

HAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PLANNING MEETING

A planning meeting of Ham Parish Council took place at 6:30 pm on Thursday 5th March in Ham Village Hall.

Present: Mr C Dean (Chairman), Lady Walker (Vice-chairman), Mr J Marriage, Mr M Humphreys and Mr D Bicknell.

1. **Apologies:** none
2. **Declarations of Interest:** Mr J Marriage with regards to Sunny Mead
3. **Minutes of Previous Meeting:** The Minutes of the Planning Meeting held on 23 September 2019 were confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.
4. **Matters Arising:** none
5. **Planning Applications**

Application Ref: 20/00870/FUL

Application for Full Planning - Sunny Mead Cutting Hill Hungerford RG17 0RW.
Proposed development: Demolition of existing dwelling, timber shed and lean-to and erection of a replacement dwelling

Stephany Stella-Turner from Fowler Architectures explained the plans. Demolition of old building, replacement will be in similar position as existing property but slightly away from the boundary, 2 story, 3 bedroom. New house will be slightly larger but not significantly, same access. Will be in keeping with the area.

Several questions were raised. Neil and Maureen Land of Lilac House, via an email to the Chairman asked if the drive way was changing and if any outbuildings were planned, negative in both cases. Stephen Minchin, also via email, questioned the ridge height, and it was confirmed that a sunken level means there are no increase is planned. David Bicknell asked if any trees being cut down, the answer was possibly but with a hope not to. Mr. Humphreys questioned the roof material, plain tiles.

The council raised No Objections.

Application for tree works. Ref: n/a

Brights Meadow, SN8 3RB

Proposal: Felling of two Ash trees and one Douglas Fir.

The Chairman visited the site and explained the application. The Douglas fir has lost some branches and is close to the house but currently no official guidance was available that the tree was dangerous.

Mr. Andrew Melsom submitted pictures of the view from the path behind and explained that he believed it was worth conserving the Fir tree as it was iconic for the area.

The Council recorded a decision of Approve with Conditions. The ash trees to be felled but the Douglas Fir should remain and be pruned as required.

Application for tree works. Ref: n/a

Yew Tree Cottage, SN8 3RB

Proposal: 25% Crown thinning/lifting on Apple Trees, 25% Crown reduction on maple tree (red leaf,) 25% Crown Thinning/Lifting on Beech Trees, Felling of Leylandii, Yew Tree (part), Dead tree, Deceased Apple Tree.

The council raised no objections.

Application Ref: 20/00560/FUL

Application for Full Planning - Yew Tree Cottage Spray Road To Manor Farm Ham SN8 3RB
Single storey entrance hall extension, single storey and two storey rear extension with associated internal alterations.

The plans were discussed during the meeting and it was noted that the cottage was not listed but in a conservation area.

Andrew Melsom spoke about the driveway which is a private lane and not owned in any part by the applicant. He understood it's submission was an error and will be withdrawn.

A temporary access will be granted for building works and a new plan for a different driveway will be submitted.

The Chairman asked Architect why thatch was not considered for the roof and the response was because the thatch would look out of proportion and would raise the ridge height. The Vice Chairman and Jethro Marriage felt neither of these reasons were acceptable. David Bicknell liked the style of joining thatch and regular tiled roof. Both the Chairman and Vice-Chairman also commented that the glass at the rear was overwhelming whilst Martin Humphries liked the approach of getting as much light in as possible. Robin Buchanan-Dunlop had a comment read out about the windows and lack of thatch not fitting in with the existing building.

The council recorded a decision of Support with Conditions:

1. Removal of the proposed change of access.
2. With regards to the roofing material for the two extensions, selection of a material which would be less jarring to the existing thatch, be it thatch (preferred,) or otherwise.

6. Any Other Business

Andrew Melsom brought to attention of the council the destruction of the grass banks around the village and suggested various measures to prevent it including posts and large stones and also building up the banks with new soil but it may be expensive. Andrew suggested we get a quote for different types of stones to be positioned strategically around the village and then discuss again in the future.

Best kept village competition – it was decided that we would not enter again this year due to ongoing works in the village.

The meeting closed at 7.30 pm.