

## Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the **Planning & Environment Committee Meeting**  
Held in Malmesbury Town Hall on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2024 at 7.00 p.m.

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- Present:** Cllrs: J Slade (Chair), R Sanderson (Vice Chair), P Exton, I Wallis, K Drake, L Crawford-Price, R P Jones
- Also present:** Lisa Dent (Dep Town Clerk), 6 members of the public, B Harris from Persimmon Homes
- PE/24/132 To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct.**  
None received.
- PE/24/133 To receive apologies for absence.**  
Cllr W Jones.
- PE/24/134 To approve minutes of meeting held on the 13<sup>th</sup> August 2024**  
The minutes were adopted and signed as a correct record.  
It was confirmed by Dep Town Clerk the submission statement for Lime Down Solar has been entered and an email receipt received.
- PE/24/135 To receive and note the income and expenditure report**  
The report was noted by the committee.
- PE/24/136 To receive Public Questions in respect of items on this agenda**  
It was proposed by Cllr Slade and agreed by all present to bring forward planning application:-  
PL/2024/07298 - 2A Pool Gastons Road, Malmesbury, Wilts SN16 0DG. Proposal: Full planning permission Redevelopment of 2a Pool Gastons Road to create three new dwellings.  
Following review of the application and documents on the Wiltshire Council planning portal, residents voiced queries regarding the suitability of the scale of the development and proximity to neighbouring properties.
- PE/24/137 Planning applications received since the last meeting - PL/2024/07298**  
Malmesbury Town Council resolved the following comment: Objection. Malmesbury Town Council is of the opinion, the overbearing impact of 3 new dwellings will result in a negative influence to the surrounding properties in terms of size, scale, and proximity. Neighbouring properties would be overlooked or overshadowed, significantly impacting the quality of life for these residents, affecting their privacy and amenity.  
*6 members of the public left the meeting*
- PE/24/138 Punters Farm development - Barnaby Harris (Persimmon Homes) in attendance**  
B Harris gave an update on the revised plans and advised how Persimmon Homes has been in liaison with the primary school, tennis club and football club. Persimmon feel they have improved the proposed development and that Wiltshire Council are of the opinion this site is 'allocated.' They are offering two First Homes at 30% discount of the market price to first time buyers with a local connection and this local connection and discounted price is for the lifetime of the home.

- PE/24/139 To request Persimmon restates its position of not installing barriers to the SUDs (attenuation pond) at Backbridge Farm for the benefit of the Committee and agree any next steps.**  
B Harris advised Persimmon Homes do not plan to install rails or barrier to Backbridge Farm SUDs attenuation ponds. Malmesbury Town Council remains concerned and feel this is a safety issue and B Harris agreed to inform Persimmon of this and report back in due course.  
*B Harris left the meeting at 7.45 p.m.*
- PE/24/140 Highways improvement request – High Street, Malmesbury**  
The request had been received from Parking Services at Wiltshire Council who had been in contact directly with the resident. The committee agreed it would request that lines and text for the spaces is repainted and this request will be referred to R Chivers at Wiltshire Council. The other issues 1) Make the spaces longer 2) Rename from “Disabled” to “Blue Badge” 3) Shorten the time limit to give more people access to the spaces were not issues the town council can advocate and the committee will not be referring these to LHFIFG. The issue of additional disabled parking may be considered with the Accessibility Survey which is now online.
- PE/24/141 To consider Public Refuse Bins report and agree any next steps.**  
The waste bin report was reviewed and it was agreed:-  
2 new additional town council bins to be purchased for two locations 1. Outside Paul Newton (Goldsmith) and 2. Railing on High Street junction with Kings Wall.  
  
Additional large capacity bin for Cloister Gardens events (to remain in storage when not required).  
  
Further investigations to be made into recycling waste bin refuse collection providers and suitable new bin provision for the Market Cross and other heritage areas.
- PE/24/142 To note: MTC made written representation at the Northern Area Planning Meeting on 21st Sept PL/2023/05471 - Land South West of Park Road, Malmesbury, Wiltshire and note Wiltshire Council agreed actions from this**  
Malmesbury Town Councillors raised concerns over a lack of information regarding flooding risks and egress plans. Councillors were also frustrated at an inability to examine some information and conditions. Core Policy 41 was also referred to as no sustainable energy strategy had been provided. It was resolved by the Northern Area Planning Meeting to i) To defer the application ii) To formally request that documents relating to flooding risk and egress to be made public.
- PE/24/143 To note 4 bus stops are under Malmesbury Town Council ownership**  
The four locations were noted.
- PE/24/144 To consider entering into a funding agreement with Wiltshire Council for the suspension of car park charging commencing 01 October 2024 to 30 September 2025 : first two hours of a stay at Station Road and free parking on bank holidays to Station Road and Cross Hayes.**  
Dep Town Clerk has requested the costing for this and it has not yet been received. It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting on 24<sup>th</sup> September to be able to consider the costs involved.  
  
It was noted the Cllr Exton is requesting for signage to be made available to display the subsidised parking arrangements..

**PE/24/145 To resolve comment for planning applications received since last meeting**

WC Ref: PL/2024/07736 - 3 Abbots Garden, Malmesbury, SN16 9HY

It was agreed to comment No Objection.

WC Ref: PL/2024/07732 - 49 – 51 Burnivale, Malmesbury, SN16 0BL

It was agreed to comment No Objection.

WC Ref: PL/2024/07283 - Abbey Mill House, 1 Mill Lane, Malmesbury, SN16 0AD

It was agreed to comment No Objection.

WC Ref: PL/2024/07536 - Flat 1, 18 Gloucester Street, Malmesbury, SN16 0AA

It was agreed to comment No Objection.

WC Ref: PL/2024/02040 - 10 Katifer Lane, Malmesbury, SN16 0AU

It was agreed to comment No Objection.

WC Ref: PL/2024/07494 - 32 West Street, Malmesbury, Wilts, SN16 0AR

As there were no files on documents uploaded on the planning portal, the deputy town clerk will contact the planning officer and request an extension for comment and the application will be reviewed at the next meeting.

**PE/24/146 To note – update on standing items**

**War Memorial**

It was noted that Wiltshire Council planning and conservation officer have requested a scheme developed by a heritage architect/surveyor before pre application advice. This has been costed to £12,750 plus VAT by dittrichudsonvasetti architects (DHVA).

It was agreed that the project will remain active and that the priority for improving the safety of the junction will be considered at the next meeting.

**Abbey Mill Bridge**

It was noted the safety works to Abbey Mill had been completed but there are two areas left open. Dep Town Clerk will contact Bridges Dept and request they return to complete the works.

**Wheeler Way improvement**

Currently awaiting response from Wiltshire Council.

**Footpaths**

A local parish council is requesting clarification on a matter. Cllr Exton's contact details to be provided.

**Accessibility**

The survey is open and will be advertised on the Town Council website and social media.

The meeting was closed at 8.45 p.m.