

**MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 12th DECEMBER 2017 IN THE TOWN HALL, MALMESBURY**

Present: Councillors: RE Budgen, J Exton, P Exton, AJ Gundry,
PJ Newman and K Power.
Other Members Present: G Grant.
Members of the Public: 1

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors M Asciak and W Jones.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 14th NOVEMBER AND 30th NOVEMBER 2017

Resolved: that the Minutes of the meetings held on 14th November and on 30th November 2017 be approved and signed as a correct record.

5. PROGRESS ON ACTIONS

The Committee noted that Cllr Gundry had attended a Wiltshire Council Cabinet meeting earlier that day to make representations on the proposed expansion of Lea & Garsdon Primary School.

Wiltshire Council's view was that they had been through an extensive consultation period of over two years, that they needed to provide new school places by September 2019 and that they were still unclear of the Malmesbury Primary School's proposals. Effectively, time had run out on the possibility of finding a solution at Malmesbury. The Cabinet adopted the decision on Lea & Garsdon Primary School.

The Rajah, Market Cross. Cllr Grant stated that he had found a postal address for the owner and would write to him, hoping to ascertain his intentions for the property.

Bin in the Bremilham Rise/Gastons Road area. The Committee noted that a new bin would be placed along the Sherston Road next week.

6a. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

17/10564/FUL – 7 Margery Holroyd Rise

Resolved: No objection.

17/10612/VAR – Land to south of Filands Road

Issues discussed included:

- A possible change of materials along the southern boundary of the development.

Resolved: To make no objection to the application, but to enquire of the Case Officer whether the materials around the boundary of the development are in accordance with the approved application.

17/10838/ADV – 8 High Street

Resolved: No objection.

17/11041/FUL – Sherril, Tetbury Hill Gardens

Issues discussed included:

- The proximity to neighbouring properties; and
- The scale of the proposed development.

Resolved: No objection.

17/11500/TCA – 5 Dark Lane

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

17/11575/TCA – Land at Malmesbury Abbey Graveyard

Issues discussed included:

- The impact on the visual amenity of the area.

Resolved: To comment that the Town Council has no objection subject to the views of the Tree Warden and to add that whilst recognising the inconvenience and damage these trees might have, it would be best if these problems could be mitigated by only removing the most problematic trees.

17/11010/FUL – The Tangled Garden, Kings Walk

Resolved: No objection subject to the Case Officer confirming that the Construction Statement is adequate.

17/11209/FUL & 17/11221/LBC – 23 Bristol Street

Resolved: No objection.

17/11471/FUL – 26 Niebull Close

Resolved: No objection.

J Whittleton to report the Committee's observations to Wiltshire Council.

6b. UNRESOLVED PLANNING ISSUES/PLANNING UPDATES

N/a.

7. LAND OWNERSHIP AT BIRDCAGE WALK

Consideration was given to Report No.7 which presented the results of Land Registry searches in the Market Cross area. The issue was being looked at with a view to tidying up the area which is in a Conservation and within the curtilage of Grade 1 listed buildings.

Resolved:

- 1) To send the results of searches to Wiltshire Council's Waste Management Team, asking them to reconsider the presentation of waste in the area. **J Whittleton**

2) To send a copy of the searches to the Abbey Office. **Cllr Gundry**

8. COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP UPDATE

The Committee noted Report No.8 which provided an update on the status of Community Issues in the Town.

9. ROAD MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME 2018/19

Consideration was given to Report No.9 which provided details of Wiltshire Highway's Major Maintenance Programme for 2018/19.

Issues discussed included:

- The possibility of forming a group to examine road maintenance in the Town; and
- What the difference is between Surface Treatment and Surfacing.

Resolved: To consider the issue at a future meeting. **J Whittleton** to place item on a future agenda.

Cllr Grant agreed to contact the School to get details of the lollipop person job so this could be put on the Town Council website.

10. WAITING RESTRICTIONS FOR BEUTTELL WAY

Resolved: To delegate the matter to the Chair of the Committee to liaise with Malmesbury's Wiltshire Councillor and to fill in and send off a WR2 form endorsing Waiting Restrictions for Beuttell Way. **Cllr Budgen**

11. METAL BINS

The Committee noted that the Council had received approximate prices for galvanising and spray painting the iron bins in the Town. They noted that shot blasting and galvanising might come to £3,000 and that spraying would be c.£960.

Issues discussed included:

- The possibility of purchasing new bins; and
- Whether spray painting the bins would provide a harder-wearing coating than hand painting.

Resolved: to liaise with the ironworks to get a cost for shot blasting and galvanising the bins, with a view to having them painted by Town Council staff. **J Whittleton**

12. BRIDGE AT THE BOTTOM OF THE ABBEY STEPS

The Committee considered correspondence from Wiltshire Council's Bridge Section about the bridge at the bottom of the Abbey Steps. The Committee noted that five sections of stone kerbing had fallen off the bridge. Wiltshire Council had suggested that the Town Council take a lead by liaising with a stone mason to repair the kerbing and contacting them once a potential scheme had been agreed.

Resolved: To contact a stone mason to draw up a scheme for repairing the bridge, to liaise with Wiltshire Council to check that such a scheme accords with their requirements and to present the scheme to the Committee for approval. **J Whittleton**

13. MARKET CROSS WORKING GROUP

Resolved: To defer this item to the next meeting. **J Whittleton**

14. WILTSHIRE CORE STRATEGY REVIEW

Consideration was given to Report No.14 which introduced Wiltshire Council's review of the Core Strategy.

Issues discussed included:

- Whether Malmesbury would be in the Swindon or Chippenham Housing Market Area. This was important as the Chippenham area is scheduled to take approximately half of Wiltshire's additional housing;
- The importance of housing area boundaries not dividing Malmesbury, St Paul Without and Brokenborough as this might undermine the Neighbourhood Plan;
- The importance of protecting settlements of historic character; and
- That an additional 27,000 homes are needed in Wiltshire above the number prescribed in the Core Strategy.

Resolved: That **Cllr Gundry** draws up a response to the consultation, based on the comments in Report No.14 and submits this to the Committee Clerk to send to Wiltshire Council. **J Whittleton**

The Meeting closed at 8.43pm.