

**MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2015 IN THE TOWN HALL, MALMESBURY**

**Present:** Councillors: AJ Gundry (Chairman), J Exton, S Poole  
and RF Sanderson

**Members of the Public:** Nine.

**1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor RF Sanderson declared an interest in agenda item 7 – He has a relation who lives in Basevi Close.

**2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were nine members of the public present concerned with planning application number 92, item 6a of the agenda. Their comments were taken as part of the Planning Application.

**3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Cox, Woodcock and Budgen.

**4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>RD</sup> MARCH 2015**

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

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

The Committee noted the actions carried out.

**6a. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**90 – 22 Hanks Close**

**Resolved:** Support the application

**91 – 4 John Betjeman Close**

**Resolved:** Support the application

**92 – 97 Gloucester Road**

- Representations were received from Anna Bailey of 95 & 97 Gloucester Road. She stated that the entrance to the communal courtyard is to be kept clear at all times as parking is shared between 3 properties, Mrs Bailey raised concerns that the traffic generated by a Funeral Parlour would be greatly increased and likely to cause an obstruction. Mrs Bailey also stated that at no time had Wiltshire Council notified them of the planning application.

- Richard Gray stated that whilst double yellow lines are in existence, these are most likely to be ignored and the increased levels of traffic will pose a huge hazard to pedestrians and other road users.

**Resolved:** The proposed use of this property is a funeral parlour. While we feel this use is inappropriate in this location, and there will be a detrimental effect on neighbours' outlook and enjoyment of their residences, this committee is unaware of any planning reasons to object to the change of use per se. However we believe that Wiltshire Council's planning committee should decide whether such premises are suitable in this location.

We firmly object to other aspects of the application. (a) Parking: The plan fails to show the three car parking spaces claimed. Further, the tarmac area to the south of the building is a parking area shared with two neighbours. We are concerned about customer overspill parking on neighbours' parking spaces and obstruction and nuisance (b) Access and road safety: Coffins are delivered in large lorries there could be access problems. Funeral corteges are very likely to present access problems. Lorries, funeral corteges and customers would enter and leave the site at an entrance hidden to vehicles coming south up Gloucester Road.

#### **93 – 12 High Street**

**Resolved:** Support the application

#### **94 – 34 Holloway**

**Resolved:** Support the application

**Action – J Whittleton** to inform Wiltshire Council of the opinions above.

#### **6b. UNRESOLVED PLANNING ISSUES**

It was **resolved** that Councillor Gundry will attend the Northern Area Planning committee on 1<sup>st</sup> April 2015 to reinforce objection to application at 52. Corn Gastons.

#### **6c. PLANNING UPDATES**

None.

#### **7. FOOTPATH NEAR BASEVI CLOSE (MALM10)**

Report No.1 was received which invited the Committee to consider what further steps, if any, should be taken following a public consultation exercise to find if support existed for the partial closure of footpath MALM10. The Deputy Town Clerk is awaiting a response from the Police concerning Anti-Social Behaviour along the footpath and any comments/recommendations they have.

**Resolved:** that action will be taken once the report from the Police has been received.

## 8. LITTER PICKING AT FILANDS

Iris Thompson highlighted the litter problem at Filands at the last meeting and it was hoped that a 'Litter Picking day' could be organised. Following investigation by Malmesbury Town Council, there are extensive Health & Safety issues to be taken into account before undertaking such an activity. Councillor Sanderson proposed that Wiltshire Council be requested to extend their current litter picking route to Filands and Malmesbury Bypass and that the equipment is booked to initiate a 'Litter Picking Day' for Malmesbury Town Council.

**Resolved:** that the Deputy Town Clerk investigates the cost of a bin and it's servicing on the footpath at Filands, for decision of purchase of bin & service to be made at the next meeting & to request that Wiltshire Council extend their litter picking route to include Filands and the Bypass.

## 9. INFORMATION FROM THE CLERK

**Area Board Issue** – It was **resolved** that the Deputy Town Clerk is to write to Miranda Gilmour advising that Malmesbury Town Council have requested a Waiting Restriction and that the council are investigating the possibility of using a solid, unbroken white line as an 'invisible pavement'.

**Community Infrastructure Levy Charging Schedule** – this is correspondence of a procedural nature and no action is required.

**MSPWRA** – it was resolved that the Planning & Environment Committee fully support the Residents' Association's suggestions and the highway situation at the Triangle will be placed on the Agenda for the next meeting.

**Wiltshire Council – Temporary Closure of Park Lane** – It was resolved that this will go onto the website for public information.

It was **agreed** by all that the date for the next meeting is to be changed to Wednesday 15<sup>th</sup> April.

**The meeting closed at 8.35pm**