

**MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE  
MEETING HELD ON 12<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2014 IN THE TOWN HALL, MALMESBURY**

**Present:** Councillors: J Gundry, RE Budgen, FE Caton, S Cox,  
JM Exton, L Penfold and ACR Woodcock.

**Other Councillors Present:** K Power and S Poole

**Members of Public:** Five.

**1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

None.

**3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor MH Snell.

**4. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 18<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2014**

**Resolved:**

- 1) That the Minutes be amended to reflect the correct date of the meeting and to record that Councillor Snell was not in attendance.
- 2) That subject to the changes outlined above, the Minutes of the meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> February 2014 be approved and signed as a correct record.

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

**(2/14)** BT manhole cover. The Committee noted that Wiltshire Council were attempting to contact BT about carrying out works. The Committee noted that resurfacing is scheduled, but a specific date has not been provided.

**(2/13)** Litter bins in Filands. The issue has been raised with M Perrott from Wiltshire Council. **James Whittleton** to update the Committee when the work is carried out.

**(10/13)** Advisory Road Marking. The Clerk reported that the works have been carried out and that the resident concerned has stated that this has improved his exit from his drive.

**(10/13)** Grit Bins. A response from Wiltshire Council's Severe Weather Officer

Has been received. 5 of the locations are problematic as they are on primary gritting routes, the other 7 appear suitable subject to a site visit. **J Gundry** to write to Wiltshire Council, stating that the bins are intended for pavement/pedestrian use and are needed because they are dangerous areas, and inviting Wiltshire Council to visit the locations.

**(2/14)** Dropped Kerb Filands. A site visit involving Wiltshire Council, the Town Council and the Young family is expected shortly. **James Whittleton** to keep the Committee updated.

**(2/14)** Government Funds for Flooding areas. James Whittleton to circulate the response of Wiltshire Council.

**(2/14)** The Maltings Tree-works Application. The case officer was contacted, the trees in question identified and the Town Council's assent given.

## 6. PLANNING ISSUES

### **M87 – Westerfield, Bremilham Road**

Representations were received from Mr Wadsworth, a neighbour. He stated that he did not object to the applicant developing their land, but to the siting which would have the effect of raising a screen over his house and causing loss of light, privacy and amenity.

Issues discussed included:

- The scale and height of the proposed development; and
- The impact on the neighbouring property.

**Resolved:** to object to the application. Reason: the proposed development would by reason of its scale and height lead to a loss of light to neighbouring properties, overlook neighbouring properties and have a detrimental impact on the amenity of neighbouring properties.

### **M88 – 1 Pool Gastons Road**

Issues discussed included:

- The applicants failure to provide a statement of operation;
- Traffic, parking and transport; and
- The community benefit brought by the property

**Resolved:** to support the application, conditional on an updated statement of operation. The Council laments the lack of clarity in the application.

### **M89 – 8 Silver Street**

**Resolved:** to support the application.

### **M90&91 – 45 High Street**

Issues discussed included:

- That it is a retrospective application;
- That the application lacks sufficient detail; and

- Photos and plans suggest a loss of retail space.

**Resolved:** to object to the application. The works have been carried out without permission and appear to alter the use of the building. The Council is worried about the clandestine change of use from retail to office and strongly opposes the loss of retail premises on the High Street.

#### **M92 – Abbey View Alpacas**

Representations were received from Mr Neal the applicant who outlined the variations to the proposed development.

**Resolved:** to support the application.

#### **M93 – 30a Burnham Road**

**Resolved:** to support the application.

#### **M94 – 96 High Street**

Representations were received from Mr & Mrs Blurton, the applicants who outlined their proposed development.

The Committee noted that following a meeting with the applicants and some alterations, the Conservation Officer was happy with the proposed works.

**Resolved:** to support the application.

#### **M95 – 44 Foundry Road**

**Resolved:** to support the application.

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**Resolved:** to support the application.

#### **M97 – 57 Burnivale**

**Resolved:** to support the application.

#### **M98 – 49 Foundry Road**

**Resolved:** to support the application.

#### **M99 – Smoking Dog**

**Resolved:** to support the application.

#### **M100 – Hudson Road**

**Resolved:** to support the application.

#### **M101 – Garages near Burnivale**

**Resolved:** to delegate authority to the Chairman following consultation with the Tree Warden.

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

## 7. UPDATES FROM WORKING GROUPS

Pavements Working Group: M Perrot (Wiltshire Council) and Councillor Kettley have visited problem areas in the Town.

**J Whittleton** to ask M Perrott what will be done in the areas viewed.

Lorries Working Group: The Group expect to report back shortly, despite being unable to access the CCTV.

**J Gundry** to place a letter in the noticeboard near the motorway about Malmesbury being unsuitable for large lorries.

Emergency Plan Working Group: The Group will present their Flood Warden proposals at the next Council meeting. Concern was expressed at the existence of two flood groups in the Town.

MNSG: Consultation ended 12<sup>th</sup> March. The Group have prepared for the Park Road appeal.

## 8. 20MPH RESTRICTIONS

Issues discussed included:

- The difference between zones and limits and their merits and demerits; and
- That Town/Parish Councils are expected to contribute to any new schemes.

**Resolved:** not to suggest any new sites for 20mph zones or limits.

## 9. REQUEST FOR YELLOW LINES

Consideration was given to a request by Mr Thorpe for yellow lines on a section of the B4040 Sherston Road.

The Committee noted that the road is scheduled to be resurfaced soon.

**Resolved:** to support Mr Thorpe's suggestion and take the issue forward with Wiltshire Council's Highway department. **James Whittleton**

## 10. INFORMATION FROM THE CLERK

The Committee Clerk informed the Committee that Wiltshire Council's Building Control Team had visited 16 High Street following reports of works to the listed building. The applicant has been advised to cease work (which has done) and to apply for listed building consent. The visiting officer does not think that any historic fabric has been lost.

Building Control have also visited Burton Hill House, where they have advised that trees covered by TPOs should be protected whilst grounds-work takes place.

**The meeting closed at 8.58pm**