



Minutes of the **Planning & Environment Committee Meeting**
Held in Malmesbury Town Hall on Tues 7th July 2026

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

Also present: Lisa Dent, Dep Town Clerk. 2 members of the public.

PE/26/82 To receive declarations of interest
None received.

PE/26/83 To receive apologies
None received.

PE/26/84 Public participation on items of business included on the agenda
2 members of the public were in attendance for Wendy Cottage planning application. It was resolved to vary the order of business to bring forward this item.

PE/26/85 Wendy Cottage PL/2026/03704
After reviewing the revised plans it was resolved to Object to the Variation of Condition 2 (approved plans) relating to application PL/2026/00948. The variation details the use of the mezzanine as a bedroom needing additional roof height and we object to both the additional bedroom accommodation and increase in roof height.
2 members of the public left the meeting

PE/26/86 To approve minutes of meeting held on Tues 9th June 2026
The minutes were adopted and signed as a correct record.

PE/26/87 To receive and note Income & Expenditure Report
The report was noted, no expenditure as yet this financial year.

PE/26/88 To receive notetracker Wiltshire Council Local highways and Footpaths Improvement group meeting 2/6/26
The notetracker was noted, there are several items where we await contact from Highways engineer Steve Hind to Town Clerk Claire Mann.
Also re item 7-26-07 - Request for effective lighting between Silk Mills and Parliament Row, recommendation to be assessed by Malmesbury TC and St Paul Malmesbury Without PC at night. It was agreed that Dep Town Clerk will contact St Paul Without Parish Council and advise we are available to be involved with this item should they so wish.

PE/26/89 To receive verbal report on Lime Down Solar accompanied site visit from Cllr Paget
Cllr Paget recently undertook an organised site visit with the Planning Inspectorate, visiting several prominent locations and was informed the infrastructure is proposed to be set up with a holding centre shuttled by HGV vehicles during the installation process. The scale of this project, visual impact and safety concerns re battery storage remains very much concerning to this council.

- PE/26/90** **To note P&E committee will oversee Streetscape and Signage Working group and to review/amend 1. Terms of Reference membership and 2. Purpose/governance of the Working Group**
- It was noted that P&E committee will oversee Streetscape and Signage Working group. Re membership, Cllr Stephen James and Cllr Sanderson have joined the group. The purpose of the working group will be refined at the next meeting of the group which Dep Town Clerk will organise. This will then be brought back to P&E to be adopted.
- Also at this meeting the completed street audits will be reviewed for any recommendations.
- PE/26/91** **To note Full Council is designated through the Business Plan to update and operate the Town's Emergency Plans and agree any next steps**
- This was noted.
- PE/26/92** **To resolve comment to planning application received since the last meeting**
- PL/2026/03544 – Wynard Mill
Comment – We are disappointed this amount of trees are being removed in a Conservation Area and refer to the Tree Officer to ensure this is necessary. We would like to request suitable replacement planting is made.
- PL/2026/03539 – The Tangled Garden, Kings Walk
No objection, we would like to request suitable replacement planting is made.
- PL/2026/03673 – 9 Gastons Road, Malmesbury
No objection.
- PL/2026/03954 – 52 Gloucester Street, Malmesbury
Comment – The reasoning for the tree works is not clear, we would like to request that suitable replacement planting is made.
- PE/26/93** **Standing Items**
- Triangle Junction
The meeting at The Triangle (on site) to agree list of future improvements is 7.00 pm 09/07/26.
- Wheeler Way
The proposal to proceed with costing for improvement works as follows was agreed :- 1) Signage to be installed 2) Install chicane-style barriers 3) To erect metal fencing to hedge gap. Dep Town Clerk will contact the landowner in the first instances for their permission.
- Market Cross
The works to the Market Cross structure start 27th July 2026 and includes replacement of lead flashings, repointing, mortar works and consolidation, moss removal, buttress repairs, finial inspection and repairs. No traffic management is required and duration is estimated as 2 weeks. Market Cross businesses and Friday market co-ordinator have been informed.
- Speed Indicating Devices
No update on the non-functioning speed indicating devices.
- River Management Group
Next meeting is 30th July 2026. Cllr Sanderson gave an update including clearance arranged to the top of the weir and also at Cowbridge, two new lifebuoys will be installed and Bowls Club works is awaiting approval.
- Meeting closed 20.08