



# MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Full Council Meeting

Held in Malmesbury Town Hall on Tuesday 25<sup>th</sup> March 2025 at 7.00pm.

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**Present;** Cllrs P Exton, G Grant, I Wallis, S James, K Drake, RP Jones, L Crawford-Price, K Power, C Doody, J Slade, M Crawford-Price and S D'Arcy.

**Also present:** Claire Mann (Town Clerk) and three members of the public at different times.

### MAYORS ANNOUNCEMENTS

Cllr Exton notified Members that during the previous month he had attended;

- A dinner with the Mayor of Royal Wootton Bassett.
- The 9RLC Boxing competition.
- The unveiling of the Athelstan 1100 embroidery
- The Big Dig artefacts found.
- Opening of Nook and Huddle

Cllr Exton reported that his 'Boogie With the Mayor' had been a great success and reminded Councillors that the Sri Banquet will be taking place on the 26<sup>th</sup> April.

**FC/25/33 To receive declarations of interest.**

None received.

**FC/25/34 To receive apologies for absence.**

Apologies received from Cllrs Sanderson, Hastings & Ritchie

***It was resolved to bring item 12 forwards.***

**FC/25/35 To receive an update from Wiltshire Councillor, Gavin Grant. This may include urgent actions to be considered by the Council.**

Cllr Grant updated the Council on the following matters;

- The last Area Board meeting of the civic year had taken place and the Chief Constable had attended. CC Catherine Roper fully supports the reformation of the Community Safety Forum. Cllr Grant suggested that an item is included on the agenda for the new Council in May to appoint a representative to the group as it is led by the Malmesbury Area Board.
- The Strategic Planning Committee of Wiltshire Council had refused the application for 55 houses on the Sherston Road.
- The application at Park Rd had gone to appeal due to non-determination of Wiltshire having been to the Committee on two occasions. The S106 agreement is complicated but does open up some opportunities. The Planning & Environment Committee will submit response when notification is received.
- Persimmon Homes and Malmesbury Primary School have met and the outcome is optimistic that a footpath will be routed through Pool Road. A further meeting has been requested to include Cllrs Grant & Smith.

- Wiltshire Council has received formal notification from Gleeson that a larger scale development is proposed at Filands and Cllr Grant will 'call the application in' if necessary.

**FC/25/36 Public participation on items of business included on the agenda.**

One member of the public stated that they believe current applications are not the end of upcoming developments at Filands.

Another member of the public stated that the closure of Footpath 8 appears to have had an extension for its closure for a further 8 months which he believes to be un-necessary. Cllr Grant asked for a photograph of the sign stating the closure and will raise the issue with Wiltshire Council.

*2 members of the public left the meeting.*

**FC/25/37 To receive and update from the Town Clerk on correspondence in the last month.**

The Town Clerk's correspondence was noted.

**FC/25/38 To receive and adopt the minutes of the Full Council meeting held on the 25<sup>th</sup> February 2025.**

The minutes were received and noted.

Cllr Power asked for an update on the Asset Acquisition Working Group, due to the commercial sensitivity of the update it was resolved to exclude the press and public.

Members were updated by the Group.

The press and public were re-admitted to the meeting.

*1 member of the public entered the meeting.*

**FC/25/39 To receive and note the minutes of the Policy & Resources Committee meetings held on the 6<sup>th</sup> January and the 11<sup>th</sup> February 2025.**

The minutes of both meetings were received and noted.

**FC/25/40 To receive and note the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on the 18<sup>th</sup> February.**

The minutes of the meeting were received and noted.

**FC/25/41 To receive and note the minutes of the Town Hall and Facilities meeting held on the 9<sup>th</sup> January 2025.**

The minutes of the meeting were received and noted.

**FC/25/42 To receive and note the minutes of the Community Engagement and Town Promotion Committee meeting held on the 16<sup>th</sup> January 2025..**

The minutes of the meeting were received and noted.

**FC/25/43 To note the date of the Robing Ceremony as the 20<sup>th</sup> May 2025.**

The 20<sup>th</sup> May was noted as the date of the Robing Ceremony.

**FC/25/44 To receive updates from representatives of Malmesbury Town Council on the following organisations;**

- i. **Wiltshire Association of Local Councils & Society of Local Council Clerks**  
No update received.
- ii. **Malmesbury Conservation Group**  
No update received.
- iii. **Malmesbury Town Team**  
Cllr L Crawford-Price will send a written report for the website.
- iv. **Malmesbury & District Twinning Association**

Cllr Doody reported that the reciprocal visits were taking place this year to Neibull..

- v. **Operational Flood Group**  
Cllr D'Arcy reported that at the Operational Flood Group meeting (Wiltshire Council) he had raised the flooding issue at Huws Grey, Park Road. Cllr D'Arcy was advised that Huws Grey is responsible for its own flood alleviation scheme as the site is on a functional flood plain. Cllr Grant suggested that Huws Grey are put in touch with Roz Savage, MP to help.
- vi. **Local Highways & Footpaths Improvements Group**  
No update received.
- vii. **Local Youth Network Management Group**  
No update received.
- viii. **Movies @ Malmesbury.**  
No update received.
- ix. **Bus Service improvement**  
No update received.
- x. **Health & Well-being Forum.**  
No update received..
- xi. **Community Safety Forum**  
Cllr Grant stated that the formation of this group is from within the Malmesbury Area Board, the new Council in May should elect a representative at its first meeting.
- xii. **Joint Neighbourhood Plan**  
Cllr Power stated that Brokenborough Parish Council has agreed in principle to join the group to revise/renew the Neighbourhood Plan. The Group has agreed to defer further actions after the Election.
- xiii. **Cotswolds National Landscape Board.**  
No update received.
- xiv. **Athelstan Statue**  
No update received.

**Meeting closed at 7.50pm**