

**MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 7th FEBRUARY 2017 IN THE TOWN HALL, MALMESBURY**

Present: Councillors: RE Budgen (from mid-way through item 6a), S Cox, J Exton, AJ Gundry, WR Jones, ACR Woodcock and H Webb
Members of the Public: 2

Councillor Gundry chaired the meeting.

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor Cox declared an interest in Agenda item 6a 16/12516/LBC 27 Abbey Row. He left the chamber for the consideration of this application.

2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no public questions.

The Committee noted that the car parking subsidy and Terms of Reference for the Market Cross Working Group would be considered at the next meeting. **J Whittleton** to put items on the agenda.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillor RF Sanderson.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 17TH JANUARY 2017

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

5. PROGRESS ON ACTIONS

Metal Bins. Investigations into re-painting the bins are on-going. **J Whittleton** to keep the Committee informed.

Grit Bin. To consider Councillor Jones' suggestion for a new Grit Bin at the next meeting. **J Whittleton** to include the item on the agenda.

6a. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

16/12338/FUL – 22 Bonners Close

Resolved: No objection.

16/12516/LBC – 27 Abbey Row

Resolved: No objection subject to the views of the Conservation Officer.

16/12520/LBC – 2 Silver Street

Resolved: No objection subject to the views of the Conservation Officer.

17/00157/FUL – 30 Hanks Close

Resolved: No objection.

Councillor Budgen joined the meeting.

17/00601/LBC & 17/00237/FUL – 55 Bristol Street

Resolved: To support the principle of development subject to the views of the Conservation Officer.

17/00287/FUL – Cotswold House, Gloucester Road

Resolved: No objection.

17/00622/TPO – 5 Days Court, Old Alexander Road

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

17/00341/FUL – Malmesbury School

Resolved: No objection.

6b. UNRESOLVED PLANNING ISSUES

Cowbridge Footpath: Councillor Cox raised the issue of the path which he stated was in a poor state.

Councillor Budgen provided the following progress report in response.

Over the past months the Parish Council has continued to work to overcome numerous unexpected obstacles to the delivery of this long-awaited footpath from Cowbridge to Malmesbury. Construction work is almost complete with just a few snagging items to be attended to, namely the wooden gates either side of the weir bridge are still to be hung, the finger posts need to be fixed onto the poles, the kissing gate has to be fitted and finally the top dressing of stone dust has to be laid. It was anticipated that these tasks would be completed by week ending 3rd February but bad weather prevented this and week ending 10th February is the new target date. Running concurrently with this work it is now expected that the Secretary of State will shortly announce the Planning Inspector's decision on the outcome of his review of the minor diversion of sections of two adjacent footpaths and the withdrawal of a short section of another that is an essential prerequisite for the permissive path section to be officially used. The cost of this first phase of the project has escalated from the original £25K budget provided by the S106 contribution from Redrow to almost £40K; this additional funding has been found from various sources by the Parish Council.

The specification for the footpath never included a hard surface and therefore like almost all other footpaths in Wiltshire will become muddy during periods of heavy rain. It is anticipated that the contractor will leave the path section on the embankment with a smooth, flat finish before leaving the site. Provided sufficient interest is identified the parish council will consider evaluating during the next financial year the feasibility, cost and sources of funding to provide a hard surface on this section.

17/00090/FUL – The Committee noted that an application at Filands Farm had alarmed members of the Malmesbury St Paul Without Parish Council and the Residents' Association. The Committee considered the application.

Resolved: to write a letter supporting the Parish Council and Residents' Associations' concerns. **J Whittleton**

Bridge at the bottom of the Abbey Steps. To receive an update at the next meeting. **J Whittleton**

7. DOG FOULING

The Committee noted, through its' own observations and through representations from members of the public, that dog fouling was becoming an issue in the Town.

The Committee noted that Wiltshire Council's Dog Warden recommends that residents complain about the issue on the My Wiltshire App. If individuals are able to be named, the Wardens can visit them. There is a fine of up to £1,000. The Dog Warden can also carry out patrols and put up signs.

Resolved:

- 1) **Councillor Gundry** to write to the resident who raised the issue, encouraging them to keep a watch and report instances on the My Wiltshire App.
- 2) **Councillor Gundry** to provide some wording for the Council's website and next newsletter about how to report the issue.
- 3) **Councillor Exton** to identify a site to reposition the plastic bin at the end of Hudson Road. **J Whittleton** to send this to Wiltshire Council to see if they would consent to moving the bin.

8. PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER

Consideration was given to the proposed Traffic Regulation Order. The Committee made the following comments, to be submitted as part of the consultation:

Old Railway Close / Webbs Way:

To express concern that the whole junction of Webbs Way with Reeds Farm Road is not 'No Waiting At Any Time'. This seems to be contrary to the Highway Code as it encourages parking at a junction.

Burnham Road:

To support the proposal.

The Light:

To support the proposal.

St Johns St:

What is needed is to extend the double yellow lines 1 metre north. If Wiltshire Council require an extension of 5m, which means losing a parking space, the Town Council don't support the proposal. The Council don't support any action which results in the loss of a parking space.

Resolved: to forward the Committee's views to Wiltshire Council. **J Whittleton**

The Meeting closed at 8:30pm