

MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 14 OCTOBER 2008 IN THE TOWN HALL, MALMESBURY AT 7 PM

PRESENT: Councillor: J Bowen, Mrs C C Doody (part), J E F Poole, M H Snell, C M Vernon, P Rice - Deputy Town Clerk (Minutes)

Members of Public: One Members of Press: None

Apologies: - Councillor: W G Blake (Chairman), M Thomas,

In attendance: - The Mayor, Cllr A C R Woodcock,

Non-Attendance: - Councillor: R F Sanderson

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- In answer to a question the meeting was informed that there were no specific timescale for the re-opening of Burnham Road.

1 MINUTES In the absence of the chairman, the deputy chair Cllr Snell proposed and it was then resolved that the minutes of meeting held on 23 September 2008 be signed as a true record.

Points raised:

- None

2 PROGRESS ACTION POINTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

NB The figures in brackets are the dates when the issue was first raised.

- **(10/07)** Regarding the proposed steps half way up the Abbey Steps, Cllr Snell had been waiting feedback and costings following submission of his drawings from a contractor but has had no response so he is to try BLW engineering in South Cerney. **ACTION CLLR SNELL TO PROGRESS**
- **(4/08)** The site meeting at Basevi Close took place on 11 September and it is hoped that opposite the entrance the grass bank will be removed to provide additional parking which will make highway wider and this along with stricter speed enforcement should improve matters. However there is still more work to do on this initiative including a feasibility study. Some discussion ensued on whether this was the right, or indeed a sufficient solution. Meanwhile Cllr Doody mentioned prioritisation of highways initiatives covered at a recent meeting she and colleagues attended and it was agreed that we would write to Area 1 suggesting this as a priority initiative. It appears that this has been taken on board
- **(7/08)** It had been agreed that, following information supplied by Cllr Snell, we would ask for a new sign in St Mary's Lane and a narrow width sign as well and we await developments. **ACTION PHIL RICE AWAITING DEVELOPMENTS – CHASE**
- **(11/07)** All parties are ready to proceed regarding the rebuild of the wall at Burnivale but it may still take months before it happens. This is in the hands of insurers and we will diary three months for progress. **ACTION PHIL RICE TO MONITOR IN NOVEMBER 2008**
- **(9/08)** Over recent months, there have been concerns about the number of buses parking round the Cross Hayes and particularly on occasions the way

the Roman Catholic Church's and the library's entrances are blocked off. Five buses being parked at the same time is not unusual and up to seven have been observed. The local bus operator and his drivers have been asked to co-operate and this has not always worked and it was resolved that in the first place we should write to Parking Services. Cllr Doody advised that this was covered at a recent meeting she attended and our concerns have been recognised. Similarly it looks as if there has been some improvement anyway over recent weeks.

- **(9/08)** There had been discussions in recent meetings concerning joy riding, anti social behaviour etc in the long stay area and on roads leading to it. Cllr Snell advised that he has been in contact with the relevant NWDC officer and has written to him also in a private capacity. His letter has also been circulated to local residents. The topic is to be covered at tomorrow's parking meeting. **ACTION CLLR SNELL TO KEEP COMMITTEE ADVISED**
- **(10/08)** The day after the meeting Phil Rice met an enforcement officer who said that whilst relaxed regulations had been brought into play, there are few guidelines even at their level of government and at times some of the officers are working in a bit of a "vacuum".

3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Name	Application/item	Type of Interest	Nature of interest	Action
Cllr Woodcock	08/02296/TCA	Personal	Member of PCC	Did not take part in debate nor vote
Cllrs Poole, Snell	08/01941/FUL	Personal	Both Warden & Freeman	Did not take part in debate nor 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**

- **Unresolved Planning Issues**

	Location	Issue	Action	Current Position
1	Oxford Street/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 Ongoing dialogue with NWDC	OCTOBER 2008 NWDC taking legal action but matters still proceeding slowly. Not enough data yet to prosecute on the

				<p>Manse REVIEW JAN 2009 NB Little progress on The Manse as Enforc'ment need more evidence rather than "rumour" to gain access although a local organisation has written in about it.</p>
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2	St John's Cottage, 6 St John's Street	Felt breach of planning regulations here in respect of the roof and the dormer windows	June 2008 Phil Rice reported to NWDC	<p>OCTOBER 2008 NWDC to look at property CHASE IN TWO WEEKS</p>
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3	Roundmead, St John's Street	Yard of a boarded up cottage being used as a car park	June 2008 Phil Rice reported to NWDC	<p>OCTOBER 2008 Enforcemen t looked at aerial photos back to 2000 and advise this is a case that cannot be won. DELETE CASE</p>
4	David Hendry Cars	Use of grass verge as display area	July 2008 Reported	<p>OCTOBER 2008 NWDC to look at property CHASE IN TWO WEEKS (NB IF</p>

				ONLY “ODD” CAR PARKED THERE, NO ACTION IS ENFORCE ABLE)
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5. TO CONSIDER CURRENT PARKING ISSUES

Members discussed:

- Tomorrow night’s car parking meeting.
- The continuing problems of drivers parking on private land in front of the private garages set back along Burnivale.
- The issues surrounding the “new” Cross Hayes car park which will be discussed at greater length at the above meeting.
- Concerns about cars parked outside St Joseph’s School which given parents have a concession to park in the Cross Hayes is both frustrating and dangerous. We are to contact the school. **ACTION PHIL RICE**
- The “bottleneck” along Blicks Hill and we are to contact the local police sergeant about this and cars parked along Market Lane. **ACTION PHIL RICE**
Retuning to Blicks Hill, it is thought there is insufficient signage and perhaps the prioritisation is not strong enough.

6. TO CONSIDER CURRENT ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES INCLUDING CONCERNS RAISED BY MALMESBURY PATIENTS’ GROUP ABOUT CROSSING BY PRIORY ROUNDABOUT

- On the specific topic, members were reminded that the potential problems at this crossing were presented to relevant officials at the time it was suggested to us. We are to send a copy of the letter to Highways along with any minute made at the time. **ACTION PHIL RICE**
- We have recently been advised that a cycle rack could be put outside the front of our building. Members resolutely oppose this and would prefer that the existing one by the side of our building be improved or one placed on the “new” Cross Hayes car park. Incidentally a cycle rack is to be put outside the library. We are to write. **ACTION PHIL RICE**
- Cllr Vernon advised that £10k from NWDC is to be spent on street furniture as a result of monies budgeted some time ago. We should get the funds shortly and in return we will have to manage the work/improvements.

7. SUSTAINABILITY SYMPOSIUM/WORKSHOP FOR MALMESBURY – NEXT STEPS

- The recent sustainability event was a successful and the topics covered have been allocated to four “focus” groups. A follow up meeting arranged for next week has had to be postponed.
- Turning to January’s symposium, the programme goes to print this week and a number of exhibitors have been lined up for the Friday whilst the Saturday could have an emphasis on products/services the public may wish to purchase or educated about.

8. CORRESPONDENCE AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

- The appeal against refusal to agree to the construction of a “smoking shed “at the Kings Arms has been successful. Meanwhile two recent applications,

supported by this committee concerning 32-34 Gloucester Street have been withdrawn.

- Following our letters to the authorities directly and indirectly concerned, it is encouraging that the Newnton Grove effluent problems are being tackled.
- Members have been provided with a copy of a letter dated 13 October from Jane Scott, leader of WCC, regarding bus transport in the Malmesbury area. Apparently there was an increase in the budget of some 27% in 2007 but currently an overspend in excess of £700k is forecast. On the same topic the Residents Association has written in and we will respond accordingly.

ACTION PHIL RICE

- The budget for this committee for 2008-9 will be on the agenda for the next meeting.

ACTION PHIL RICE

- WCC is taking enforcement action against residents of Old Alexander Road regarding cutting of trees, hedges and other vegetation.
- The minutes of the latest minutes from the Cotswold Conservation Board are available for examination.
- We have received notice regarding incorporating a one hour charge of 40p (currently you can park for four hours for 50p) in the long stay car park.
- Members have been provided with an email regarding particularly freight issues along the B4040. Informal feedback should be with Laura Gosling at WCC by no later than 9 November.

- We understand that failure to proceed with the Conservation Area Plan is an NWDC management and resource issue, not as suggested and we are awaiting feedback from the relevant NWDC officer. In the absence of developments to questions asked by us of the relevant NWDC officer, we are to write to Lachlan Robertson, copying in Miranda Gilmour as she has expressed interest in this topic.

ACTION PHIL RICE

- We understand that training sessions for new members etc should be available in the “near future”.
- Cllr Snell expressed concerns about the recent increase in signs etc outside, particularly, public houses and “indiscriminate” use of wasteful electricity for signs.
- As requested following a question raised at this meeting about the £100k spent on new toilets at Chippenham’s bus station, the Town Clerk has learnt that this was a budgeted expense.

9. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 4 NOVEMBER 2008 IN THE TOWN HALL.

10. Meeting closed at 8.20 pm

APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING MEETING 14 OCTOBER 2008

NUMBERS-NWDC	08/02249/FUL	MTC	703
PROPOSAL	Eight rooflights		
LOCATION	Persimmon House, Tetbury Hill		
APPLICANT	Persimmon Homes (Wessex) Ltd		
DECISION	SUPPORT		

NUMBERS-NWDC	08/01941/FUL	MTC	704/685
PROPOSAL (Revised)	Conservatory		
LOCATION	Hurdle Store, Cross Hayes Lane		
APPLICANT	Warden & Freeman		
DECISION	OPPOSE AS IT FAILS TO PRESERVE		

OR ENHANCE THE AREA PER POLICY C3i.
 ADDITIONALLY WE BELIEVE ANY
 CONSERVATORY SHOULD GO ACROSS
 THE WHOLE OF REAR OR PREMISES AS
 ENERGY SAVINGS WILL BE REDUCED
 FROM PREVAILING EAST WIND
 SUPPORT

DECISION (Rev'd)

LATE APPLICATIONS FOR MEETING 14 OCTOBER 2008

NUMBERS-NWDC	08/02296/TCA	MTC	705
PROPOSAL	Tree surgery to two sycamore trees		
LOCATION	Malmesbury Abbey Churchyard		
APPLICANT	Malmesbury Abbey		
DECISION	SUPPORT		
NUMBERS-NWDC	08/02300/LBC	MTC	706
PROPOSAL	Installation of flue and associated pipework re new boiler		
LOCATION	Kings House, 30 Kingswall		
APPLICANT	Dr & Mrs Gray		
DECISION	SUPPORT		
NUMBERS-NWDC	08/02308/FUL	MTC	707
PROPOSAL	Single storey side and rear extension		
LOCATION	126 White Lion Park		
APPLICANT	Mr & Mrs C King		
DECISION	SUPPORT		
NUMBERS-NWDC	08/02017/FUL	MTC	688
PROPOSAL (Rev'd)	Extension and Conversion to form four one one bedroom flats		
LOCATION	31 Corn Gastons		
APPLICANT	Mr Dyne		
DECISION	OPPOSE. THE DEVELOPMENT IS TOTALLY OUT OF CHARACTER WITH SURROUNDING AREA. ADDITIONALLY WE ARE CONCERNED AT THE LACK OF PARKING ON SITE AND THAT VEHICLES WILL PARK ON THE NARROW ROAD OUTSIDE. PLEASE REFER TO POLICIES C3i AND C3vii		
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