

NOTES TAKEN FROM THE MEETING AT THE ROSE & CROWN ON 24TH MARCH 2026

Re: 26/00472/FP : 69 High Street : Erection of external bar servery and stretch tent including access ramp.

In attendance: 6 Parishioners, Landlady of the Rose & Crown, 2 Parish Councillors and Clerk.

Graham Lee (Chair of PC), stated the purpose of the meeting was for the parish council to information gather, to allow the PC to decide their response to NHC, and to note that the Parish Council can only comment, they have no decision making power. This rests with NHC Planning.

To note: The planning application is for the structure on the land and is separate to the Premises License.

Concerns:

1. Noise is a major concern. An open tent structure could create the inside/outside feel and therefore could encourage a lot more noise. It also could reduce noise as having staff outside monitoring activity. It is environmental impact that's a worry. In the summer, parents sit in the pub leaving unsupervised noisy children in the garden.
2. Drunken behaviour can create noise, but perhaps with outside staff this could be minimised.

Questions:

Q: As the building is Grade II listed should this be taken into consideration?

A: This rests with the officer responsible for listed buildings, (the planned structures are not easily visible from the front of the pub as obscured by a large tree and other foliage).

Q: What food is planned to be served from the kitchen area and is the area smoking or non-smoking?

A: Burgers to be served and the area will be non-smoking. This will be enforced.

Q: When will the structure be used?

A: During the months between April-September. It will be shut down and be stored away during the winter.

Q: Are the plans made by the Rose & Crown or Greene King?

A: Both, negotiations currently ongoing for the next contract with Greene King. The Rose & Crown initiated the idea and Greene King surveyed and put in the planning application.

Q: What time will the bar be open to in the tent structure?

A: Bar will be manned until 9pm for serving, then approx. 1 hr close down time, member of staff would be in the structure until 10pm. There is a notice in the play area requesting children should not be left unaccompanied.

Q: Whilst this is an application for a structure, the use of the structure will affect surrounding neighbours. There could be a potential change of use in the future and unknown ensuing effects. A tent does not stop noise, what could future use be under a different user? Is it possible to place a covenant of use to try to future proof?

A: Certain issues should be addressed by the licence process. The Parish Council can make a decision about the parameters included in the licence. NHC can follow this through.

Q: It is noted that this tent will not be used for live music events, however the Rose & Crown do hold them, so will they be erecting additional structures to host events in the future?

A: The Rose & Crown are not planning on having a live music event this year. However, should there be an individual singer there could be potential to use the structure.

Q: Will future music events be communicated to local neighbours in order that they can vacate their properties during this time should they wish?

A: Yes, there is a commitment to advise neighbours. The Rose & Crown are conscious of neighbours' concerns and do not want to cause disruption to anyone. This does have to be balanced by recognising that times are hard and whilst trying to accommodate neighbours they are wanting to maximise what they have.

Q: Could the sheds be used for the outside area rather than an additional structure?

A: No, during the Greene King survey the electrics were insufficient. Also sheds are used as a storage area.

Q: Will all lights go off at 9pm?

A: The lights in the garden will stay on.

Question for the Planning Officer:

Clerk to enquire details of the licencing officer and seek confirmation if serving drinks externally would require an additional licence, also if usage of the external facilities is normally conditioned?

Action: Clerk