

**MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 22nd MARCH 2016 IN THE TOWN HALL, MALMESBURY**

Present: Councillors: RE Budgen, S Cox, AJ Gundry, W Jones, H Webb, RF Sanderson and ACR Woodcock.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Iris Thompson asked why a 40mph sign in the north of the Town had been moved.

Councillor Budgen stated that he would enquire to see if the correct procedures had been followed.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor J Exton.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 1st MARCH 2016

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

5. PROGRESS ON ACTIONS

The Committee noted that the Beeches had been contacted to convey the Committee's support for their initiative to introduce a parking scheme for care workers in the Town.

J Whittleton to chase a response from Wiltshire Council concerning Station Yard recycling bin litter.

Councillor Budgen to chase up a response on the Webbs Way Waiting Restrictions Request.

6a. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

125 – 1 St Johns Court

Resolved: No objection.

126 – 20 High Street

Resolved: No objection.

127 – 3 Old Railway Close

Resolved: No objection.

128 – 44 White Lion Park

Resolved: No objection.

129 – 25 The Maltings

Resolved: No objection.

130 – 55 Burnivale

Resolved: No objection.

131 – Land near Tetbury Hill Gardens

Resolved: No objection.

7. TRAFFIC ISSUES ON BURNHAM ROAD

The Committee noted that contractor parking appears to have increased along Burnham Road. It is believed that the contractor is making arrangements with Wiltshire Council for workers to 'park and ride' from the Station Yard car park.

Councillor Budgen to keep the Committee updated on the issue.

8. GLEESON DEVELOPMENTS CONSULTATION

Consideration was given to a response to Gleeson Developments' proposal for 80 dwellings at Filands East.

Resolved: to respond as follows:

The Government supports a plan-led policy for future housing development in the UK. The Malmesbury Neighbourhood Plan (MNP) has for over a year been an adopted part of the official Wiltshire Development Plan which identifies the scale and location of sites for growth in Malmesbury and its surrounding areas until 2026.

Following lengthy public consultations and approval by 90% of voters in a referendum, the adopted MNP specifies a number of sites where development should take place and the numbers and types of dwellings required. The site in Gleeson Developments Limited's proposal is not one of those approved in the MNP. Further the MNP identifies at least 10% more housing than the target for the Town set by the official Wiltshire Core Strategy. Thus the Town does not require the additional 80 houses that you contentiously claim that it does.

Therefore, and for the reasons stated above, Malmesbury Town Council strongly objects to your proposal on the grounds that

- a) It conflicts with the adopted MNP because it promotes a site not included in the Plan;
- b) The 80 houses proposed are surplus to the housing numbers identified in the Plan;
- c) The demands of this unplanned site will unbalance the infrastructure of the Town and place unacceptable demands on highways, education, health care etc;
- d) Your proposal conflicts with a plan made by local people for local people and ratified by local people.

The MNP is delivering growth. The Town does not need developer-led interference.

9. COMMUNITY ISSUES

Consideration was given to extant Community Issues in the Town.

Resolved:

CI3963 Pedestrian & road safety concerns on Whychurch Hill & CI3800 Pavement improvements on Whychurch Hill from the Blicks Hill junction northwards.

To consider at the next meeting with the aid of plans.

CI4022 No Entry sign required at junction of West Street and Katifer Lane /Glovers Court.

To approve in principle to allocation of £220 towards the scheme.

CI4432 Turning area at the end of the no through road in Baskerville.

Support, but not a priority.

CI4481 Pavement between 36 and 48 Bristol Street.

Report the issue on 'My Wiltshire'.

CI4512 Road safety concerns at the bottom of Tetbury Hill.

Councillor Budgen to invite M Rose of Wiltshire Council to discuss the issue with the Committee.

The Meeting closed at 8:12pm