

CLAVERTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 17th AUGUST 2017
AT ST MARY'S CHURCH AS PART OF PC MEETING

Present:

Councillors: Mark Mackintosh (Chair), Glennis Naylor

- 1 **Open Forum.** No representatives of the public were present, and the planning committee had not received a written statement from a member of the public on this latest version of the planning application.
- 2 **Apologies for Absence.** None for the planning meeting,
- 3 **Declaration of Members' Interests.** None
- 4 **Planning Matters.**

17/03158/FUL – Replacement of gates and placement of arch at Vinery.

Preamble

The proposal is to replace the existing gates with blacksmith made iron gates and to reinstate the wall head by construction of a self-supporting masonry arch. The gates will be fabricated from 25mm square iron bar and hung on the existing pintels. A hydraulic opening system will be concealed in the drive below the gates. The gates will consist of vertical bars topped with tapered finials held within an iron framework. The gates will improve security at the property and be a visual improvement on that existing.

The wall head will be reinstated by construction of an archway the full thickness of the wall. The arch will be formed from Bath Stone ashlar as a self-supporting structure. The arch will have a shallow curved soffit, setting out on three centre points, with a key stone at its apex.

The arch will carry two courses of stone walling to allow reinstating a 75mm thick masonry capping to run continuously with that existing. Pointing of the ashlar work, repairs to the opening reveals and bedding of the stone to the wall head will be undertaken with a lime mortar.

Considerations

In considering the application, the Committee took account of:

- The planning application 17/03158/FUL and associated documents.
- The Claverton Conservation Area Character Appraisal (March 2007)
- Development in the Green Belt
- The Cotswolds AONB

Findings

General

The Committee does not have any objections to the replacement of the old wooden gates and placement of an arch to span the existing entrance. It is considered that the replacement gates will be an improvement and the arch will recreate the sense of a continuous wall which would have existed before the current entrance was constructed. As a consequence of the works it is considered that the view from, and the character of, the village street will be improved by the changes.

It was noted that during the discussions on site, it was suggested that the gates may be replaced by wooden rather than iron gates. The committee has no strong preference regarding wood over iron gates, although the committee notes that wooden gates could be more in keeping with the wooden gates on the opposite side of the village street.

Decision

Based on the concerns raised above the Planning Committee has decided to **Support** the application.

Signed.....
Committee Chairman, Claverton Parish Council

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