

GRINSHILL PARISH COUNCIL

Planning Reference 17/01538/FUL

The Inn High Street Grinshill SY4 3BL

Applicant: The Inn at Grinshill, Base Architecture and Design on behalf of Mr & Mrs Brazier. Development Proposed: Change of Use from Public House, restaurant and bed & breakfast to residential dwelling.

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Following our circular in May, we are updating you on the position regarding the above Planning Application, and confirming the action taken by your Parish Council. **See page 2 for Summary of Action to Date**

Present Position

1. There are in excess of 50 objections to the Planning Application. Thank you to all those who have submitted your objections to Shropshire Council.
2. It now seems likely that the Application will be determined by the planning committee of Shropshire Council at a meeting in July (to be confirmed).

What we propose to do

3. We are considering seeking formal advice from a leading planning consultant who has identified some significant omissions concerning the application, to engage with Shropshire Council to support our case for objection.

This is where we need your support. Your suggestions will be most welcome. This is your one and only chance to save the Inn. If the application is granted we may lose the Inn forever.

Note: If the application is approved there is no third party right of appeal for others who disagree with the decision of the planning committee.

4. The Parish Council invite local residents to support the objection through contributing to a fund to meet the costs of the planning consultant. We are seeking to raise £1,500.
5. Contributions can be made either:
 - (i) by cheque payable to 'Grinshill Parish Council' sent to Graham Bould, Parish Clerk, 18, Mendip Close, Little Dawley, Telford, TF4 3JG or
 - (ii) by direct bank transfer:

Name of bank: Barclay's Wem Branch
Name of account: Grinshill Parish Council
Bank account number: 00413585
Sort Code: 20-77-85
Reference: InnatG

Please confirm all funds sent to Graham Bould by email (gbouldparish@yahoo.co.uk) or by post using the address at 5(i).

6. Grinshill residents only: Do you have any objections in the Parish Council using Grinshill PC funds in order to meet any shortfall between the sum raised through contributions and the cost of planning consultants? Planning consultants costs will be limited to £1,500.

We would therefore welcome your attendance at a **special meeting of the Parish Council, on Monday 26th June at 7.00 pm, at Grinshill Village Hall** to give your views and agree a way forward. Alternatively, please contact one of the Parish Councillors who objected to the planning application, details listed below, or go on to the village website to make your comments – grinshillvillage.co.uk.

Chair: Councillor Adrian Burr Tel. 07798 677637
Vice Chair: Councillor Mike Roocroft - Planning Representative Tel. 07778 238822
Councillor Stephanie Henney Tel. 07919033096
Councillor Paul Jones - Chair, Planning Committee Tel. 07718 781904
Councillor Steve Lewis Tel. 07980 870574
Councillor Tom Wycherley - Planning Committee Tel. 07710 791421

Councillor Kevin Brazier (applicant in this matter) and Councillor Jane Harris (abstained from voting on this matter) may also be contacted to discuss the position.

WE LOOK FORWARD TO RECEIVING YOUR RESPONSE

Grinshill Parish Council Summary of Action Taken To Date

27th April 2017: Informed of application by email. No prior knowledge.

29th April 2017: Formal Papers received (dated 20th April), deadline for Parish Council representations 31 days i.e. 21st May 2017.

5th May 2017: All Parish Councillors met informally with the applicant to ascertain details of the background to closure and planning application.

6th May 2017: Site meeting of Parish Councillors, detailed inspection of building and site and applicant explained plans to use whole premises as residential.

Parish Councillors obtained further information from Shropshire Council Development Management and Licensing departments in support of efforts to retain a Public House (PH).

15th May 2017: Parish Council Meeting attended by 30 local residents. Parish Council voted to object to the planning application (5 in favour, 1 abstention).

18th May 2017: Parish Council written objection lodged with Shropshire Council.

Liaison with County Councillor, Shawbury Division, Simon Jones, Planning Officer, Shropshire Council, key members of the Railway Steering group, and various local enquiries.

Obtained informal advice from a senior planning consultant regarding objection to the planning application.

13th June 2017: Approached neighbouring landowners seeking an alternative solution to the applicants plans for a retirement home and enabling retention of the pub.

16th June 2017: Submission of 'Nomination form for Assets of Community Value' in respect of the Inn at Grinshill. If the property comes onto the market it gives the opportunity, within certain time frames, for the Parish Council to prepare a bid to purchase the property.
The Parish Council has also made an offer to the Village Hall Committee, Parochial Church Council and Acton Reynald Cricket Club to nominate relevant assets if deemed appropriate by the respective committees.