

HAM PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A PLANNING MEETING

A planning meeting of Ham Parish Council will take place on Wednesday 18th March at 7pm in Ham Village Hall.

Present: Mr C Dean (Chairman), Lady Mary Walker, Mr. M Humphreys, Mrs. J Lamb, Mr A Taylor and 11 members of the public

1. Apologies: Mr J Marriage

2. Declarations of Interest: None

3. Matters Arising: None

4. Planning Applications

Application No: PL/2025/01918

Application Type: Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area

Proposal: Tree - fell

Site Address: 2 OLD RECTORY COTTAGES, HAM, MARLBOROUGH, SN8 3QT

The council voted no Objections.

Application No: PL/2025/01459

Application Type: Full planning permission

Proposal: Proposed use of the existing studio as a commercial studio and open gallery/exhibition space

Site Address: Manor Farm House, Marlborough, Wilts, SN8 3RB

The Chairman summarised the application and explained that it was a retrospective application for the change of use. The Chairman also pointed out that there were a large number of comments on the planning portal, 34 in total with the bulk in support of the application.

The Chairman explained that he had spoken to Sara Stewart, the owner of Fine Art Commisions, and had the following information with regards to the proposed use of the studio: Art courses of 4 days to four or five people perhaps four times a year, a cabaret evening twice a year with 45 attendees, and private exhibitions throughout the year, 6 at most lasting up to 3 hours. He continued to explain that there were 20 parking spaces available in the main area, with a further 30 in the field beyond.

There followed a wide-ranging conversation broadly in support of the application but with concerns concerning larger events and ensuring that the footpath remained clear at all times.

The council agreed to support the application subject to the following conditions:

- Specific use condition as a commercial exhibition space and art studio.
- Limited large gatherings as befits a small scale commercial setup.

5. Any Other Business: None.

The meeting closed at 7:30.