

**MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENT COMMITTEE MEETING
HELD ON 27th FEBRUARY 2018 IN THE TOWN HALL, MALMESBURY**

Present: Councillors: RE Budgen, JM Exton, PJ Exton, AJ Gundry and W Jones.

Members of the Public: 4

1. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

2. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors MJ Asciak, P Newman and K Power.

4. MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS HELD ON 6th FEBRUARY 2018

Resolved: that the Minutes of the meeting held on 6th February be approved and signed as a correct record.

5. PROGRESS ON ACTIONS

Barrier Bloor Homes estate from Webbs Way. The Clerk had written to the Case Officer on 17th January. So far a response has not been received. **J Whittleton** to chase up a response.

6a. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

18/00909/TCA – 86 The Triangle

Resolved: No objection subject to any comments by the Tree Warden.

18/01105/FUL – Hope Cottage, Tetbury Hill Gardens

Resolved: No objection.

18/01205/TCA – 119 High Street

Resolved: No objection subject to any comments by the Tree Warden.

18/01288/FUL & 18/01347/LBC – 95 High Street

Resolved: No objection.

18/01332/FUL – 41a High Street (former Mail Delivery Unit)

Resolved: to support the application.

18/01360/FUL – 25 White Lion Park

Resolved: No objection.

18/01429/FUL & 18/01476/LBC – 29 Abbey Row

Issues discussed included:

- The materials proposed and their impact on the listed building and conservation area.

Resolved: The Council has no objection in principle, but would ask that the Conservation Officer considers the appropriateness of the proposed materials (fibre glass and aluminium) in a listed building.

18/01532/TCA – 9 The Maltings

Resolved: No objection subject to any comments by the Tree Warden.

18/00558/FUL – 51 The Triangle

Withdrawn.

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

6b. UNRESOLVED PLANNING ISSUES/PLANNING UPDATES

None.

7. CAMPAIGN TO PROTECT RURAL ENGLAND RESEARCH

Resolved: to delegate authority to **Councillor Gundry** to complete the survey.

8. WAITING RESTRICTIONS AT WHYCHURCH HILL

Consideration was given to Report No.8 which presented a potential scheme for waiting restrictions, pedestrian area and options (on parking spaces) for the CATG Priority 1 project at Whychurch Hill.

Issues discussed included:

- The demerits of retaining any parking spaces. It was felt that it would be easier to monitor/regulate if there were no parking spaces; and
- The need to ensure people did not park elsewhere along the road.

Resolved: The Committee supports a scheme without any parking along the road (option 2) and would like to see waiting restrictions on both sides of the road for its' entire length. **Councillor Budgen** to deliver these comments to the CATG.

9. COMMUNITY ISSUE 5980 – INGRAM STREET

Consideration was given to Report No.9 which presented the views of local residents on a potential scheme to make Ingram Street one-way.

The Committee noted that there was both support and opposition amongst local residents for the idea.

The Committee felt that it would be important to ascertain the Highway Departments view of the potential scheme.

Resolved: to ask the Community Area Transport Group to consider the idea. **Councillor Budgen.**

10. ROAD MAINTENANCE PROGRAMME 2018/19

Consideration was given to Report No.10 which presented Wiltshire Council's Highway Maintenance Plan in Malmesbury for 2018/19. Councillor Budgen and P Exton had completed an inspection of the areas and recommended adding St Aldhelm's Road and Park Road to the list.

Resolved: to approve the Maintenance Programme set out in Report No.10.
Councillor Budgen to convey the Committee's response to CATG.

11. SLUICES ON THE AVON

Consideration was given to Report No.11 which sought the Committee's view on the heritage value of the river sluices in the Town and whether the Town Council might operate them.

Issues discussed included:

- That the Environment Agency wishes to divest itself of responsibility of the sluices;
- The environmental impact of removing the sluices, especially fish passage;
- The views of Malmesbury River Valleys Trust's Dr Mark Everard on the value of the sluices;
- The sluices impact on flood prevention; and
- The heritage value of the sluices.

Resolved: to respond to the Environment Agency's Asset Manager, stating that there is some heritage interest in the Wynyard Mill sluice. That this response is conditioned by the following two statements:

1. That the Town Council's view of heritage value does not imply that the Town Council would adopt or contribute financially to any sluice.
2. That the Town Council wishes to be assured that the removal of any sluice does not increase flood risk in the town, and that any increase in flow from the Holloway sluice does not effect the structural integrity of the bridge down stream.
3. The Town Council and local community would like to be consulted on any proposals.

Councillor Gundry to convey this response to the Environment Agency.

12. REVIEW OF THE COTSWOLD AREA OF OUTSTANDING NATURAL BEAUTY MANAGEMENT PLAN 2018-2023

Resolved: not to comment on the Plan.

13. RED PHONE BOXES IN THE TOWN

Consideration was given to the possibility of adopting two red phone boxes in the Town. A local resident L Carolyn was in attendance to outline possible uses for the phone boxes, ranging from housing a defibrillator to a venue for bring & buy sales, a library, a greenhouse or an advent calendar. She added that the boxes could be used by the school or Carnival or in a number of other inventive ways. The Committee noted that Mr C Vernon had contacted BT

about the state of the phone boxes and that an engineer would visit to see if a repaint was needed; if so, this would be carried out in the summer of 2019.

Issues discussed included:

- That the phone boxes could only be adopted by an official body like the Town Council;
- That only boxes which fall below a certain usage qualify to be adopted; and
- The value, from an emergency planning point of view, of having public phones.

Resolved: to contact BT and ask about the usage of the two phone boxes at the Triangle and the Cross Hayes and whether they would qualify to be adopted by the community. **J Whittleton**

The Meeting closed at 8.18pm.