

MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 6th JANUARY 2015 IN THE TOWN HALL, MALMESBURY

Present: Councillors: AJ Gundry (Chairman), FE Caton, S Cox, JM Exton, S Poole, RF Sanderson and ACR Woodcock.
Other Members Present: CC Doody.
Members of the Public: None.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor RF Sanderson declared an interest in Agenda item 6a Application 72 – the applicant is his neighbour. He did not speak or vote on the item.

Councillor JM Exton declared an interest in Agenda item 6a Application 72 – the applicant is known to her. She did not speak or vote on the item.

2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Councillor S Cox stated that two road-works signs had been left in the Triangle after the works had been completed. **Councillor Gundry** to investigate.

Councillor JM Exton stated that a large number of rats have been spotted by the Skateboard Park. Other Councillors stated that there were other areas of the Town effected by rats. **J Whittleton** to contact Wiltshire Council about how the problem might be tackled.

The Committee noted that some vandalism had been taking place in the Town and that the River Valleys Trust hit at Conygre Mead had been effected.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor RE Budgen.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9th DECEMBER 2014

Resolved: that the Minutes be approved and signed as a correct record.

5. PROGRESS ACTION POINTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

Grit Bins. The Committee noted that a price of £60 plus VAT had been found for had a tonne of road salt. That being so, the price to refill all the 12 Town Council grit bins might amount to £240 plus VAT.

The Committee noted that Wiltshire Council had asked the Town Council to label/place stickers on the Town Council's grit bins. **J Whittleton** to order stickers for the bins.

Dropped Curb at the Memorial Gates. The Committee noted that the Town Council could not carry out the works whilst carrying out the works to the gates. D Richards was reputed to have stated that the Town Team had made a request for a dropped curb. **J Whittleton** to make a request for a dropped curb to Wiltshire Council's Highways Department.

6a. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

72 – 2 Alexander Road

Resolved: no objection.

73 – The Paddock, Worthies Lane

Resolved: no objection.

74 – Westport Cottage, 84a The Triangle

Resolved: no objection.

75 – 49 Gastons Road

Resolved: no objection.

76 – Dyson

Resolved: no objection.

77 – River View, Baskerville

Resolved: no objection.

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

7. BLIND-SPOT ST ALDHELM'S ROAD/BURNHAM ROAD

The Committee noted that work was underway to produce a Waiting Restriction Request Notice. It is anticipated that this will be completed and presented to the next meeting of this Committee.

8. REQUEST FOR DOUBLE YELLOW LINES ON THE B4040

The Committee noted that work was underway to produce a Waiting Restriction Request Notice. It is anticipated that this will be completed and presented to the next meeting of this Committee.

The Committee noted that Councillor CC Doody was leading efforts to produce a Waiting Restriction Request Notice for Holloway. The need for a footpath to extend the whole length of Holloway was discussed along with traffic issues at Blinks Hill.

Councillor Doody stated that works to the BT manhole in Holloway should be completed shortly as BT and Wiltshire Council have reached an agreement. The works will be carried out before Holloway is resurfaced in March.

9. Projecting Sign at No.4 Market Cross

Consideration was given to Report No.1 which sought the Committee's view on the new projecting sign at Premier Express.

The Committee noted that there was an apparent difference between what had been given permission as part of application 14/04833/LBC and what had been put in place.

Resolved: to send a copy of the Report to Wiltshire Council, emphasising the comment at paragraph 3.1 (a&b), which states that the sign has a detrimental visual impact and is at odds with the approved planning consent. **J Whittleton**.

10. SIGNS AT No.18 HIGH STREET

Consideration was given to Report No.2 which sought the Committee's view on the new signs at the rear of No.18 High Street.

The Committee noted that the rules for signs advertising medical and veterinary services were different to normal commercial premises.

Resolved: to send a copy of the Report to Wiltshire Council, emphasising the comment at paragraph 3.1 (a-e), which expresses concern at the visual impact, questions whether illumination is necessary, whether the sign is a class 5 and whether the signs are within approved planning consent and expresses concern about setting a precedent for signs in the Conservation Area.

11. UPDATE ON ISSUES REPORTED TO WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

The committee noted updates on overgrowing vegetation near The Maltings, drains along Holloway Hill, the Round-about outside the Co-op and an overgrown hedge in Leyland Close.

Councillor Sanderson agreed to take photographs of the footpath near Basevi Close, so this could be reported.

J Whittleton to check what has happened in regard to reporting the blocked drain at Avon Road and to report a series of damaged railings on the Wiltshire App.

12. INFORMATION FROM THE CLERK

The Committee noted that Wiltshire Council officers would be in the Town on 28th January) ahead of the Community Day. **J Whittleton** to meet with M Perrott to discuss environmental issues and problems which could be addressed by the Community Day.

The meeting closed at 8.20pm.