

Avebury Parish Council

Minutes of a Planning Committee meeting held outside The Red Lion PH, High Street, Avebury SN8 1RF on Tuesday 20th July 2021.

Present: Councillors Stephen Stacey (Chair), Maggie Lewis (Vice-Chair), Ben Butler and Donna Byatt (partway through item 4).

In attendance: Liz Moore (Clerk) and Ryan Rawal (Manager, Red Lion PH) who was present for part of the meeting to answer questions.

Time started: 14:00

1. **Apologies for absence:** Councillors Dr Mike Bedford (Vice-Chair), Mike Daniel, Lynzey Paradise and Zandria Service.
2. **Declarations of interest:** there were none.
3. **Questions from members of the public:** there were no members of the public present.
4. **Planning applications:**

Application for: Work to Trees in a Conservation Area

Proposal: 3 x Yew trees - reduce by 25% & shape crowns accordingly

At: Ashdown, High Street, Avebury, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 1RF
Application Ref: PL/2021/06924.

In discussion it was noted that the trees were protected and that the work was being carried out by a qualified tree surgeon to help manage their height and shape. **It was resolved** to support the application. Proposed by Cllr Lewis, seconded by Cllr Butler 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 and PL/2021/06036 respectively

Ryan Rawal joined the meeting to provide an overview of the planned work and a laminated copy of the architect's plan was tabled for members to view. Discussion focussed on the planting scheme outside the front of the building and in particular, the planned planting area adjacent to the highway and WC bus stop. **Concern was expressed about installing a planting scheme right up to the highway, as it would effectively displace anyone waiting for the bus stop off of the cobbles and into the road.** It was noted that the outdoor seating plan for the front of the building appeared to be overly ambitious and the planting scheme was probably going to be about a metre high. Also, members felt that the planned arch of roses to the main entrance and giant jumbrella for the seating area would not be in keeping with the traditional feel of the

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building. Committee members walked round to the side of the building / car park and the following points emerged:

- The existing tarmac part of the car park was to be levelled and repainted to include disabled parking.
- There was going a small change in font planned for the main pub sign and the addition of Chef & Brewer signage as the company was a subsidiary of Greene King with the aim of providing more up market pub food. **Members felt strongly that the pub should keep the existing lion's head symbol.**
- The sheds at the back of the car park were in fact listed and would remain intact.
- There was going to be a new surface to the outdoor seating plan to the east of the building and planting would be used as the boundary next to the car park.
- Outdoor access to the cellar would remain and currently contained the pubs stock of beer which had to be kept at optimum temperature.
- There would be a single entrance and exit in addition to the required fire exits.
- The existing outdoor **back floodlight** was to be kept. **Members felt that this should be removed to reduce the overall intensity of the planned lighting and to respect WHS Management Plan recommendations.** The WHS Management Plan's aim was to reduce light pollution.

Ryan invited members inside the building and the refurbishment plans were explained in detail. Plans included: new flag stone flooring in the small front bar, more spacious gents and improved ladies toilets, increase in the area of the back bar for staff, new exit to rear of building, expansion of the staff kitchen area, new bench seating in the large restaurant next to the fire place, new pendant lighting and removal of the existing carpet in favour of a pretty tiled floor with wooden flooring either side. Members were content with the internal refurbishment as it was going to be an improvement to the existing décor.

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

Proposal: Installation of replacement illuminated and non-illuminated signs to the exterior of the building

At: Red Lion, High Street, Avebury, Marlborough, Wiltshire, SN8 1RF
Application Ref: PL/2021/06123 and PL/2021/06122 respectively

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

It was resolved to support the above applications subject to the following conditions:

1. The Red Lion PH is in a World Heritage Site (WHS) and the PC requests that it take into account the aims of the WHS Management Plan (see policy 1e). The Red Lion did much in 2013 to reduce the impact of its lighting proposals on the village in Avebury and on the WHS, and the PC would like to see it do so again.
2. The rear floodlight is removed.
3. The Red Lion PH keeps the existing lion head emblem on its pub sign.
4. The planting scheme at the front of the building is moved away from the highway.

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In its current form it intrudes onto the WC bus stop and will force people to stand in the road.

5. The arch of roses is not installed and that the pub uses a series of smaller umbrellas in the outside seating area at the front, instead of the proposed giant jumbrella that would otherwise obscure and dominate a beautiful, historic and traditional building.

Proposed by Cllr Lewis, seconded by Cllr Butler and carried unanimously.

The meeting finished at 14:50