



Minutes of the **Planning & Environment Committee Meeting**
Held in Malmesbury Town Hall on Tues 10th March 2026

Present: Cllrs: P Exton (Chair), R Sanderson (Vice Chair), I Wallis, J Paget, K Drake, RP Jones, O Wallis, J Akhtar & M Akhtar.

Also present: Claire Mann, Town Clerk and five members of the Public

It was resolved to bring the discussion about PL/2026/00948 – Wendy Cottage forwards for the benefit of the members of the public present

PE/26/24 Public participation on items of business included on the agenda

Cllr Exton asked members of the public present if they wanted to make representations on the application.

One member of the public stated that they are a neighbour of the property and said that there had been no mention that their property is Grade II listed and also the potential demolition of their boundary wall that would cause great disruption. Another neighbour is concerned about the proximity to the Town Wall and how the development would create an obscured view of that.

Cllr Exton asked if the Town Clerk could upload the letters from members of the public objecting to the application as they don't have access to the WC Planning Portal.

PE/26/25 To resolve comment on planning applications received since last meeting

PL/2026/00948 – Wendy Cottage

Following discussion it was resolved that Malmesbury Town Council objects to the proposed application due to the lack of privacy, overdevelopment close to the ancient Town Wall and its unsuitability for the location.

Two members of the Public left the meeting

It was resolved to bring the discussion about the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan forwards for the benefit of the remaining members of the Public

PE/26/26 To resolve comment from Malmesbury Town Council on the Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan for Malmesbury ending 23rd March 2026.

Following intense discussion it was agreed that submitting a comment from the Planning & Environment Committee would not be possible as the survey is based around individual preference and relevance. It was agreed to send a comment stating that Malmesbury Town Council fully supports the presentation made by Keith Freeguard and the work that his group is doing to progress the plan.

Three members of the Public left the meeting

PE/26/27 To receive declarations of interest

None received.

PE/26/28 To receive apologies

Apologies received from Cllr James.

- PE/26/29 To approve minutes of the meeting held on the 17th February 2026**
The minutes were approved and signed as a correct record.
- PE/26/30 To receive and note Income and Expenditure report.**
The report was noted.
- PE/26/31 To note and agree next steps; River Management Working Group recommends to P&E Committee not to join the Wessex Water Watermark for Towns scheme for this round of applications and to review again in November 2026 when the scheme re-opens.**
It was noted that the River Management Group recommends that the Council doesn't join the scheme on this occasion but that it is revisited in November.
- PE/26/32 To resolve participation/response in Wiltshire Council Electric Vehicle Infrastructure community engagement survey via common place platform**
Members went through the Survey and answered each section as per resolutions.
- PE/26/33 To resolve comment of planning applications received since the last meeting**
PL/2025/02257 – Land to the North of Whychurch Farm.
Following discussion it was agreed that the Town Council reaffirms its original strong objection, noting that it has been called in by Cllr Grant.
PL/2026/00711 – Culver View
It was resolved that the Town Council has no objection to this application.
PL/2026/00840 – Little Morley
It was resolved that the Town Council has no objection to this application.
PL/2024/11385 – Inspectorate ref; 6004915
Members looked through other comments from residents on the portal. It was resolved to add the concern raised by Jane Deacon to the Town Council's original comment.
- PE/26/34 Update on standing items**
Triangle Junction
No update available.
Wheeler Way
Cllr Grant is setting up a meeting, Cllrs I Wallis and Sanderson would also like to be involved in the meeting.
Dual recycling bins for general refuse/recyclables
No update available.
Speed Indicating Devices (SIDs)
No update available.
Market Cross
It was noted that work will commence in May.
River Management Group
Cllr Sanderson stated that a meeting with the Bristol River Avon Trust and the Environment Agency is taking place next week.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm