

**MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON 10<sup>th</sup> FEBRUARY 2015 IN THE TOWN HALL, MALMESBURY**

**Present:** Councillors: AJ Gundry (Chairman), RE Budgen, FE  
Caton, S Cox, JM Exton, S Poole and RF Sanderson.

**Members of the Public:** None.

**1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor J Exton declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 7. She is a member of M&VCAP. She remained in the chamber and voted.

**2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

None.

**3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillor ACR Woodcock.

**4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2015**

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

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

45 High Street (Thresher's). The Committee noted that details of the recent planning application (which was granted permission) had been circulated to Councillors before the meeting. The Deputy Town Clerk was able to add that the Enforcement Officer had now written to the agent, stating that they have now 2 weeks to submit a schedule of works and a specification of works. If this does not happen, enforcement action will be taken.

Gritting Routes. **J Whittleton** to place the item on the next Agenda.

**6a. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

None received before the publication of this Agenda.

**6b. UNRESOLVED PLANNING ISSUES**

None.

**6c. PLANNING UPDATES**

The Committee noted that its' comments on the signage at the George Vets and 4 Market Cross had been passed on to Wiltshire Council. The Enforcement Officer has been in contact with the owners of 4 Market Cross and the Planning Officer dealing with the George Vets is waiting to receive a retrospective application.

## 7. MALMESBURY TO COWBRIDGE FOOTPATH

Consideration was given to Report No.1 which asked the Committee to contribute £2,500 towards the first phase of the footpath project.

Issues discussed included:

- That the path would not only benefit residents in Cowbridge, but dog walkers and ramblers from the Town;
- That the Committee has approximately £2,100 left to spend in 2014/15; and
- That the path would be a footpath, rather than a cycle track due to the reservations of one landowner.

### **Resolved:**

- 1) To contribute £2,500 towards the Malmesbury to Cowbridge Footpath project.
- 2) To extend the Committee' thanks to the Cowbridge Working Party for bringing the project successfully forward. J Whittleton to write to M Gilmour.

## 8. FOOTPATH NEAR BASEVI CLOSE

Consideration was given to Report No.2 which sought the Committee's opinion on the possibility of closing a section of footpath (marked A-C in the Report).

Issues discussed included:

- That anti-social behaviour in the alley had an impact on neighbouring properties;
- That the footpath is in a poor state of repair; and
- The need to gauge local opinion.

### **Resolved:**

- 1) **Councillor Sanderson** to write a letter to local residents, asking their opinion of the possibility of closing the section of footpath from A-C.
- 2) **J Whittleton** to produce notices, to be displayed at either end of the footpath, stating that the Town Council is minded to ask Wiltshire Council to close the path from A-C, and stating that the Town Council will hear representation before doing so.
- 3) To consider the issue at the next meeting of the Committee. **J Whittleton** to place the item on the Agenda.

**9. INFORMATION FROM CLERK & EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION**

Mill Lane. A discussion took place about the possibility of installing a lockable bollard in Mill Lane. **J Whittleton** (in consultation with Councillor Sanderson) to prepare a report for the next meeting.

Lorries in the Town Centre. Councillor Caton to speak to the local Police concerning lorries mounting the pavement.  
Councillor Gundry to ensure that signs are still present in the truck stop near Chippenham.

Rats. **J Whittleton** to ensure that an item appears on the next Committee agenda.

**The meeting closed at 8.05pm.**