

**MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 15th SEPTEMBER 2015 IN THE TOWN HALL, MALMESBURY**

Present: Councillors: R Budgen, S Cox, AJ Gundry, A C R Woodcock and W R Jones.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Cox declared an interest in agenda item 6a, application 15/07202/FUL. He left the chamber and did not speak or vote on the application.

2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors RF Sanderson, SJ Poole and J Exton.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11th AUGUST 2015

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

5. PROGRESS ON ACTIONS

The Committee noted that Councillors Budgen and Gundry had carried out a site visit to 70 Foundry Road (MTC 39). The Committee had delegated authority to them make a decision on their behalf. They had submitted an objection to the application.

The Committee noted that a number of the tasks submitted by members for the attention of the Parish Steward had not been completed. The Committee also noted that M Perrott had asked that the tasks be reported through the Wiltshire 'App'.

Resolved: to request that an item is placed on the next Area Board agenda, detailing changes to the street scene and highways contract, outlining how tasks reported in localities are processed, prioritised, monitored and completed, and confirming how the role of the Parish Steward works, how much time is allocated to each parish/town and what tasks have been completed this year.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

55 – 27a Abbey Row

Resolved: No objection.

56 – 109 & Foxlea Gloucester Road

Issues discussed included:

- The views of the Conservation Officer who asked for a more modern design; and
- The difference between the original and amended plans.

Resolved: to object to the revised plans. Reasons:

- (1) The design is too modern and not in keeping with the area.
- (2) The proposed parking/turning layout and service arrangements are sub-standard. The proposal does not include a suitable number of parking spaces for the number of anticipated residents. The parking layout is likely to be at/over capacity for long periods and thus there will be insufficient provision for HGVs and other larger vehicles to turn around. The proposed layout is likely to result in vehicles being unable to enter and leave the highway in forward gear. This is likely to lead to excessive manoeuvres and sub-standard driving positions likely to compromise highway safety at the roundabout at the entrance to the site.

57 – 27 Horsefair

Issues discussed included:

- The history of applications on the site; and
- The accuracy of the plans

Resolved: to state that the Committee does not understand the application; it seems to have been granted in 2014.

58 – Penmellin, Holloway

Resolved: No objection.

59 – The Cliff, Gloucester Road

Resolved: No objection subject to the views of the Tree Warden.

60 – 46 Bristol Street

Resolved: No objection subject to the views of the Tree Warden.

61 – 50 Kings Wall

Resolved: No objection subject to the views of the Tree Warden.

62 – St Aldhelm’s Roman Catholic Church

Resolved: No objection subject to the views of the Tree Warden.

63 – Riverside House, Baskerville

Resolved: No objection subject to the views of the Tree Warden.

6b. UNRESOLVED PLANNING ISSUES

N/a

6c. PLANNING UPDATES

The Committee noted that the application relating to cash machines at HSBC was refused. The Town Council had objected to the application.

7. GRITTING AT THE JUNCTIONS OF ST ALDHELMS ROAD & WILLOW VIEW CLOSE

Consideration was given to whether the Town Council should provide grit bins at the 2 junctions.

Resolved: to ask Wiltshire Council's Highways Officer to approve potential locations for 2 bins. **J Whittleton**

8. TREE PROPOSAL

Consideration was given to a proposal from a local resident to plant trees at various locations around the Town.

Issues discussed included:

- Land ownership;
- That planting on the Sherston Road site would cut off light to properties on the other side of the road; and
- The need to maintain lines of sight for traffic safety purposes.

Resolved: to write to the local resident stating that the Town Council does not own the land upon which his proposals are based, that there are reasons not to plant trees at the following locations; Sherston Road (loss of light to neighbouring properties); mini-roundabout Corn Gastons (traffic safety); and entrance to Park Lane (traffic safety), inform the local resident that Persimmon could be contacted about the site at the new roundabout. **J Whittleton**

9. JUNCTION AT THE TRIANGLE

Consideration was given to a draft proposal to submit an Issue Sheet concerning traffic issues, signage and priorities at the Triangle.

Resolved: to submit an Issue sheet, to include photos and excerpts from the historic Conservation Area Study. **Councillors Budgen & Gundry**

10. INFORMATION FROM THE CLERK

The Committee noted the receipt of a Waiting Restriction Request application concerning 35/37 Roundmead. It is proposed to move the parking bay line back so that it follows the wall line. The Committee supported this request.

The Committee noted correspondence relating to refuse at Gloucester Street.

Meeting closed at 8:17pm