

Sampford Brett Parish Council

Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12th November 2018 in the Village Hall.

Present: Parish Councillors: Mrs J. Swan (in the chair), Mr D. Drabble, Mr. M. Blazey, Mr G. Day, Mr N. Brodrick. Also present were Mr and Mrs Hollinshead.

Apologies - None

Declarations of Interest – None

Planning Application - to determine Parish Council response to application 3/28/18/006 (resubmission of 3/28/18/001) single storey extension with balcony over at 38 Tower Hill.

Public Input – Mr and Mrs Hollinshead (neighbours) cited their objections to the proposed balcony and provided copies of their submission to WSC.

675. The Chairman explained the application and there then followed a discussion between Councillors.

676. The Parish Council have no objection to the single storey extension but object to the proposed balcony for the following reasons:

1. Loss of privacy. Anyone sitting or standing on the balcony will have a bird's eye view of adjacent gardens, particularly those of Nos. 36, 40 and 42 and possibly others. While these gardens are visible from the existing bedroom windows at No.38, this is not as intrusive to the neighbours as having people sitting on a balcony.

2. Noise disturbance – The proposed balcony is within 2 metres of a bedroom window at No.40. People talking or playing music on the balcony would be clearly audible in that bedroom, particularly if the windows are open on a summer's evening.

3. Visual intrusion – The proposed screen on the balcony parallel to the party wall is wood surmounted by glass. When viewed from No.40, be it the

bedroom or garden, this will look like a suspended garden fence. There is also a risk that the glass will act like a mirror reflecting light back to the neighbours' window or patio.

The Parish Council therefore RESOLVED to raise no objection to the single storey extension but to object to the proposed balcony for the reasons as stated above. Chair to draft letter of objection and circulate it to Councillors for review.

There being no other business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 6.45pm.

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