

## MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 30<sup>th</sup> JULY 2013 IN THE TOWN HALL, MALMESBURY AT 7 PM

**Present:** Councillors: A J Gundry, RE Budgen, JM Exton, L Penfold, MH Snell and ACR Woodcock.

**Members of Public:** None

**In attendance:** K Power

#### 1. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None.

#### 2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors FE Caton and S Cox.

#### 3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON THE 10<sup>th</sup> JULY 2013

The Minutes of the meeting held on 10<sup>th</sup> July 2013 were approved as a correct record.

#### 4. PROGRESS ACTION POINTS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

**(2/13)** Litter bins in Filands. Wiltshire Council have stated that there are four bins in the Filands area and that they would be reluctant to install any additional bins. They would however, consider moving one if they felt there was a need. **James Whittleton** to determine when the bins are to be emptied and whether there is a bin which is not used.

**(4/13)** Wheelie bins for the Gloucester House Flats. No response has yet been received. James Whittleton to update the Committee when a response has been forthcoming.

**(3/13)** Parking for Tradesmen. **Councillor J Gundry** to write to M Gilmour in order to ensure that the Issue Sheet is not closed. **Councillor K Power** to send Councillor Gundry the draft letter.

**(7/13)** Station Yard Task Group. The Committee resolved that the Council's representatives be Councillors K Power, MH Snell and L Penfold.

**(7/13)** Tetbury Hill Improvements. A discussion took place about Wiltshire Council proposals to improve the junction. The Committee were minded to contribute to the scheme. **James Whittleton** to place an item on the next Agenda proposing that £847 be contributed towards the costs of the works.

#### 5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor ACR Woodcock declared an interest in Agenda item 6a, application M26, as an employee of the applicant.

## 6. PLANNING ISSUES

### **M23 – The Forge, High Street**

**Resolved:** Not to oppose the application, despite regret concerning the loss of employment land and the applications incompatibility with the emerging Local Plan.

### **M24 – 57 Corn Gastons**

**Resolved:** To Support the application.

### **M25 – 30 Hanks Roads**

**Resolved:** To Support the application

### **M26 – 8 High Street**

**Resolved:** To express concern about the possibility of congestion in the footway and the whether the changes are necessary.

### **M27&28 – Burton Hill House**

**Resolved:** To Support the application

### **M29 – 52 Corn Gastons**

**Resolved:** To Object to the application for reasons stated on previous occasions and the following additional reasons:

The proposals are contrary to policy C3(7) as the access and turning is inadequate. Furthermore the danger to school children using the track would be significant.

The proposals are contrary to policy C3(3) and would result in a loss of privacy for neighbouring properties.

The site is not identified within the emerging neighbourhood plan.

Note – Councillor Snell voted against the motion to object.

### **M30&31 – 30 Cross Hayes**

**Resolved:** To Support the application

### **M32 – 2 Abbotts Garden**

The Application had passed the consultation stage.

### **M33 – Abbey Lea, Worthies Lane**

**Resolved:** To Support the application

**James Whittleton** to forward the Committee's comments to Wiltshire Council.

## 6b. UNRESOLVED PLANNING ISSUES

The Committee noted that the Minister had chosen not to look into the Waitrose application and that the original Northern Area Planning Committee decision will stand.

**Councillor J Gundry** to write to Waitrose stating that the Council are keen to discuss planning gain from the development.

The Committee noted the email from Wiltshire Council's flooding engineer circulated to the committee by the Town Clerk on 11<sup>th</sup> July concerning alleviation of flooding at Reeds Farm. The engineer's conclusion was to await the outcome of the decision on whether the Gleeson site would be build on.

## 7. UPDATES FROM WORKING GROUPS

Pedestrian Crossing Working Group:

The Group have conducted one meeting to scope the work they intend to undertake.

**James Whittleton** to ask the Group to look at crossing at the Triangle.

Pavement Working Group:

The Group have not met yet.

Lorries Working Group:

The Police have agreed to undertake half a day's monitoring and stopping lorries.

The group will look into CCTV.

The Group will ask the Mayor to write to local companies about lorries in the Town.

Emergency Plan Working Group:

Councillor Gundry gave a brief update on the Emergency Plan Working Group. (a) He was updating and amending the Emergency Plan and input would be made by Councillors Caton and Snell. (b) Councillor Exton was reviewing the Householders' Guide (c) Councillor Gundry had attended a short onsite meeting at Cowbridge to discuss the ownership and control of the Mill Leat Sluice gates.

**Councillor S Cox** to report back on cycling issues.

## 8. PARKING ISSUES IN THE TRIANGLE

The Committee considered representations from Mr Wakefield about parking issues in the Triangle.

**James Whittleton** to forward Mr Wakefield's email to Martin Rose for his opinion on the issue.

**Councillor Snell** to discuss Mr Wakefield's email with Mr Rose.

## 9. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Councillor Power gave an update on the Neighbourhood Plan. A overview of her update is attached as Appendix 1.

## 10. INFORMATION FROM THE CLERK

The War Memorial. Wiltshire Council's contractor Balfour Beattie will place an order for new 'sink-plungers'. This will take up to 6 weeks, then the works should be carried out before the end of October.

The Committee noted that the new Parish Co-ordinator was in post and was happy to attend a meeting of the Pavement Working Group.

The Committee's request for additional grit bins has been passed on to Rachael Mundy at Wiltshire Council.

Wiltshire Council have inspected the pavement outside 46&48 Bristol Street and have determined that it is not dangerous; it will therefore not be immediately repaired.

Wiltshire Council are reluctant to supply a list of pavement locations where injuries/complaints have arisen.

**James Whittleton** to submit a Freedom of Information request.

BT Manhole, Holloway. Matt Perrott believes that BT have undertaken work to prevent water spilling from the manhole.

Roundabout, o/s Co-Op, Tetbury Hill. Matt Perrott will ask Balfour Beattie to address the roundabout.

**James Whittleton** to advise Wiltshire Council/Balfour Beattie to speak to the Co-Op Manager.

Market Cross Slab. The cracked/moving paving slab has been repaired.

The Green Bollard at the bottom of the High Street was replaced by Ringway.

Bin at the bottom of the Abbey Steps. The Committee resolved to replace the bin. **James Whittleton** to seek a supplier.

Wiltshire Council have confirmed that they will maintain verges in the Reeds Farm area. Also, they have assumed responsibility for hedges by the Play area.

**The meeting closed at 9.15pm.**