

**Draft Minutes of the meeting of Dodford with Grafton Planning Committee
held on 9 April 2019 at 7.30pm**

Present: Councillors Rachel Jennings (Planning Committee Chairman), Rory Lydon and Scottie Sanderson

1. Apologies for absence

Cllrs Lynne Griffin, Alwyn Rea and Clerk Kay Stone gave their apologies, reasons for which were accepted

2. Declarations of interest

- i. None
- ii. None

3. To consider planning applications received

- i. **19/00390 – Manor Hall, Swan Lane** – Proposed retention of marquee extension for 12 years and 3m extension

The Parish Council object to this application on the following grounds:

- 1) By extending the permission for 12 years whoever owns the business at that time could apply for a Certificate of Lawfulness and the structure would become a permanent feature. In the past when other marquees have come before the Council, they have been limited to just five years, ie a precedent has been set and the Parish Council do not see why this should be different.
- 2) The Parish Council are aware that the local residents in the area have complained at the level of noise coming from the wedding venue, especially when the sides of the marquee are taken away. We feel that any extension of the marquee's lifespan should be subject to sound insulation being built into the fabric of the walls and the prevention of those walls being removed during its period of use.
- 3) The Parish Council are also mindful that the increase in size has ramifications on use, parking and noise and that suitable limits may also need to be put in place to protect those who also live within the vicinity, as happens with any other permanent structure eg village hall or public house.

- ii. **19/00208 – The Tower, Bromsgrove Road** – Single storey side extension and open porch

The Parish Council has no objection to this planning application

4. To consider planning appeals received

None received

5. To consider any planning or appeal decisions received

None received

6. Enforcement/Environmental issues

The Clerk was instructed to write to Ruth Bamford, Head of Planning, Bromsgrove District Council (BDC) about the Parish Council's concerns on repeated "ongoing monitoring" comments on current enforcement issues.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm

Signed..... Chairman