

## Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the meeting of Malmesbury Town Council held in Malmesbury Town Hall on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> January 2018 at 7.00pm.

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**PRESENT:** His Worship the Mayor, Councillor W R Jones.  
Deputy Mayor, Councillor F Vandelli  
Councillors: MJ Asciak, R Budgen, G Darling-Parkes, CC Doody, JM Exton,  
PJ Exton, LG Grant, AJ Gundry, PJ Newman, K Power, CM Ritchie  
and P N J Smith.

**APOLOGIES:** None received

**NON- ATTENDANCE:** Councillor C Burke

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:** None

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME:** None

**68. TO RECEIVE AND ADOPT THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 19<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

**Resolved:** that the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> December 2017, be approved and signed as a correct record.

**69. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2017**

**Resolved:** that the Minutes of the Planning and Environment meeting held on the 12<sup>th</sup> December 2017 be received.

**Min 7 Market Cross** - Councillor Budgen advised that the appointment of a new chair of the Market Cross Working Group would be determined at the next meeting of the Planning and Environment Committee.

**Min 9 Core Strategy-** Councillor Budgen advised that comments had been submitted to Wiltshire Council.

**Min 4 Charlton Park** – Councillor Budgen advised that comments had been submitted to Wiltshire Council. Councillor Ritchie asked what action could be taken to ensure that the Town Council received the details of any new information submitted by the applicant. Councillor Budgen undertook to contact the case officer about any new information which, if received, he would circulate to all members.

**70. TO RECEIVE THE MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY AND TOWN PROMOTION COMMITTEE HELD ON 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2018.**

**Resolved:** that the Minutes of the Policy and Resources Committee held on the 11<sup>th</sup> January 2018 be received.

**71. EXAMINATION OF PAYMENTS**

Councillor Gundry informed the Council that both he and Councillor Budgen had undertaken an examination of the accounts and found all to be in order.

**72. TO APPROVE THE RECORD OF ACTIONS TAKEN BY THE TOWN COUNCIL ON THE SUBJECT OF PRIMARY SCHOOL EDUCATION IN MALMESBURY**

Councillor Budgen, together with Councillors Grant and Ritchie, previously submitted a synopsis of actions taken by the Town Council once information about the future of primary

school education in Malmesbury had been received by the Town Council. It was proposed by Councillor Gundry, seconded by Councillor Newman and RESOLVED that the report was an accurate record of the actions taken.

It was further RESOLVED that a copy be sent to the local member of Parliament and to the Chair of School Governors.

**73. TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FROM WILTSHIRE COUNCILLOR GAVIN GRANT.**

Councillor Grant reported on key issues at Wiltshire Council including:

- The budget briefing would be held on 30<sup>th</sup> January 2018
- The Malmesbury Area Board had been cancelled because of a serious incident at Brinkworth. The next one would be held at the Town Hall and focus on youth related uses.
- A sharing of LYN experiences would take place on the 29<sup>th</sup> January 2018.
- An outline planning application was expected from Lidl for store opposite Waitrose.

Councillor Budgen had noted that other parishes or towns circulated reports of their activities at Area Board meetings and it was agreed that Malmesbury Town Council may wish to consider doing the same.

Councillor Ritchie asked about the position with the steps leading to the Waitrose store. Councillor Grant reported that there had been no news or movement and reaffirmed that the steps were not the responsibility of Wiltshire Council. The Town Council agreed that it would be appropriate for the Town Mayor to invite the Operations Manager Southwest and a representative from Simonds to attend the next Town Council meeting to discuss the subject of the steps.

**74. TO CONSIDER EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC FOR THE FINAL ITEM OF BUSINESS**

It was proposed by Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor Vandelli and RESOLVED that press and public be excluded by virtue of the confidential item to be discussed and which would provide the base for continuing negotiations.

Councillor Budgen advised the Council that although the legislation did not require him to withdraw from the meeting he would do so in view of the position he held on the Parish Council.

**75. TO AGREE A NEGOTIATING POSITION ON THE FUTURE OF THE JOINT BURIAL COMMITTEE**

Councillor Ritchie updated the Council on the outcome of meetings with the representatives of the Parish Council held to negotiate the future of the Tetbury Hill cemetery and the Joint Burial Committee. He outlined the offer made by the Parish Council and discussion ensued about how the separation may be achieved without placing an additional financial burden on the residents of Malmesbury.

It was proposed by Councillor Jones, seconded by Councillor P Exton and RESOLVED that an agreed response be sent to the Parish Council outlining the concerns of the Town Council and that the Town Clerk approach Wiltshire Council to see if there would be a charge for adjudication.

**Meeting closed at 21.00hrs.**