

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the **Planning & Environment Committee Meeting**
Held in Malmesbury Town Hall on **23rd July 2024** at 7.00 p.m.

Present: Cllrs: J Slade, R Sanderson, P Exton, I Wallis,

Also present: Claire Mann (Town Clerk), 12 members of the public, Cllr K Drake

PE/24/108 To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct.

Cllr Sanderson declared a non-pecuniary interest in consultation/Lime Down Solar project and will leaving the meeting when the item is taken.

PE/24/109 To receive apologies for absence.

Cllr L Crawford-Price

PE/24/110 To receive Public Questions in respect of items on this agenda.

The order of business was varied, all present in agreement, to accommodate the members of the public in attendance re Lime Down Solar project.

Cllr Sanderson left the meeting

PE/24/111 To note Malmesbury Town Council has been identified as a consultation body for Lime Down Solar project and next steps and/or response to the consultation

It was duly noted that Malmesbury Town Council has been identified as a consultation body. Following a discussion including members of the public concerning the information provided from The Planning Inspectorate, it was agreed to take this item to Full Council on 30th July 2024; to consider proposal based on Public Questions whether Malmesbury Town Council intends to inform the Planning Inspectorate of any information the Council considers should be provided in the Lime Down Solar Park Environmental Statement or to confirm that the Council has no comments.

*Cllr Sanderson returned to the meeting
11 members of the public left the meeting*

PE/24/112 To approve minutes of meeting held on the 2nd and 9th July 2024

The minutes were adopted and signed as a correct record.

PE/24/113 To receive and note Income & Expenditure Report .

The report was noted, no change in income or expenditure.

PE/24/114 To receive LHFIG report (Cllr Exton).

The report was noted.

PE/24/115 To receive Highways Improvement request form

It was agreed to forward the request to LHFIG group for their consideration and also request that all yellow/double yellow lining in this area is refreshed (in accordance with the conservation area colour palette).

PE/24/116 Planning applications received since the last meeting

WC Ref: PL/2024/04405 - 70 White Lion Park, Malmesbury, SN16 0QP

The committee resolved No Objection.

WC Ref: PL/2024/06063 - Tower House, Oxford Street, Malmesbury SN16 9AX

The committee resolved No Objection.

WC Ref: PL/2023/09930 - Punters Farm, Malmesbury, SN16 9JP

This application remains CALLED-IN and our previous comment of Jan 2024 (Objection) still stands:-

At the Malmesbury Town Council Planning and Environment Committee meeting on 9th January 2024 the following comment was resolved:- Objection. MTC objects to this proposal due to: the lack of footpaths/cycleway provision to offer a reasonable level of connectivity to Malmesbury town; the lack of a footpath connection at the entrance to Backbridge to the main road and to Tetbury Hill, the concerns of the Malmesbury Primary School by being overlooked, affordable housing level calculated at 39% not 40%; heating is not air source heat pump; design issues concerning materials and layout as highlighted by Urban design (including concern over roof tiles). As fundamentally, this application is in excess of approvals already given in respect of the emerging Local Plan to 2038 and there is no current Housing Land Supply requirement, we have asked for this application to be made subject to a Call In. Comment ref - WC-24-01-290480.

WC Ref: PL/2024/06168 - The Cliff, 5 Gloucester Road. Malmesbury SN16 9JS

The committee resolved No Objection.

WC Ref: PL/2024/05663 - 22 St Johns Street, Malmesbury, SN16 9BW

The committee resolved No Objection.

WC Ref: PL/2024/06326 - The Maltings, Malmesbury, SN16 0RN

The committee resolved No Objection.

PE/24/117 Progress update on removal of Covid stickers to High Street

It was noted this has been completed by the Grounds Staff, who were thanked by all present.

PE/24/118 Update on Standing Items

War Memorial

It was agreed to continue to request a meeting with the Conservation Officer and Planning Officer

Bridges

Abbey Mill - Response received over confirming safety measures to be erected in the short term.

Goosebridge

Bridges Dept at Wiltshire Council have met with a contractor with a view of improving the surface over the bridge.

Behind bowling green (rotting timber) – awaiting response.

Between Daniels Well and Avon Mills (rotting timber) – awaiting response.

Market Cross

Continue to progress chase gully clearance, awaiting response from Minerva Stone re availability and costing.

Wheeler Way foot improvements

Meeting 25/7/24 with Wilts Council and councillors to progress.

Footpaths – no update

Dropped kerbs, accessibility survey, pedestrian experience – draft survey to approve
It was agreed the survey will be published and distributed with the following deadline:-
1st August to 30th September

The meeting was closed at 8.04 p.m.