

MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 10th JULY 2013 IN THE TOWN HALL, MALMESBURY AT 7 PM

Present: Councillors: A J Gundry, RE Budgen, FE Caton,
JM Exton, L Penfold and MH Snell

Members of Public: None

In attendance: S Killane and K Power

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor M H Snell declared an interest in planning application M21 & 22

1. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors S Cox and ACR Woodcock.

3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON THE 18th JUNE 2013

The Minutes of the meeting held on the 18th June 2013 were approved

4. PROGRESS ACTION POINTS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(4/13) The Clerk read a response received from Wiltshire Council about satellite dishes in the conservation area in which the enforcement officer explained that enforcement would only be taken if in the public's interest and there was no chance of costs being awarded against Wiltshire Council. The response is to be raised at the forthcoming training session on planning organised by Wiltshire Council.

(2/13) If the Town Council were to install litter bins in Filands Wiltshire Council would charge £175 per year to empty each bin. The Clerk was instructed to raise this at the meeting with officers of Wiltshire Council and the committee considered a proposal to encourage local residents to raise an issue sheet at Area Board. The Chair agreed to contact Mrs Thompson.

(4/13) The Clerk stated that a letter had been written concerning wheelie bins for the Gloucester House Flats. No response has yet been received and the Clerk instructed to further investigate and notify the Wiltshire Councillor.

(4/13) The Clerk stated that a letter had been sent to Wiltshire Council requesting new grit bins. **James Whittleton** to inform the Council when a response is received.

5. PLANNING ISSUES

M15 – 49/51 Burnivale

Resolved: To Support the application

M16 – 6 The Maltings

Resolved: To Support the application.

M17 – 7 Ingram Street

Resolved: To Support the application

M18 – 23 The Maltings

Resolved: To Support the application

M19 – 4 Weavers Close

Resolved: To Support the application

M20 – 28/30 Holloway

Resolved: To Support the application

Councillor M H Snell left the room for the next item of business.

M21 – 15/17 St John’s Street

M22

Resolved: To object to the application on the basis that the proposal would have a negative impact upon the character of the immediate area.

ACTION – To forward the Committee’s comments to Wiltshire Council –**Jeff Penfold.**

8. MALMESBURY AREA BOARD ISSUE SHEET REEDS FARM FLOODING, PARKING FOR TRADESMEN AND PARKING.

The Committee expressed concern that no further action appears to have been taken to alleviate the risk of flooding at Reeds Farm. The Clerk to contact the engineer at Wiltshire Council for an update.

A local registered gas safe installer had observed that whilst the utility vans are able to ignore parking restrictions he can only stay for two hours in Cross Hayes and sometimes he is unable to leave the job on safety grounds. The Clerk to confirm if this is the situation nationally and the problem to be explained to Wiltshire Councillor J Thompson, Highways Portfolio Holder.

There are some double yellow lines in Malmesbury where parking may be arranged and others where it is prohibited. The Clerk to establish the situation when he meets with the officer from Wiltshire Council.

9. COMMUNITY SPEEDWATCH

The Committee considered a Report received from the Police and Crime Commissioner and addressed to Malmesbury St Paul Without Parish Council. It out lined proposals to provide additional support for Speedwatch volunteers

in an attempt to refresh the scheme. Concern was expressed that a similar communication had not been received by the Town Council. The committee resolved to appoint Councillor Snell to take over as Speed Watch Coordinator for Malmesbury until such time as Councillor Sanderson had fully recovered when the situation would be reviewed. Councillor Snell to attend the visit to Devizes and liaise with Miranda Gilmour on the subject of speed warning signs and similar measures.

10. TETBURY HILL JUNCTION IMPROVEMENTS

The committee welcomed the proposed improvements but a question was raised about the stop sign from the A419 as the majority of traffic first thing in the morning is going to the Dyson plant and not coming from Tetbury. The concept of the improvement was supported but the Town Council's representative to raise the question of the detailed design with the Highway Engineer at the next meeting of CATG in view of local knowledge concerning traffic flows.

11. LONG STAY CAR PARK

Councillor Power stated that she would raise the issue of whether the the existing CCTV equipment is fit for purpose at the next meeting of Policy & Resources Committee before any additional locations are added.

12. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Councillor Power had nothing to add to the report provided at Town Council the previous evening.

13. EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

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| Pedestrian crossing | - | monitoring is currently taking place to establish movement levels. |
| Pavements | - | a meeting has yet to be arranged |
| Lorries | - | a meeting was scheduled for 18 th July to confirm the information to be recorded. |
| Emergency Plan | - | attempts would be made to produce a document for the next meeting of the Area Board. The owner of Cowbridge has requested information about the sluice gates. |

In respect of the ongoing work involving the emergency plan and the Environment Agency the committee expressed concern that circumstances and discussion may have reached a stage where there could be wider implications for the Town Council and resolved that the Chair of this committee would represent the Town Council in future meetings which should also involve Malmesbury St Paul Without Parish Council. A meeting of the Emergency Plan Working Group would be held week commencing 22nd July 2013.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.