

**MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL  
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING  
HELD ON 13<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2016 IN THE TOWN HALL, MALMESBURY**

**Present:** Councillors: RE Budgen, J Exton, AJ Gundry, W Jones  
and ACR Woodcock

**1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

Iris Thompson asked whether the Gleeson application had been called in and whether there was a determination date.

Councillor Budgen stated that it had been called in and that it was likely to take longer than the standard six weeks to determine.

Iris Thompson asked when the consultation process for changing the speed limits at Filands would take place.

Councillor Budgen stated that he would inform Mrs Thompson when he knew.

**3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received from Councillors RF Sanderson and H Webb.

**4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 9<sup>th</sup> AUGUST**

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

**5. PROGRESS ON ACTIONS**

**J Whittleton** to give an update on Parish Steward actions and the overgrown hedge at Avon Road at a future meeting.

**6a. PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**173 – Land at Backbridge Farm**

Issues discussed included:

- The number of houses and the Neighbourhood Plan;
- Contribution to the school;
- Connectivity to the rest of the Town;
- The density of the development at the north west corner;
- Parking;
- The width of the proposed roads;
- The design of the proposed properties;
- Sustainability and the apparent lack of energy and water saving features; and
- That the site has been identified in the Neighbourhood Plan

**Resolved:** to offer qualified support to the application subject to comments attached as Appendix 1.

**186 – Matthews Funeral Directors, 7 Burnham Road**

**Resolved:** No objection.

**187 – 60 Baskerville**

**Resolved:** to Object to the application for the following reasons:

- 1) There is a severe overlooking problem for houses on the river side of Baskerville.
- 2) The drainage statements are at odds with the provision of sewers as advised by Wessex Water.
- 3) We have concern about storm water drainage and overwhelming the already overworked surface water drainage in Baskerville.
- 4) The vehicle manoeuvring plans do not show the slope on which this manoeuvring must take place and seem to assume expert drivers and small cars as space seems very tight. Comment from Highways would be welcomed.
- 5) The Proposed Access Arrangements are not explained particularly how works will be carried out on the public carriageway. The plan to extend the hammerhead at the end of Baskerville may or may not improve matters there, there is no explanation or justification. The legitimacy of the gate which is proposed to be moved is unclear - its ownership, who has rights to control it and the nature of any registered traffic control order it is fulfilling need to be precisely established and explained as there is no reliable local knowledge on these matters. We share with a local resident concern that a moved gate will impede the passage of Wessex Water's tankers.
- 6) The Design and Access statement does not relate well to the revised application and includes no explanation of the vehicle manoeuvring plan nor the works proposed to the carriageway.
- 7) The proposed development would have an adverse impact on views in a Conservation Area.
- 8) The development would be contrary to the Conservation Area Management Plan.

**188 – Land south of Filands**

Issues discussed included:

- That the site was not identified by the Neighbourhood Plan;
- The potential impact on the character and infrastructure of the Town;
- That housing provision had been met by the Neighbourhood Plan.

**Resolved:** To strongly oppose the application for reasons set out in Appendix 2

**189 – 14 St Johns Street**

**Resolved:** No objection.

**190 – 22 The Maltings**

**Resolved:** No objection.

**191 – 7 Willow View Close**

**Resolved:** No objection.

**192 – 2 Old Railway Close**

**Resolved:** No objection.

Note – To inform Wiltshire Council that the plans are very difficult to view on line.

**193 – 16 High Street**

**Resolved:** No objection.

**194 – Braemore, Filands**

**Resolved:** No objection.

**195 – 55 High Street**

**Resolved:** To comment that the Committee cannot tell the difference between this application and the previous application on the site.

**196 – The Nuttery, Blicks Hill**

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

**197 – Ty Newydd**

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

**198 – Avon House, 25 Abbey Row**

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

**199 – 2 Gastons Road**

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

**200 – 25 Gastons Road**

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

**6b. UNRESOLVED PLANNING ISSUES**

None.

The Meeting closed at 8:25pm