

**MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 17th NOVEMBER 2015 IN THE TOWN HALL, MALMESBURY**

Present: Councillors: RE Budgen, S Cox, J Exton, AJ Gundry, W Jones and H Webb.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Councillor Exton stated that the road markings near the pet shop were not clear and that there had been a number of incidents as a result. She asked how best this issue could be addressed.

Councillor Budgen suggested that she report the issue through the 'My Wiltshire app'.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors RF Sanderson and ACR Woodcock.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 28th OCTOBER 2015

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

5. PROGRESS ON ACTIONS

The Committee noted that suggested street names had been sent to the developer along with associated consent forms and that the Committee's responses to Community Issues 3534 & 3535 had been sent to Kingsley Hampton of Wiltshire Council.

The Committee were also informed that Councillors Budgen and Gundry had identified a site for a metro count at Bristol Street.

6. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

81 – 32-34 Gloucester Street

Issues discussed included:

- Whether the Committee should re-visit its' decision in light of the applicant appearing to have an agreement to lease the shop area of the property.

Resolved: to maintain the Committee's objection for the reasons set out in the previous meeting.

82 – 60 Abbey Row

Resolved: to support the application.

83 – Dyson

Resolved: to support the application.

84 – 2 Silver Street

Resolved: to support the application.

85 – 67 Avenue de Gien

Resolved: to support the application.

86 – Old Brewery House

Resolved: no objection.

87 – The Workshop, Katifer Lane

A discussion took place about the current use assigned to the premises and the planning permission granted in 1995.

Resolved: to consider the application at the next meeting, following confirmation of the use attached to the property.

88 – 17 Gastons Road

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

89 – The Granary, Baskerville

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

6b. UNRESOLVED PLANNING ISSUES

Consideration was given to two planning applications which were omitted from the original list of applications:

90 - Oldwalls Holloway

Mr Clarke, who lives in a neighbouring property, was in attendance. He stated that he had concerns about the shared drive during the construction phase. He asked that the widening of the drive be carried out first in order to maintain his access. He also asked that a hedge row, bordering 2 Abbots Gardens, be maintained.

The applicant and her architect were also in attendance. They stated that the driveway will need to be widened before the commencement of construction, in order to deal with deliveries. They also stated that they would be happy to maintain the row of vegetation.

Resolved: to support the application with the provisions that the driveway widening be carried out first and that the row of vegetation near 2 Abbots Gardens be maintained.

91 – 6 Oxford Street

The Committee received representations from a local resident who stated that he supported the application as it will preserve the building, which is in a terrible state.

Representations were also received from a former business occupant of the premises, who stated that it was inappropriate for modern retail, that the area receives little footfall and that there is no place for deliveries.

The Committee noted that the property is outside the primary shopping area in the Neighbourhood Plan and that a large amount of work needs to be done to preserve the building. As such it is unlikely to be viable as a commercial premises.

Resolved: to support the application. The preservation of the building is unlikely to be secured through retail use.

7. GRIT BINS

Consideration was given to the placement of grit bins at the junctions of Willow View Close and St Aldhelm's Road.

The Committee were informed that the Council's grounds-staff don't think there is an appropriate alternative location (St Aldhelm's Road) where they can safely replenish the bin and which won't block the path.

The Committee noted that the green space near the junction is owned by a housing association.

The Committee were also informed that Wiltshire Council's Highway Engineer had looked at the Willow View Close junction and concluded that the grit bin was in the appropriate location.

Resolved: To write to the housing association that owns the green space near St Aldhelm's Road to see if they would be willing to host an MTC grit bin.

8. BOWLS CLUB RAILINGS

The Committee noted that following the publication of the Agenda, Wiltshire Council had agreed to part-fund the railings project.

Resolved: to consider approving and allocating funds to the project at the next Committee meeting.

9. SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE POLICY

Resolved: to defer consideration of the item to the next meeting.

10. REEDS FARM WAITING RESTRICTION REQUEST

Resolved: to devolve authority to Councillor Gundry to complete a WR2 form and submit this to Wiltshire Council.

11. 2016/17 PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT BUDGET

Consideration was given to producing a draft Planning & Environment Budget for 2016/17.

Resolved:

- 1) That the Strategic Planning budget be set at £3,000 for 2016/17.
- 2) That a new line be added to meet the need for parking subsidy.

Meeting closed at 8:43pm