

**MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 7th OCTOBER 2015 IN THE TOWN HALL, MALMESBURY**

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

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs G Mullins was in attendance to ask what could be done about traffic speed and safety in 'old Malmesbury'. She stated that recently a van had struck her son after mounting the kerb outside 61 Gloucester Road. She stated in the last couple of days 2 more vehicles had been seen to mount the kerb and that neighbours were concerned about traffic speed and the volume of traffic.

Councillor Budgen stated that historically metro-counts in the area had not found speeding to be a problem.

Councillor Jones stated that the van mounting the pavement was a criminal offense and that he hoped that the Police would deal with this offense robustly.

The Committee advised Mrs Mullins to raise a community issue sheet, which would enable the matter to be fully examined by road traffic experts. **J Whittleton** to help in the submission of the issue sheet.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor RF Sanderson.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15th SEPTEMBER 2015

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

5. PROGRESS ON ACTIONS

The Committee noted progress on the action points in the Minutes.

A discussion took place about the siting of new grit bins at the junctions of Willow View Close and St Aldhelm's Road, in light of the fact that Wiltshire Council grit bins are situated nearby.

J Whittleton to place the item on the next Agenda for a decision.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

64 – Wynyard Mill Barn

Issues discussed included:

- The views of a local resident, circulated before the meeting.

Resolved: No objection, provided that the footprint of the building is not extended.

65 – The Gant, 16 Cross Hayes

Resolved: No objection.

66 – Land adjacent to 35 & 37 Roundmead

Issues discussed included:

- The Environment Agency are happy that the application involves no loss of water percolation; and
- The need for allotments in the Town.

Resolved: No objection.

67 – 55 Loiret Crescent

Resolved: No objection.

68 – 4b Pool Gastons Road

Resolved: No objection.

69 – 38 Gloucester Street

Issues discussed included:

- The absence of a Design & Access statement, in spite of the fact that the application form specifies that details are outlined in one;
- The Enforcement Officers concerns about the site (which appear to be addressed in this application); and
- The history of applications on the site.

Resolved: to OBJECT to the application. Reason: there is no Design & Access statement and no assessment of the economic viability.

Note* the Committee is minded to support the retrospective elements of the application.

70 – 2 Abbots Garden

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

71 – 15 Culver Gardens

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

72 – The Cliff, 5 Gloucester Road

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

6b&c. UNRESOLVED PLANNING ISSUES & PLANNING UPDATES

None.

7. FUTURE OF THE MARKET CROSS AREA

Mr T Fox was in attendance to speak about the use of the Market Cross. He stated that Town's such as Malmesbury should look to make the most of their heritage, that the Market Cross area was potentially a good public open space, that traffic waiting to park adversely impacts on public events (recently a performance by the Malmesbury Town Band) and that efforts should be made to make the area a more pedestrian friendly area. He suggested that a feasibility study be commissioned to look at the pedestrianisation of the Market Cross.

Issues discussed included:

- That the Town Council has no authority over the highway (which the area around the Market Cross is);
- That the issue was discussed some 20 years ago, and met with considerable objections; and
- The merits of carrying out a feasibility study.

The Committee suggested that Mr Fox puts together a Community Issue Sheet. The matter will then be considered by Wiltshire Highways to see if it is worth pursuing.

J Whittleton to assist in the production of the Issue Sheet if needed.

8. WASTE BINS IN GLOUCESTER STREET

Consideration was to a photograph showing bins (marked 34a) being left by the Bell Tower. Neighbours have commented that the bins constitute an eyesore in the Conservation Area.

Resolved: to write to Wiltshire Council asking them to address the issue by providing refuse/recyclable bags which can be stored away from the Bell Tower. **J Whittleton**

10. INFORMATION FROM THE CLERK

The Committee noted the Co-ordinators newsletter from Wiltshire Council which outlined changes to environmental/street-scene services.

The Committee noted correspondence from Wiltshire Council's Senior Traffic Technician which acknowledged that Waiting Restriction Requests have not been addressed yet. He stated that having resolved staff retention/recruitment issues the Council should be in a position to consider the requests soon.

The Committee noted correspondence from Bloor Homes concerning street naming at the area south of Filands.

J Whittleton to place the issue of street names on the next Agenda.

Meeting closed at 8:35pm