

**MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 3rd OCTOBER 2017 IN THE TOWN HALL, MALMESBURY**

Present: Councillors: MJ Asciak, J Exton, P Exton, AJ Gundry,
PJ Newman and K Power

Members of the Public: 2

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors RE Budgen and H Webb.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 12th SEPTEMBER 2017

Resolved: that the Minutes of the meeting held on 12th September 2017 be approved and signed as a correct record.

5. PROGRESS ON ACTIONS

Glovers Court Dog Bin. The Committee noted that Greensquare had stated that they do not want a bin on their land.

Bin Request between Gastons Road & Bremilham Rise. Investigations in relation to this issue are ongoing. **J Whittleton**

6a. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

17/07126/VAR – Charlton Park Farm

Issues discussed included:

- The meeting that took place between the neighbouring parish/town councils and the applicant;
- The applicant have an aspiration for one third of material coming in and going out to be transported within the Charlton Park estate (not on public roads);
- The applicant has stated they would consider a prohibition on using the B4040 from the west. A discussion took place about whether trucks can effectively be prevented from using certain roads and/or operating at certain times;
- The meaning of the term 'harvest time'. The Committee noted that during harvest, farm workers regularly work long hours and can be harvesting early in the morning and into the night. They also noted that different crops are harvested at different times of the year, so that harvest time could be anywhere from May to December;

- That even if the aspiration to deliver and take away one third of materials internally in Charlton Park, that could still mean 165 vehicle movements per day;
- Safety issues arising from a volume of HGVs on local roads; and
- The necessity for a travel plan. A recent planning consent in Winchester was cited.

Resolved: to object to the application on the grounds of highways impact. The Town Council considers that the application should not be granted unless a travel plan has been approved by the Town Council and affected parishes. The Town Council also recommends that the applicant construct a new access road to the application site from the A429.

Note – The full text of the Town Council's response (approved at this meeting) is attached as Appendix 1 to these Minutes.

17/08380/TCA – 20 Gastons Road

N/a – already determined by Wiltshire Council.

17/03624/LBC – 14 St Johns Street

Resolved: No objection.

17/08666/TCA – Charlcourt, Dark Lane

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

17/08681/TCA – 15 The Maltings

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

17/08029/LBC – Former Moravian Church Hall

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

17/08369/VAR – 55 Bristol Street

Resolved: No objection.

17/08492 – Tanyard, 1 Dark Lane

Resolved: No objection.

17/08699/FUL – 4 Morse Close

Resolved: No objection.

17/08862/FUL – 5 Crab Tree Close

Issues discussed included:

- Whether the application was really seeking to create a 3 bed property; and
- Parking requirements

Resolved: to ask Wiltshire Council whether there is sufficient parking on the site, for what appears to be an application to create a 3-bedroom property.

17/08967/FUL – 124 White Lion Park

Issues discussed included:

- Parking provision.

Resolved: to make the following comment to Wiltshire Council: It appears that the minimum parking provision is not being met by the application for a 4-bedroom property.

17/09156/TCA – Land at Old Camping Ground, Blicks Hill

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

J Whittleton to report the Councillors observations.

6b. UNRESOLVED PLANNING ISSUES

Consideration was given to the 'For Sale' sign outside the former HSBC bank in the High Street. It was noted that this was somewhat unsightly and had been there for some time.

Resolved: J Gundry to investigate the regulations in regard to signage in the Conservation Area and if necessary, write to the owner/agent, asking them to remove the sign.

7. PLANNING & ENVIRONMENT POTENTIAL PROJECTS

Consideration was given to the list of capital projects with a view to setting the 2018/19 budget and applications to use CIL money.

Issues discussed included:

- What progress had been achieved by the Market Cross Working Group;
- That the number of people who might benefit from a potential project should be a factor in deciding priorities; and
- Pedestrian safety at Park Road.

Resolved: to prioritise the projects as follows:

First rank:	Pedestrian route along Whychurch Hill. Burnham Road dropped kerbs.
Second rank:	Installation of a Puffin Crossing in Park Road.
Third rank:	Bristol Street road safety. Change of the traffic priority at the triangle.
Fourth rank:	Pedestrianisation of the Market Cross.

Resolved: to request an update for the next meeting from Cllr Webb concerning the Market Cross Working Group. **J Whittleton**

8. PREMISES LICENCE APPLICATION – BUDGENS FORECOURT

Consideration was given to a premises licence application for the sale of Late Night Refreshment (23:00-05:00) and Alcohol Sales (00:00-00:00).

Issues discussed included:

- Whether the granting of the application would set a precedent and lead to longer licencing hours in the Town.

Resolved: to respond to Wiltshire Council stating: The Town Council sees no reason why the alcohol hours should be longer than those currently allowed by premises in the Town and is concerned that permitting 24hour alcohol sales will set a precedent for premises in the Town. **J Whittleton**

9. PARISH STEWARD TASKS

The Committee noted that the Parish Steward had begun the painting of the railings by the Silk Mills, but that work on these seemed somewhat sporadic and that they were only c.one-quarter completed.

Resolved: that the Vice-Chairman writes to the Portfolio Holder, Wiltshire Councillor and Highways Department, expressing the Committee's exasperation that the railings have not been painted. **Cllr Gundry**

Consideration was given to a draft list of tasks for the Parish Steward in mid October.

Resolved: to submit the draft list to Wiltshire Council. **J Whittleton**

The Committee noted that a tree had fallen in the grassed area in Station Yard.

Resolved: to report the tree on the My Wiltshire app. **J Whittleton**

10. PARKING BAY OUTSIDE 35 ROUNDMEAD, ST JOHN'S STREET

Resolved: to write to Wiltshire Council, asking them to align the parking bay with the recently extended yellow line. **J Whittleton**

11. LAND OWNERSHIP AT BIRDCAGE WALK

Consideration was given to a request from Councillor Gundry to go ahead with land searches in the Birdcage Walk area. These were thought necessary in order to tackle an enforcement issue in the area. It is likely that the sum to be spent will be less than £500.

Resolved: to authorise the expenditure of up to £500 on Land Registry fees to establish who owns land in the area.

The Meeting closed at 8.41pm