

## **Meeting of Lacock Parish Council on 13 December 2021**

### **Planning Applications Report**

#### **PL/2021/10692**

##### **Reduce silver birch by 2m at Lacock School, High Street, Lacock**

No comment.

#### **PL/2021/11154**

##### **Development of swimming pool house, ancillary to the use of the host dwelling, 1 Bewley Edge, Lacock**

The proposal involves the erection of a new, detached single storey building linked to the host dwelling, to provide accommodation for a hydrotherapy pool. The application explains that the joint applicant was diagnosed with Lyme Disease in 2000 which has seriously compromised her immune system which has led to chronic rheumatism rendering her severely disabled. Her only relief is in an hydrotherapy pool.

The proposed building sits in the north eastern part of the site, adjacent to the eastern boundary. The proposed use of materials is compatible with the materials used in the existing buildings. Taken together the proposed building is not readily visible from the surrounding developments and merges well with the existing buildings on the site.

No objection

#### **PL/2021/11188**

##### **Proposed landscaping to create parking and turning area - The Old Mill, Lacock**

No documents have been provided on Wiltshire Council's website showing details of the proposed scheme. Unless anyone else has seen them and can form an opinion on their acceptability I suggest that the response to Wiltshire Council should state this fact, request that details be provided and an extension of time given to consider the proposals.

#### **Notification of planning appeal against refusal - 20/09594/FUL**

##### **7 and 8-9 Nethercote Hill, Lacock**

The Parish Council objected to the proposed development on 11 February 2021.

The deadline for submission of any representations is 15 December 2021.

Our existing objection will be passed to the Planning Inspectorate. *All I would request is that our Clerk goes onto the Planning Inspectorate's Planning Portal to confirm that the Parish Council maintains its objection to the proposed development.*

**PL/2021/11328**

**Fell Purple Beech to approx 5m. Plant 2 replacement trees - Lackham College, Lacock**

No comment

**PL/2021/11269**

**Works to Beech Tree to have large branch leaning towards property removed, work to 2 Lime Trees, Yew to have lateral reduction and another Yew to be reduced by 2m - 17 Bowden Hill, Lacock**

Any comments welcomed

**PL/2021/11392**

**Proposed single storey front extension and new window opening adjacent to rear entrance door under new Porch Canopy - 18 Bewley Crescent, Lacock**

No objection

**Notification of planning and listed building consent appeals - 21/00940/FUL & 21/01546/LBC - Sundawn, Chapel Hill, Lacock**

The deadline for any representations to the Planning Inspectorate is 10 January 2022.

The Parish Council has maintained a strong objection to this proposed development. This continued objection should be registered on the Planning Portal of the Planning Inspectorate. **However**, before this is done I will see whether we should strengthen our objection in the light of representations that were made on behalf of the Parish Council at the Planning Committee meeting of Wiltshire Council when the Committee resolved to refuse the planning application.

**Lana** please delay any entry on the Planning Portal until I have reviewed LPC's objection.

**Email from Peter Glen to John Boldon re: the Griffin Farm Site Planning Application, 6/11/21**

Hi John

Comments on the third Planning Application for the redevelopment of the Griffin Farm site, on the agenda for the LPC meeting on Monday 9th November. You will recall the issue with the upper common, regarding sewage and flooding, which came before the LPC in February 2020. The image below shows the sewage problem on the common in 2019. Image taken 16 December 2019.



Following a meeting on 20/02/2020 when Chris Doel and I met with Damaris Broad, Environmental Health Officer together with Richard Williams, Drainage Engineer. I will copy to you separately their emails relating to this issue at that time.

On the 5/11/2021 while walking up Lana's I noticed a Baldwin excavator, (the contractor working on the Griffin Farm site) operating on the upper common next to what was the Walled Garden of Bowden Hill House. It appeared to be excavating in the area of common in the image dated 19/12/2019, this was confirmed by the operator of the excavator, who had been engaged by the walled garden property owner to replace its original sewage system.

The excavator operator also confirmed that he had found the, 6” diameter drainage pipe from the Griffin Farm site running down the side of the wall and the drainage pipe from the private property which was connected to it. He also confirmed that the pipe was blocked! Obviously, very likely to be the cause of the build up of effluent on the common at this point, over many years.

Extensive replacement works to the sewage system have been undertaken on the Griffin Farm site following its change of ownership. It would appear however that up until 5/11/2021 no works, or upgrading has been carried out on drainage pipe from the original septic tank for the Griffin Farm site. This pipe is directed into the ditch that was the subject of concern by WC Drainage Officer, who recommended that the ditch would, “benefit from some attention”, digging out!

You will recall that the LPC were requested by WC to contact the landowners in advance of any Environment activity, to deal with this issue and the flooding. This was carried out by the Clerk writing to the landowners on two occasions before referring the matter to WC, who would take issue forward, which could end in legal action to carry out the works recommended. It would appear that this process is ongoing, or has been overlooked, as none of the recommendations of the WC Drainage Engineer, sewage or flooding have been carried out!

Clearly with the submission of a third application for the redevelopment of the site, this sewage drainage issue from it onto the common, is only going to increase if it is not dealt with, and must be rectified to the satisfaction of WC and the NT, before any further development of the Griffin Farm site is granted by WC.

Images of the situation on the 5/11/2021







