

The Waldegrave Arms

The Parish Council have decided to proceed with an application to BANES to register the Waldegrave Arms as an asset of Community Value, provided there is sufficient support to do so from the village community particularly as indicated from the survey referred to below. This is possible under the Localism Act 2011.

For full background about the process and benefits of such a registration go to <http://www.bathnes.gov.uk/services/neighbourhoods-and-community-safety/localism-and-community-planning/new-community-rights/as>.

In summary:

- A Parish Council can ask it's local council to list an asset as being of community value
- If the asset is listed (and there is a detailed application form and it is not automatic), and then comes up for sale, it gives a local community that is interested a total of 6 months to put together a bid to buy it
- Once an asset is listed the owner can not dispose of it without
 - telling the council that they intend to sell the asset or grant a lease of more than 25 years,
 - waiting until the end of the 6 month period if the local council receives a request from a local community group for it to be treated as a potential bidder
- An owner does not have to sell the listed asset to the local community group.
- If the owner does not decide to sell, and it continues to operate as a pub, then the protections outlined above will not come into play.

The Parish Council has no indication that the current owner has any intention other than seeing the Waldegrave Arms continue as a pub. The proposed application will, however, protect the position into the future.

In order to support the application the Parish Council has decided to survey the village/local community. If you wish to participate in the survey (and the deadline for completion of the survey is **31st March 2017**):

- You can go to this link <https://www.surveymonkey.co.uk/r/5YDWYLN> which will take you to an online version of the survey
- You can pick up a hard copy of the survey from East Harptree Community Shop

The Parish Council is also holding a public meeting at the Pavilion on East Harptree Playing Field on Monday 13th March at 8.20pm to discuss this and to respond to any questions on these issues.

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