

**MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON 8<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2014 IN THE TOWN HALL, MALMESBURY**

**Present:** Councillors: AJ Gundry, FE Caton, S Cox, JM Exton,  
L Penfold, MH Snell and ACR Woodcock.  
(Councillor RE Budgen was in attendance from Agenda  
Item 10 onwards.)

**Members of Public:** None.

**1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor Gundry declared an interest in Agenda Item 6a, applications M76&M77 95 High Street. The property is next door to his own. He left the chamber whilst the applications were considered and did not vote.

Councillor Woodcock declared an interest in Agenda Item 6a, application M74 7-9 Gloucester Street. He is a member of the Parochial Church Council. He left the chamber whilst the application was considered and did not vote.

**2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

None.

**3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors RE Budgen and K Power.

**4. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22<sup>nd</sup> OCTOBER 2013**

**Resolved:** The Minutes of the meeting held on 4<sup>th</sup> December 2013 were approved and signed as a correct record.

**5. PROGRESS ACTION POINTS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES**

**(2/13)** Litter bins in Filands. Awaiting response from Wiltshire Council about moving a bin.

**(4/13)** Refuse Collection - Gloucester House Flats. The bins have been removed and replaced with refuse bags. The issue can be closed.

**(9/13)** Dropped Kerb/Ramp Silver Street. The matter has been progressed with Wiltshire Council. **James Whittleton** to keep the Committee informed.

**(10/13)** Advisory Road Marking. The matter has been progressed with Wiltshire Council. **James Whittleton** to keep the Committee informed.

## 6. PLANNING ISSUES

### **M69 – 50 Kings Wall**

**Resolved:** to support the application.

### **M70&71 – 38 Gloucester Street**

Issues discussed included:

- That the property is currently in a poor state of repair; and
- That the application has been supported by the Resident's Association.

**Resolved:** to support the application.

### **M72&73 – 27 Horsefair**

Issues discussed included:

- That the development is sited far from neighbouring properties.

**Resolved:** to support the application.

### **M74 – 7-9 Gloucester Street**

Issues discussed included:

- That the owners wish to change the meeting room to a 1 bedroom flat.

**Resolved:** to support the application.

### **M75 – 95 High Street (TCA)**

**Resolved:** to support the application.

### **M77&77 – 95 High Street**

Issues discussed included:

- The proximity of the proposed development to neighbouring properties; and
- Difficulties ascertaining the precise proposals from the plans.

**Resolved:** to delegate authority to Councillors S Cox and FE Caton to make a decision following the completion of a site visit.

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

## 7. GRIT BINS

The Committee were informed that the Severe Weather Officer at Wiltshire Council has insisted that the sites for new bins be approved at Wiltshire Council and that the Town Council's bins be a colour other than yellow. This has delayed the installation of the bins.

**Resolved:** that **James Whittleton** contacts Wiltshire Council in order to speed up the process.

## **8. CAR PARK BRIDGE**

This item appeared on the Agenda at the request of Councillor Penfold who asked why the plan to install a bridge from the Station Road Car Park to the Gloucester Road area was never pursued.

The Committee noted that the project had been planned by Rob Gabbitas and that the project was not implemented as the Area Board did not lend its' support.

The point was made that a link from the Car Park would encourage greater use by local residents and prevent the empty car park being used as a skid-pad for boy racers.

It was noted that Wiltshire Council are currently planning to examine car park layouts; perhaps presenting an opportunity to revive the scheme.

The need for better lighting and space for camper-vans was raised. The potential for increased revenue from season tickets might go some way towards the cost of a bridge.

**Resolved:** that **Councillor Penfold** expresses the Committee's interest (to both Wiltshire Council and the Town Council) of participating in a review of car parks and reviving the bridge project.

## **9. DECLUTTERING ROAD SIGNS**

Councillor Gundry stated that the deadline for responding has been extended to the 31<sup>st</sup> January. He asked Members to let Councillor Budgen or himself know of any superfluous signs.

Potential sites include the Triangle, Market Cross and Market Lane.

**Councillor Gundry** stated that he would put the issue on Facebook.

## **10. UPDATES FROM WORKING GROUPS**

Pavements Working Group: Councillor Kettleby is putting together the Report.

Conservation Group: The Group are meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January.

Emergency Plan Working Group: Approximately 6 properties have been affected by the recent weather. The Committee were informed that Councillors Gundry, Power and Poole have distributed gel sacks to threatened homes. The possibility of an emergency store in St John's Street was raised.

**Resolved:** Councillor J Gundry to raise the possibility of school assemblies warning of the risk of playing in or near floodwater.

**12. INFORMATION FROM THE CLERK**

None.

**The meeting closed at 8.35pm**