by Cllr Stacey, seconded by Cllr Daniel, and carried unanimously.

**Application for:** Listed Building Consent (Alt/Ext) and Full Planning Permission

**Proposal:** Minor external and internal repairs, alterations, and refurbishment/redecoration; new surface to outdoor seating area; erection of new jumbrella; replacement of external air intake and extraction system and replacement signage and external lighting

**At:** Red Lion, High Street, Avebury, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 1RF  
Application Ref: PL/2021/07040

**Comment:** We continue to have serious concerns about noise from the proposed ventilation system. We have read advice from the applicant's consultants with care but do not share their optimism that ambient noise generated by traffic on the A4361 will equal or exceed noise from operation of the proposed ventilation system and thus hide or disguise it. The data presented is difficult for a non-expert to interpret but, whilst it may be true that at peak hours there is sufficient noise from passing traffic to mask that from the proposed ventilation system, especially

given the rough surface of the A4361, this will not be the case at other times. We should be trying to reduce ambient noise at all times. This proposal is bound to increase it for at least part of the day.

**Application for: Listed Building Consent (Alt/Ext) and Consent to Display an Advertisement**

**Proposal:** Minor external and internal repairs etc

**At: Red Lion, High Street, Avebury, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 1RF**  
Application Ref: PL/2021/06036

**Comment:** We contend that the proposed four rows of four tables outside the front of the building is excessive. One row is very close to the busy A4361 and introduces significant road safety concerns both for those sitting at the tables and also for passing pedestrians, who will be forced to walk in the carriageway itself. The seating plan should be reduced to three rows. The design also militates against social distancing, which is likely to be a feature of communal life, at least for some time to come.

There is an impressive display of shrubbery below the bow window to the front, which will get in the way of would-be passengers for the Swindon-Devizes-Trowbridge bus service and inconvenience those getting on or off. This display should be much reduced to restore the area to one that can be shared by public service vehicle users.

External lighting: we repeat our concerns for the night sky. It seems as though the current modest external strip lighting is to be replaced with perhaps as many as nine up/down-lighters. We applaud the use of down-lighters; we see no need for up-lighters. The removal of the floodlight from the east-facing gable wall is a welcome step. We hope that the floodlight on the north-facing gable wall can be removed, too, as we receive regular adverse comments about its brightness.

**Application for: Consent to Display an Advertisement**

**Proposal:** 2 no. externally illuminated painted building signs, 1 no. externally illuminated totem sign, 1 no externally illuminated directional sign and 1 no. non illuminated chalkboard sign and 1 no. non illuminated information sign.

**At: Red Lion, High Street, Avebury, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 1RF**  
Application Ref: PL/2021/06125

**Comment:** We believe that the proposed signage is excessive in quantity and size. The post-based pub sign removes a cherished historic emblem and replaces it with a banal and literal representation. It adds a second sign ('Chef & Brewer Collection'), which increases the signage mass at this location. The assertion that the proposed signage offers "a tasteful and subtle design, taking full consideration of the local area and beautiful scenery" is a generic statement and merely a matter of opinion, which we do not share.

The Chairman expressed thanks to his colleague for attending the meeting.  
The meeting closed at 18:46.