

Report No.1

Report to Meeting of Malmesbury Town Council 29th September 2015

Malmesbury Neighbourhood Steering Group (MNSG)

1. Purpose of the report

- 1.1. To invite the Town Council to consider the view of St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council that the MNSG should now be dissolved.

2. Background

- 2.1 The Malmesbury Neighbourhood Steering Group (MNSG) was established at the request of the three parishes – Malmesbury Town Council, Brokenborough Parish Council and St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council to prepare and deliver a Neighbourhood Plan for the Designated Area covered by these three parishes
- 2.2 The MNSG commenced its work in the early months of 2012.
- 2.3 The Malmesbury Neighbourhood Plan was formally 'made' on the 25th February 2015 and as such now forms part of the Development Plan and the policies in the Plan will be given full weight when assessing planning applications that affect land covered by the Plan. The delivery of the content of the Plan now falls within the remit of each individual council that has actions contained within the Plan working through the established processes and procedures of Wiltshire Council and as such there is no further role for the MNSG to play.
- 2.4 At its meeting on the MNSG in November 2014 it was resolved to place the Group into hibernation because there was no foreseeable role for it to undertake as it had successfully delivered the mandate it had been given by the three parishes.

3. Proposals

- 3.1. Over the past nine months this position has not changed, nor is it likely to change going forward. hence it is recommended that the Parish Council seek the agreement of Malmesbury Town Council and Brokenborough Parish Council, to dissolve the MNSG at the earliest opportunity.
- 3.2 At a recent meeting of St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council that council agreed to seek the support of Malmesbury Town Council and Brokenborough Parish Council to dissolve the MNSG at the earliest opportunity.

4. Financial implications

- 4.1 There are no financial implications associated with this report.

5. Recommendations

- 5.1 Members are requested to consider if the Town Council should support the proposal for the MNSG to be dissolved at the earliest opportunity.

Councillor R Budgen
22.09.2015.