

MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 20th AUGUST 2013 IN THE TOWN HALL, MALMESBURY AT 7 PM

Present: Councillors: AJ Gundry, FE Caton, S Cox, JM Exton, L Penfold and
MH Snell.

Members of Public: One

In attendance: K Power, A Kettleby and S Poole.

1. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors RE Budgen and ACR Woodcock.

3. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 30th JULY 2013

The Minutes of the meeting held on 30th July 2013 were approved as a correct record.

4. PROGRESS ACTION POINTS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(2/13) Litter bins in Filands. Wiltshire Council will ascertain whether there is a bin which is underused and can be moved.

(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. **James Whittleton** to determine whether some yellow lines are viewed differently and whether some yellows can be parked on.

(7/13) Councillor Power stated that she had contacted B Taylor (Wiltshire Council), stating that the Council was keen to discuss s106 contributions.

(8/13) Councillor Cox stated that he had met with L Tweedie to discuss cycling initiatives in the Town (including pothole free routes and more cycle racks). **Councillors (J Gundry)** to raise the issues at their meeting with the Area Board Councillors.

(7/13) Councillor Snell stated that he had spoken to M Rose concerning Mr Wakefield's representations about the Triangle. Mr Rose stated that nothing can be done about the highway layout and that it is primarily an enforcement issue. **James Whittleton** to send a copy of Mr Wakefield's correspondence to Wiltshire Council.

(7/13) Litter bin at the bottom of the Abbey Steps. The Committee Clerk stated that the Council's groundstaff had suggested moving a bin at St

Aldhelm's Mead to the bottom of the Abbey steps and replacing the moved bin with a badger proof design. **James Whittleton** to ensure the bin is replaced.

(6/13) Councillor Poole stated that Wiltshire Council had turned up to cut the grass verge in Read's Farm, soon after the residents had cut it themselves.

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

6. PLANNING ISSUES

M34 – The Co-Op, High Street

Resolved: to object to the illuminated sign. It is out of keeping with the High Street and detrimental to the Conservation Area.

M35 – Town Hall, Cross Hayes

Resolved: To support the application.

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

6b. UNRESOLVED PLANNING ISSUES

Planning Appeal Notification – 80 the Triangle

Resolved: to reiterate the Committee's previous objection and to question whether the works to the wall constitute altering the Town Walls (and therefore a scheduled ancient monument).

See postscript below these minutes.

7. UPDATES FROM WORKING GROUPS

Pedestrian Crossing Working Group:

Awaiting words from Councillor Poole.

Pavement Working Group:

Resolved: that Councillor A Kettleby be appointed to chair the Group and that Terms of Reference be drawn up and approved at the next Committee Meeting. **Councillor Kettleby.**

The Committee resolved to consider dropped kerbs and pavements relating to mobility scooters and disabled persons at the next meeting. **James Whittleton.**

Lorries Working Group:

The Police were unable to attend a recent meeting due to a road traffic accident. The Group's next meeting is likely to take place next week.

Malmesbury & District Conservation Group:

Councillor Exton stated that membership of the Group was drawn from the Town Council, St Paul Malmesbury Without, the Civic Trust, the River Valleys Trust, the Chamber of Commerce, the Museum, the Abbey and the Town Walls Group.

Recently the Group have discussed maintenance of the Town Walls, eye sores in the town and the Neighbourhood Plan.

James Whittleton to distribute Terms of Reference and Minutes.

Emergency Plan Working Group:

Councillor Gundry stated that a working draft of the Emergency Plan would be produced by the end of September.

Councillor Caton stated that a meeting with the Fire Service would soon be set up.

Issues discussed included:

- That EA proposals would be produced following completion of modelling of the river, which would take 10-12 months;
- The riparian responsibilities at the Flying Monk;
- St Aldhelm's Mead gates; and
- Flooding in other areas of the Town.

8. REEDS FARM FLOODING

The Committee considered recent correspondence from Wiltshire Council's drainage engineer, stating that any significant flooding measures would await the Gleeson appeal.

Resolved:

- 1) To write to Wiltshire Council, requesting that they provide residents of Reeds Farm with adequate flood prevention equipment (sandbags etc).
- 2) To raise the need for a comprehensive drainage scheme after the result of the appeal with Wiltshire Council and if successful with Gleeson.

9. ST MARY'S LANE

The Committee considered representations from the Hilditch Group concerning the need to prevent customers seeking vehicular access down Mill Lane.

Resolved:

- 1) Councillor Snell to raise the issue at CATG and to investigate the possibility of erecting a 'minimum road width' sign.
- 2) James Whittleton to send a copy of Hilditch's representations to Martin Rose and Wiltshire Council.

10. 20MPH ZONES

The Committee considered Wiltshire Council's draft policy on 20mph speed limits.

Issues discussed included:

- The difference between 20mph zones which have traffic calming measures (not enforceable 20mph limit) and 20mph limits which do not have calming measures but are enforceable; and
- The possibility of extending the 20mph limit northwards towards the cemetery.

Resolved: to support the adoption of the draft Policy. **James Whittleton** to forward the Committee's support to Wiltshire Council.

11. TETBURY HILL IMPROVEMENTS

Resolved: To approve a contribution of up to £847 towards the Tetbury Hill improvement works from the Street Furniture Reserve budget.

12. NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING UPDATE

Councillor Power stated that the Inspectors findings into the Core Strategy had been published. A first glance appears to suggest no amendments for the Malmesbury sections of the Strategy. If nothing affects the Neighbourhood Plan, the referendum on the Plan can go ahead.

13. INFORMATION FROM THE CLERK

The Committee were informed of an upcoming road closure in Silver Street. **James Whittleton** to speak to Wiltshire Council about access for disabled persons and their carers.

To discuss T Palmers representations about a dropped kerb at the next meeting. **James Whittleton**.

The meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Postscript – It was discovered that the Committee originally supported the application