

**MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE
MEETING HELD ON 14th MAY 2014 IN THE TOWN HALL, MALMESBURY**

Present: Councillors: AJ Gundry, RE Budgen, FE Caton, JE Exton and L Penfold.

Other Councillors Present: K Power and S Poole

Members of Public: One.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mr D Coleman of the Maltings Mill Management Company was in attendance to share the concerns of local residents.

On Wednesday 7th May Wessex Water confirmed that water from the steps near the Town Walls contained raw sewerage. A tarmac patch at the top of the steps is sinking which might be effecting a sewer underneath. There is also a significant bulge in the Town Wall below this area.

Wiltshire Council (T Ruse) has confirmed that Wiltshire Council will continue to monitor.

Wessex Water are expected to carry out some works shortly.

The Association are also concerned about the large weight of vegetation on the wall.

Resolved: Councillor AJ Gundry to ask the owners of No.26 the Maltings to look at addressing the ivy and tree growing from the Wall.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors S Cox, RF Sanderson and ACR Woodcock.

4. TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 22nd April 2014

Resolved: That the Minutes of the meeting held on 22nd April 2014 be approved and signed as a correct record.

5. PROGRESS ACTION POINTS FROM PREVIOUS MINUTES

(2/14) BT manhole cover. M Perrott addressed the issue at the Area Board, stating that Wiltshire Council believed that the problem was caused by a spring. He stated that the solution would be to divert the spring.

(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) Grit Bins. Councillor Gundry has been in contact with Wiltshire Council and intends to organise a site visit to confirm the sites.

(2/14) Dropped Kerb Filands. The job is on Wiltshire Council's programme of works. **James Whittleton** to keep the Committee updated.

(3/14) Lorries. Councillor Gundry has written to the Co-op concerning their delivery lorries. He also visited the lorry park; they would be happy to show a poster. **Councillor Gundry** to design a poster.

(4/14) Traffic Speeds & Holloway. Councillor Gundry has received a response from Sgt Alvis concerning traffic speeds at Park Road, Bremilham Road, Bremilham Rise and Bristol Street. He states that surveys suggest there is not a speeding problem in the area. The Town Council could request a metro-count if they feel it necessary.

(4/14) Holloway. Sgt Alvis has suggested the issue could be taken to CATG and a request be made for more yellow lines. **James Whittleton** to raise an Issue Sheet (with photos).

6a. **PLANNING ISSUES**

MTC1 – 59 Corn Gastons

Resolved: to support the application.

MTC2 – Waitrose, Rear of Avon Mills

Issues discussed included:

- Signage and illumination in the Conservation Area.

Resolved: to Object to the following signs:

B1 B2 B3 - Reason: Illuminated signs are not permitted in a Conservation Area (T&C Control of Advertisements Regs 2007) but no objection to the signs themselves.

T3 – Reason: Illuminated signs are not permitted in a Conservation Area (T&C Control of Advertisements Regs 2007) and object to the sign itself as out of keeping in a Conservation Area. Suggest small directional sign on steps marked "Superstore".

1 & 2 Reason: Out of keeping in a Conservation Area and no such signage is necessary.

MTC3 – Old Brewery House

Resolved: to support the application.

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

6b. UNRESOLVED PLANNING ISSUES

None.

7. BLICK'S HILL IMPROVEMENTS

Consideration was given to an improvement scheme at Blicks Hill to improve pedestrian safety.

Issues discussed included:

- That some of the works to be carried out are in Malmesbury St Paul Without;
- The issue sheets which requested the works; and
- The extent of the Town Council's contribution.

Resolved: to consider a Report at the next Committee Meeting.
James Whittleton

8. FLOOD MITIGATION SURVEY AT CUCKINGSTOOL MEAD & ST ALDHELM'S MEAD

Consideration was given to Report No.1 which sought the Committee's approval to commission a survey for flood mitigation measures at Cuckingstool Mead and St Aldhelm's Mead.

Issues discussed included:

- That officer from Wiltshire Council and the Environment Agency have stated that the scheme is worth trying and that it will not make the situation worse; and
- Whether it is worth spending £5,000-6,000 on a scheme which might have little impact.

Resolved: to approve the allocation of up to £1,000 for a surveyor to draw up plans of the proposed works. Funds to come from the Emergency Plan budget.

James Whittleton to contact Fields in Trust, to check they are happy for us to commission the surveyor.

9. INFORMATION FROM THE CLERK

The Tree Warden will be able to attend the meeting on the 25th June. **James Whittleton** to place an item on the Agenda.

The meeting closed at 8.25pm