

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

Present: Councillors: S Cox, AJ Gundry, H Webb and ACR Woodcock

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors J Exton, RF Sanderson RE Budgen and W Jones.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGs HELD ON 1st JUNE

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

5. PROGRESS ON ACTIONS

Public Transport Review. The Committee noted that c.11,000 responses had been received county-wide. The responses are broadly in line with the wishes of Malmesbury; strategic services are seen as important, town services less so.

Parish Steward Scheme. **J Whittleton** to send round another Parish Steward email and collate responses.

Parking at the junction of Olivers Lane and High Street. **J Whittleton** to inform the Police Sergeant and Wiltshire Council Enforcement about the matter.

Roundmead. **J Whittleton** to report the response of Wiltshire Council when received.

6. TREE WARDEN

The Tree Warden was in attendance to give the Committee an overview of her work.

The Committee noted:

- That the position is part of a national scheme. There are some 25,000 tree wardens nationwide;

- That the majority of the Wardens work is led by the people of Malmesbury, in that she responds to enquiries that come into Wiltshire Council;
- The Rowan tree in the Horse Fair. The Tree Warden advised that the tree should not be replaced as it was directly on a drain. The Committee noted that the area is now being looked after as a garden;
- Most applications to remove trees are because of their proximity to drains;
- The Tree Warden has worked with MRVT, answering questions on planting at Conygre Mead;
- The Committee noted that it is unlawful to fell a tree with a known bird nesting;
- The Warden attends the national tree warden meeting, which is useful for networking; and
- That the Council could give thought to replacing some of the Poplars in St Aldhelm's Mead.

7a. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

160 – 2 Abbotts Garden

Resolved: no objection.

161 – 14 Silver Street

Resolved: No objection.

162 – Harpers Lane Allotments

Resolved: N/a

163 – 23 Bristol Street

Resolved: N/a

164 – Cotswold House, Gloucester Road

Resolved: No objection.

165 – 109 & Foxlea, Gloucester Road

Issues discussed included:

- The Committee noted that the applicant seems as they they wish to get on with demolition whilst discussions are ongoing.

Resolved: No objection/no comment: The Committee did not feel itself competent to comment upon the application at this stage (not being privy to discussions).

166 – 26 Burnham Road

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

167 – Marisco, Tetbury Hill

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

7b. UNRESOLVED PLANNING ISSUES

None.

7c. PLANNING UPDATES

The Committee noted that the George Veterinary Group had lost its' appeal concerning illuminated and large signs.

8. MALMESBURY & DISTRICT CONSERVATION GROUP

The Committee received an update from Councillor Woodcock on the work of the Conservation Group. The Committee noted that members of the Group were carrying out work on a variety of environmental issues.

Councillor Gundry observed that given the volume of work the Group was attempting, it may be an idea to prioritise issues to ensure they get addressed.

9. PARKLANDS SPEEDING

Consideration was given to correspondence from a local resident concerning speeding at Parklands.

Resolved: J Whittleton to help the local resident complete a Community Issues Sheet.

The Meeting closed at 8:20pm