

Meeting of Lacock Parish Council on 14 February 2022 Planning Applications Report

PL/2021/11702

Proposed garden arbor screen and Velox roof light -The Old Post Office, 21 Bowden Hill, Lacock

We had requested and thought an extension of time had been granted for a consultation response on this planning application, but on the 10 February 2022 Wiltshire Council granted planning permission for this proposed development. **(Lana please note, contrary to agreement with WC))**

But I would have raised no objection.

PL/2022/00194

Erection of Replacement Building (Class E) - Griffin Farm, Bowden Hill Lacock

The applicants have made a series of applications on this site which have included modifying the design of the buildings to give a common external appearance. This leaves two buildings to be dealt with - the Wiltshire Scrapstore and Resources Centre Building and the unaltered building at the gateway to the site. This application deals with the replacement of this latter building.

The existing single storey building is to be replaced with a similar sized (slightly smaller footprint) single storey building with extensive glazing and timber cladding. It will still have a flat roof, but this will be a green roof to be covered in a "Native Wildflower Blanket".

The proposed new development would appear to result in a building with a much improved appearance at the gateway to the site.

No objection.

PL/2022/00383

3 maples, these trees are leaning and overhanging the tennis court and are to be removed - Land at the playground north of Hither Way, Lacock

No comment

PL/2022/00712 and PL/2022/00808 (Listed Building consent)

Replacement signage above the side access gate - 21 King Johns Hunting Lodge, Church Street, Lacock

This application seeks retrospective approval of a double-sided sign sited over the access gates to the tea-room and rear garden of the property.

When one looks at the two photographs provided with the application, ie the original sign and the new one, I think the new sign is better than the old one. However, when you are in

Church Street looking at the new sign it is very noticeable and somewhat incongruous in its setting. Perhaps when it is weathered it will look less dominant.

I leave it for members to decide as it could be a bit like Marmite you either love it or hate it.

PL/2022/00713 (Consent to display an advertisement) - 21 King Johns Hunting Lodge, Church Street, Lacock

As above comments.

PL/2021/08213

Change of Use to Agricultural Commercial Machinery Hire Yard (part retrospective), Folly Lane, Lacock. Withdrawn by applicant

Peter Glen has very helpfully made the following comments on this planning application site:

There was concern expressed at the September 2021 LPC meeting when the above mentioned planning application was considered and it was agreed to raise an objection, but in November 2021 the application was withdrawn.

Up until the submission of the application it was not public knowledge that the Hire Yard was in fact considerably larger than the 5,220 sqm previously approved, by some 3,180 sqm, at 8,400 sqm. The new application only sought to increase the existing area in use at the site by a further 2,100 sqm. The withdrawn application lays open the fact that SW-Hire continue to use 3,180 sqm of its existing Hire Yard illegally by withdrawing its recent application.

As the withdrawn application is evidence of admission that this business is operating on a large area of land within the Parish without planning approval, it is recommended that the Clerk writes to Wiltshire Council to point this out and requests that the the matter be regularised either by enforcement action or a new planning application.

PL/2022/00944

Removal of Condition 1 of Planning Permission 71.QR.509 relating to Agricultural Occupancy of Property (resubmission of 21/00440/VAR)

There would appear to be a legal dispute between Wiltshire Council and the applicant's agents over the implications of the wording of the condition requiring the occupant of the cottage to be employed in agriculture or forestry. It would appear there is a wish to sell the house without it being encumbered by the occupancy condition.

It seems to me that in 2022 there is no valid land use reason to have that property bound by such a requirement.

I would therefore suggest the Parish Council raises no objection or has no comment to make unless any member has a reason to take an opposing view.