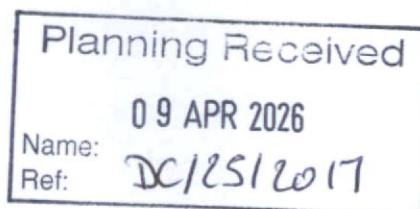


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Re-Planning application DC/25/2017
Change of use Post Office Church Street West Chiltington RH12 2GB

Dear Sam Nye

I am a resident of West Chiltington and neighbours have informed me that our wishes and views are not being passed on by our local parish council. I am therefore writing to you directly if somewhat delayed.

My concern is two fold and highlights the future prospects for the old village (which must be seen as distinct from the New Village or the Common).

In recent years the Old village has lost -
Its youth club (located on Church land)
Hairdressers (located at Hobjohns Church street)
Elephant and Castle Pub (located Church St)
Golf club located at Broadfordbridge Road

We are clinging on to the Queens Head Pub which has a different owner every two years.

However on the brightside these are being replaced by leasure/ holiday businesses.

We have recently established-

Zepher Glamping located off the Sinnocks

Clydes Camping located at Nettles the Sinnocks

Woodshill Byres (three holiday cottage lets) Broadfordbridge Road

plus numerous Air B and B's.

But crucially part of the appeal of a country village holiday are the local amenities such as local pub and local shop selling local products. Particularly if you are on a walking or camping holiday.

If we lose the shop not only does it seriously impact local residents but also impact these grassroots businesses.

A more imaginative and flexible shop owner will harness the heavy footfall generated by the local school and also cater to the changing needs. For example it is no longer viable to close everyday for an hour at lunchtime or to close the Post Office half-day Wednesdays.

The shop should have the potential to remain open so that it can evolve to meet existing needs and new demands from cottage industries,-providing services such as a pick point for parcels- Evri, DPD as well as Royal MAIL.

Yours truly

concerned resident