

**MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON 15<sup>th</sup> APRIL 2015 IN THE TOWN HALL, MALMESBURY**

**Present:** Councillors: AJ Gundry (Chairman), RE Budgen, J  
Exton and S Poole.

**Members of the Public:** One.

**1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Councillor S Poole declared an interest in Agenda Item 6a Application 95. She has family members who work for the company.

**2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

None.

**3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors Cox, Woodcock and Sanderson.

**4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2015**

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

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

Councillor Gundry stated that he had not attended the Northern Area Planning Committee meeting as the Committee was not discussing the application at 52 Corn Gastons, but only matters pertaining to the S106 agreement.

Basevi Close Footpath – The Neighbourhood Policing Team had been in contact about the potential closure of the footpath. They stated that the area is patrolled regularly, that there were no recent reports of ASB (despite neighbours who regularly speak to the Police) but that they had recently carried out a stop & search. The NPT did not have a strong view as to whether the path should be closed.

**J Whittleton** to include the item on the next Agenda.

The Committee noted that J Whittleton would be meeting with M Perrott shortly to review environmental issues.

**J Whittleton** to raise Filands issues at the meeting (waste bin, litter picking day and notice).

**6a. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**95 – 20a Oxford Street**

Issues discussed included:

- Whether a genuine and sustained effort has been made to sell or let the premises as an office; and
- That the Design & Access statement does not provide evidence/detail on the matter  
**Resolved:** to Object to the application.  
Reason: There is no evidence of a genuine and sustained effort to sell/let the property as an office, contrary to Core Strategy CP35(v).

**96 – 12 Oxford Street**  
**Resolved:** No objection.

**97 – 12 Oxford Street**  
**Resolved:** No objection.

**98 – 12 Oxford Street**  
**Resolved:** Don't understand.

**99 – 12 Gastons Road**  
**Resolved:** No objection subject to the views of the Tree Warden.

**100 – Bear Garden, Kings Wall**  
**Resolved:** No objection subject to the views of the Tree Warden.

**101 – 8 Gastons Road**  
**Resolved:** No objection subject to the views of the Tree Warden.

**102 – Wynyard Mill, Baskerville**  
**Resolved:** No objection subject to the views of the Tree Warden.

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

**6b. UNRESOLVED PLANNING ISSUES**  
None.

**6c. PLANNING UPDATES**  
None.

**7. HIGHWAY ISSUES AT THE TRIANGLE**

Consideration was given to correspondence from the Resident's Committee concerning the pinch-point, traffic flow and parking at The Triangle.

**Resolved:** that **Councillors Gundry & Budgen** put together an Issue Sheet, supporting the idea of signing/lining and preventing parking at the pinch point and of expediting traffic flow.

## 8. INFORMATION FROM THE CLERK

**CATG** – The Committee received an update from Councillor Budgen from the CATG meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> April.

**J Whittleton** to place Issues 3534 and 3535 on the next Agenda.

**Closure of Gloucester Street** - The Committee noted that Wessex Water would be carrying out work for 5 days from 15<sup>th</sup> April.

**Annual Local Highway Services Meeting** – Councillors Gundry & Budgen to attend the meeting on the 20<sup>th</sup> April.

**Maltings Tree** – J Whittleton to raise the issue with Matt Perrott and to inform Mr Coleman that the Town Council are pursuing the matter.

**Rats** – A response from Wiltshire Council's Environmental Health Officer had been received following the Town Council reporting the sighting of a number of rats. The EHO had stated that sightings throughout the County were high, due to a good summer and a successful harvest. Farmers have been reporting a large number of rats in fields. Bird feeders, pets (particularly rabbits/guinea pigs) and domestic waste have attracted them into towns. She stated that she had visited the sites reported by the Town Council and only one was an area of concern; the Football Club. She was able to give advice to a member of the Club, stating that a bin was located too near a wall and that a missing bung provided a food source.

**The meeting closed at 8.40pm**