

MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 29 APRIL 2008 IN THE MARKET ROOM, TOWN HALL, MALMESBURY AT 7 PM

PRESENT: Councillor: J Bowen, Mrs C C Doody, S Killane, J E F Poole, M H Snell, C M Vernon, A C R Woodcock (later), P Rice - Deputy Town Clerk (Minutes)

Members of Public: One Members of Press: None

Apologies: None

Also in attendance: Councillor: W Blake

Non-Attendance: -

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

None

1 MINUTES It was resolved that the minutes of meeting held on 8 April 2008 be signed as a true record.

Points raised:

- Cllr Bowen expressed concern again regarding the proposed enlargement of the pond between Reeds Farm and the Filands development and has asked for a formal report from Persimmon, particularly in the light of there being no apparent dialogue with NWDC or Highways plus the absence of any formal public consultation. **ACTION PHIL RICE**

2 PROGRESS ACTION POINTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

- Cllr Bowen has met the member of public who has suggested the erection of steps half way up the Abbey Steps and has had discussions with NWDC and is still awaiting comments etc but since the meeting it appears that the member of public concerned has made direct contact with the officer concerned. **ACTION CLLR BOWEN**
- A resident of Basevi Close has expressed concern about the speed of traffic at the front of this new development made worse by the road now being in parts "blind" making it difficult for residents of the new road to exit it in their vehicles. She has suggested that traffic calming might help. It was agreed that we should seek a meeting with Highways to look at remedies etc. **ACTION PHIL RICE**
- Cllr Killane expressed concern at the last meeting about dog fouling and he has been provided with the appropriate legal guidelines as per the Dog Control Orders Regulations 2006.
- **DARK LANE** Still waiting to hear regarding options for traffic calming. As mentioned at last meeting between WCC officers was recently cancelled and will take place again shortly. **ACTION PHIL RICE CHASE AGAIN DURING MAY**
- **THE BURNIVALE WALL COLLAPSE AND PROGRESS ON REBUILD** Little has happened recently but at least we are being seen to be trying to do something and the latter will be cased again late next month. **ACTION PHIL RICE TO LATE MAY**

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Name	Application/item	Type of Interest	Nature of interest	Action
Cllr Killane	08/00820/FUL	Financial	Drew the plans	Left the room and took no action in debate and did not vote

4. PLANNING ISSUES

- **APPLICATIONS RECEIVED** The applications on the attached schedule were tabled and comments forwarded to North Wiltshire District Council.

ACTION PHIL RICE

- It should be noted that Cllr Snell asked that the minutes reflect that he opposed the decisions taken regarding applications 08/00570/FUL and 08/00494/COU.

- **Unresolved Planning Issues**

	Location	Issue	Action	Current Position
1	Manor House, Oxford Street and The Manse	It is thought that the owner of the property has made some inappropriate alterations to the interior of the building including stairs thought not in keeping with a Grade 2 listed building	Phil Rice in dialogue with NWDC	February 2008 NWDC taking legal action but having problems contact relevant party ACTION PHIL RICE TO CHASE AGAIN EARLY MAY 2008
2	6 Gloucester Street	Erection of suitable sign and internal alterations done without planning permission	March 2008 Phil Rice reported to	March 2008 Awaiting comments April 2008 CHASE

5. TO CONSIDER CURRENT PARKING AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES

- It was noted that the kebab van which has moved to the by pass close to the entrance to Baskerville had blocked an ambulance trying to enter Baskerville.
- Members expressed conflicting views on the recent road works along Tetbury Hill designed to stem traffic flow. Cllr Bowen was of the opinion that the time to determine the adequacy of this will be some six months after the new Abbey Heights has been inhabited for six months.
- We understand that the Department of Transport has recently carried out a traffic survey and we are to ask for the findings. **ACTION PHIL RICE**
- Cllr Snell advised that the car park working group had discussed some form of residents parking scheme but any further action on this would be inhibited without a full review of the town's infrastructure. He went on to say that it is the abuse of parking regulations that is one of the biggest transport ills in the town.
- It was suggested that we should contact Charles Pescod at NWDC re the imminent Burnham House development particularly regarding parking in the light of what has happened at the former Art Centre. We would wish to be consulted by district council on the general design of this plus another potential town centre development. Both plans will have a significant impact on both infrastructure and parking issues. **ACTION PHIL RICE**
- There was a brief discussion regarding the Newton Grove play area which is legally outside our control in the light of the safety issues etc and that we should tape it up and at the same time go to the press to highlight members' concerns. In the first place Cllr Bowen is to talk to the Town Clerk. **ACTION CLLR BOWEN**
- It is rumoured that maybe a hotel will be built on the old Burton Hill site; something which members mentioned this committee would be happy to see.
- Cllr Vernon that the broken paving in Bristol Street has been replaced with unsightly tarmac which is not suitable for a conservation area.
- Cars still park on the grassed area of the long stay and members think that these should be ticketed and this will be brought up with the parking manager at NWDC. **ACTION PHIL RICE.**

6. TO CONSIDER THE INFRASTRUCTURE OF THE TOWN PARTICULARLY SEWAGE

Time prevented too much debate on this topic but the chairman mentioned that he has a contact eminently placed to talk to us with authority regarding environmental issues and sustainability and he will take this forward at the appropriate time which could be as early as the next meeting.

7. CORRESPONDENCE AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

- Despite the protestations of neighbours and this committee, objections to application 08/00477/FUL regarding an extension at 3 Cooper Close has been turned down and the application has been passed.
- Meanwhile application 08/00295/COU in respect of change of use at 38 Gloucester Street has been withdrawn as has one for an external flue at 8 Parkmead covered in application 08/00252/FUL..
- Additionally an application to amend condition 11 re David Hendry Cars has been refused.
- Members should please note that the committee meeting originally set for 17 February next is to be on 19 February. **ACTION MEMBERS**
- A copy of the Community Area Highway Information for Area 1 has just been received and is available for inspection along with the report on a Cross Party Inquiry into Childhood Leukaemia and Power Lines.
- Highways advise that along with Network Rail work (mainly digging) is being done to help prevent/alleviate flooding at Kingway Bridge.

- Since the meeting the Town Promotions & Tourism Committee have remarked about the damaged tarmaced area at the top of Whychurch Hill which had a lorry run over it during sweltering conditions some years ago. We will again bring up with Highways. **ACTION PHIL RICE**
 - It appears that some budget will be made available to resurface the Cross Hayes Car Park and Highways, following their conversation with Cllr Thomson yesterday. However given that it is intended to “rubber crumb” the area which would cost possibly less than half the £40 per square metre for traditional resurfacing, Danny Everett would seek a meeting with this council and Cllr Thomson before proceeding. **ACTION PHIL RICE HAS ARRANGED A MEETING WITH RELEVANT PARTIES ON 15 MAY AT 3PM AT THE TOWN HALL. WOULD THE CHAIRMAN PLEASE CONFIRM HIS AVAILABILITY AND WHI IS TO ATTEND IN ADDITION ON BEHALF OF THIS COMMITTEE. THIS WOULD ALSO BE A PERFECT OPPORTUNITY TO CHASE/BRING UP OTHER ISSUES CURRENTLY ONGOING**
 - Recycling is to be included in agenda of next meeting of this committee. **ACTION PHIL RICE**
 - It was agreed that the new road at the former Customs Transformers site be named The Light which was one of the names suggested by the developer and we have indicated our support to district council since the meeting.
8. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 20 MAY 2008 IN THE TOWN HALL, ROOM TO BE DETERMINED**
9. Meeting closed at 8.55 pm.

APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING MEETING 29 APRIL 2008

APPLICATION NUMBERS	08/00793/COU	MTC 614
PROPOSAL	Conversion of art centre to nine residential units - rev permission 07/00026/FUL	
LOCATION	Malmesbury Art Centre	
APPLICANT	Causeway Developments Ltd	
DECISION	SUPPORT ALTHOUGH BEARING IN MIND PARKING ISSUES IN AREA, FEEL THAT PARKING FACILITIES AT DEVELOPMENT ARE INADEQUATE	

APPLICATION NUMBERS	08/00746/COU	MTC 615
PROPOSAL	Change of use from financial and professional services(class A2) to residential	
LOCATION	40 Cross Hayes	
APPLICANT	Mr J Steel	
DECISION	SUPPORT	

APPLICATION NUMBERS	08/00740/FUL	MTC 616
PROPOSAL	Single storey side extension	
LOCATION	32 Niebull Close	
APPLICANT	The United Reform Church (SW Synod)	
DECISION	SUPPORT	

APPLICATION NUMBERS	08/00820/FUL	MTC 617
PROPOSAL	Single storey extension/conservatory	
LOCATION	54 Avenue De Gien	
APPLICANT	Mr & Mrs J P Hughes	
DECISION	SUPPORT	
APPLICATION NUMBERS	08/00800/LBC	MTC 618
PROPOSAL	Install new staircase between first and second floor	
LOCATION	98 Gloucester Road	
APPLICANT	Ms A-J Brown	
DECISION	SUPPORT	
APPLICATION NUMBERS	08/00792/LBC	MTC 619
PROPOSAL	Replace all windows to back and front	
LOCATION	2 St Marys Street	
APPLICANT	Westlea Housing Association	
DECISION	SUPPORT	
APPLICATION NUMBERS	08/00870/FUL	MTC 620
PROPOSAL	Relocation of garden building (approved under 06/03298/FUL)	
LOCATION	Badgers Cottage, Bristol Street	
APPLICANT	R Taylor	
DECISION	SUPPORT	

LATE APPLICATIONS FOR MEETING 29 APRIL 2008

APPLICATION NUMBERS	08/00494/COU	MTC 621/603
PROPOSAL (AMENDED)	Change of use to residential (8 flats) including internal and external alterations	
LOCATION	46 High Street	
APPLICANT	The Gable House Surgery	
DECISION	SUPPORT	
DECISION (AMENDED)	SUPPORT	
APPLICATION NUMBERS	08/00760/FUL	MTC 622
PROPOSAL	Replace roofs on seven garages abutting United Reform Church	
LOCATION	United Reform Church, 14 St Marys Street	
APPLICANT	United Reform Church, SW Synod	
DECISION	SUPPORT	
APPLICATION NUMBERS	08/00867/FUL	MTC 623
PROPOSAL	Single storey side extension	
LOCATION	20 Minot Close	
APPLICANT	Ms L Levin	
DECISION	SUPPORT SUBJECT TO SILVER BIRCH TREE BEING RETAINED	