

**MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 3rd June 2014 IN THE TOWN HALL, MALMESBURY**

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

Representatives of Dyson: R Hill, N Whitehead and C Miles.

Other Councillors Present: K Power, S Poole and G Grant.

Members of Public: Eleven.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

The occupants of 'Inglenook' (at the junction by Nurden Garden Centre) expressed concern about the traffic flow adjacent to their property consequent on the Dyson expansion and asked what measures would be put in place to reduce this.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Cox, Sanderson and Woodcock.

4. To confirm the Minutes of the Meetings held on 13th May 2014 and 14th May 2014.

Resolved: That the minutes of the meetings held on 13th & 14th May 2014 be approved and signed as a correct record.

5. UPDATE ON ACTION

James Whittleton to provide an update on actions at the meeting on 25th June.

6a. PLANNING ISSUES

Cllr J Gundry proposed and it was **resolved** to move immediately to the Dyson application.

Ref M4 & M5 – Dyson Planning Applications

A presentation by Dyson representatives was followed by questions invited from members of the public and Councillors. Representatives of the Industrial Estate at Beuttell Way asked how Dyson propose to avoid traffic congestion. Dyson representatives described a new scheme of access, to be the subject of a forthcoming planning application, for traffic to move inside the Dyson boundary to use the main roundabout access in addition to using the Beuttell Way access. They are also promoting use of a bus scheme within Malmesbury and to Chippenham and are providing showers and cycle stands for those who cycle. There was also discussion of the roundabout beside "Inglenook".

Resolved: The Chair proposed and it was resolved that subject to satisfactory implementation of the new plans for access just described, the application would be supported.

Ref M2 – Waitrose, Numerous Signs

Since the Committee's consideration of the Issue A application for signage at the Waitrose site at on 14th May, a revised application (Issue C) had been received. Due to the need for a decision before the present meeting, members' views had been solicited by email and sent to the planning officer on 27th May. These were as follows:

To OBJECT in part:

Signs b1 b2 b3: Object to being illuminated because illuminated signs not allowed in a conservation area (T&C Control of Advertisements Regs 2007) but no objection to the signs themselves

Signs t3 and 1: The Committee was pleased to see that these have been removed from the Issue C plan.

Signs t2 and 2: No objection

Sign 4: This has been moved to the top of the steps. There is also a another sign 4 at the top of the ramp. Both of these locations are high ground and the sign is 5.5ft tall. Object to these signs if they will be visible from the High Street or from elsewhere outside the site.

All other signs in the amended plan (Issue C): No objection

Resolved: To confirm the Committee's view as expressed above.

Ref M6 – 39 The Triangle, Change of use

The application is for change of use from an off-licence / convenience store to a hot food take-away. A number of neighbours' letters of objection had been received by Wiltshire Council concerning customers' parking at this junction especially in the evenings.

Resolved: To object citing (a) Wiltshire Core Policy C3(vii) on detrimental impact on highway or pedestrian safety (b) impact on neighbours' amenity.

Ref M7 – Malmesbury School, Polycarbonate structure

Resolved: To approve.

Ref M8 – 4 Market Cross, new signage, notice board and external alterations

Resolved: To object in part as follows:

- (a) South elevation: There will be no true shop window on this exterior wall and thus advertisement signs are prohibited. Also out of keeping with a conservation area and spoiling the visual amenity of the immediate historic area. Also hanging sign will be a danger to lorries.
- (b) East and North Elevations: Object to the design of the proposed signage. Out of keeping in a conservation area and spoiling the visual amenity of the immediate historic area. Suggest less garish colours: lettering on a white or muted background.
- (c) Extractor fan and railings: No objection.

6b. UNRESOLVED PLANNING ISSUES

None.

7. UPDATES FROM WORKING GROUPS

MNSG: Examiner to be appointed.

Resolved: Cllr Gundry would speak at Northern Area Planning Committee to present the Committee's decisions regarding the Dyson Outline Plan. Cllr Power would speak as MNSG representative. carried unanimously.

Town Team: Dissatisfied with The Retail Group's Proposal.

Noted that John Powell would put the requirements of The Town Team to The Retail Group on Friday 5th June.

Cllr Budgen informed the Committee that Waitrose are funding a DL sized leaflet to promote and detail the retailers in Malmesbury to be distributed at the opening of the store.

8. BUS SHELTER. TO CONSIDER WHETHER THE COUNCIL WISHES TO TAKE RESPONSIBILITY FOR MAINTAINING A NEW BUS SHELTER AT THE FOOT OF THE STEPS TO THE WAITROSE SUPERMARKET.

Deferred to next meeting.

9. TO CONSIDER FORMING A JOINT WORKING PARTY WITH ST PAUL MALMESBURY WITHOUT PARISH COUNCIL TO CONSIDER WAITROSE'S OFFER OF SPONSORED ADVERTISING SIGNS ON PRIORY ROUNDABOUT.

Resolved: That a Working Party be formed: **Cllrs Gundry and Poole** as representatives of the Town Council, **Cllr Caton** as representative of Town Team. St Paul Malmesbury Without Parish would provide their three members.

10. TO CONSIDER A LETTER FROM THE CHAIR OF THE MALTINGS MILL MANAGEMENT COMPANY REGARDING EMERGENCY ACCESS.

Mr Farnfield's letter to Wiltshire Council, which had been copied to the Town Clerk, was considered. The issue was the adequacy of alternative access to The Maltings for emergency service vehicles. Cllr Grant provided further information.

Resolved: The Committee considered that it needed evidence that there was a planning requirement for alternate access and noted that none had been required in the 25-year history of the Maltings. A statement was required from a senior Emergency Services Policy Officer. It also necessary to liaise with Mr Farnfield regarding correspondence with Highways and Transport at Wiltshire Council. **Cllr Budgen** would co-ordinate these actions.

Items to consider at a later meeting were

- a) Motorcycle parking at Burnivale
- b) Visibility splays coming out of Burnivale onto Bristol Street.

11. FLOOD MITIGATION AT CUCKINGSTOOL & ST ALDHELM'S MEAD. TO CONSIDER PLANS OF PROPOSED FLOOD MITIGATION MEASURES.

Deferred to next meeting

12. WILTSHIRE COUNCIL CAR PARKING REVIEW PRE-CONSULTATION.

Resolved: To devolve responsibility to **Cllr Gundry** to complete the questionnaire on behalf of the Committee.

The meeting closed at 9.35pm