

MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE HELD ON 25 JANUARY 2011 IN THE TOWN HALL, MALMESBURY AT 7 PM

PRESENT: Councillors: R F Sanderson (Chair), W G Blake, A Carnegie, Mrs R Miles, M H Snell, C M Vernon

Members of Public: Five

Members of Press: Nil

Apologies:- Councillor: J E F Poole, A Stamp

In attendance: The Mayor – Councillor P J Goldstone, Councillor Mrs J Cavendish

Absent: None

151. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- None.

151. MINUTES

- The minutes of the meetings held on 4 January 2011 were accepted and noted as a true record.
- Points Raised: None.

152. PROGRESS ACTION POINTS FROM PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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

- **(11/07)** The Burnivale Wall issue is still ongoing. Matters do not appear to have progressed much further and having investigated further in November 2010 we were told that the various parties are still in discussion and it would be surprising if there are early positive developments. **ACTION PHIL RICE TO REVIEW IN MARCH 2011**
- **(10/08)** We had been informed in late 2008 that the initiative to grant short term parking in the Cross Hayes for parents of pupils at St Joseph's will not proceed, partly because this is on street parking and there is no policy in place. However we had written to the Parking Officer at the then NWDC advising that it would not be difficult to implement here. We have commented on this also in the recent Parking Strategy document and had also raised an Issues Sheet. **ACTION PHIL RICE TO CHASE FURTHER IN MARCH 2011**
- **(9/09)** Members are keen to support the bus stop clearway initiative at Park Road but felt that funding should come from Highways and an Issues Sheet with supporting papers had been raised in the first place. We are still awaiting an implementation date and having chased in July have been told that this is now back on the action list but there is no implementation date as yet. Having chased Area Board during week ending 22 October for progress, it now appears that this is still an active issue. **ACTION PHIL RICE**
- **(6/10)** Cllr Blake had brought up some time ago the topic of the hedges around Reeds Farm on the space to the north which includes the new play area and reported on the comments passed at the above meeting with Persimmon. Clearly Persimmon has maintained it section of hedges well but Wiltshire Council has not. We now have a contact to talk to. **ACTION PHIL RICE**

- **(6/10)** It was felt that the grass area at the corner of Hudson Road which has no real use could provide some parking in that part of town. Members felt disappointed about the response and an Issues Sheet had been raised and sent to Area Board and during week commencing 26 October the issue was accepted by the Area Board. **ACTION PHIL RICE TO MONITOR**
- **(12/10)** Regarding the small scale street furniture improvements a number of initiatives will be completed by our own staff and Wiltshire Council has taken responsibility for a number of others. **ACTION PHIL RICE DIARY TWO MONTHS FOR PROGRESS**
- **(11/10)** We will look at installing the bollards in the lower High Street in early 2011 following agreement given at the last meeting and a meeting is hopefully to take place shortly with Highways to agree action and where appropriate responsibility. We have recently been told that Wiltshire Council will fund the installation work so we can now commence installation etc. **ACTION PHIL RICE TO IMPLEMENT**
- **(12/10)** After some discussion, it was resolved that the raising of an Issues Sheet regarding the inability at times to gain even emergency access to properties etc in and around the Horsefair area was not the way forward at this time. Instead a site meeting will be set up involving relevant officers and perhaps councillors from Wiltshire Council plus Cllrs Sanderson and Snell. **ACTION PHIL RICE TO SET UP MEETING AND WE AWAIT A DATE NOTING THAT CLLR KILLANE IS ALSO EXERTING PRESSURE.**
- **(12/10)** There was concern raised by a member of the public at the December 2010 meeting that the applicant for 3 Jubilee Gardens (10/04231/FUL) may not have obtained permission for an earlier extension. It appears that Wiltshire Council wrongly indicated that such application was not required. This will now be put right. **ACTION PHIL RICE TO INCLUDE IN UNRESOLVED ISSUES**

NEW ISSUES OUTSTANDING FROM THE LAST MEETING

- **(1/11)** It was noted at the last meeting that the repairs to the carriageway in the Market Cross have been simply (and wrongly) asphalted and we and we have now been advised that this (and similar at the lower end of High Street will be completed within two months. **ACTION PHIL RICE TO DIARY FOR PROGRESS TO SAY 25 MARACH 2011**

153. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Name	Application/item	Type of Interest	Nature of interest	Action
The Mayor	11/00067/DDD	Personal	Friend of applicant	Neither talked nor voted on the application

154. PLANNING ISSUES

- **APPLICATIONS RECEIVED** The applications at the end of these minutes were tabled and comments are to be forwarded to Wiltshire Council. **ACTION PHIL RICE**
- The application regarding development by 75 Parkland (which this council objected to) is to be heard by Wiltshire Council on 26 January and Cllr Carnegie is to attend.

- **Unresolved Planning Issues**

	Location	Issue	Action	Current Position
1	Oxford Street/The Manse (Allan B)	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	7/10 Phil Rice spoke to officer who is looking to take alternative action to seek removal of the boards over the windows and the recently installed sheet metal over the gate. On 4 October we asked the police to confirm to enforcement that there is little crime in Oxford Street and this was duly done,	11/10 We are aware that site is being marketed for sale. ACTION PHIL RICE TO REVIEW FEBRUARY 2011
2	Small parking bay rear of 42 Bristol Street Ref (10/199 – Anne M)	It appears that the owners have dug out a parking space and filled in with concrete in the curtilage of a listed building	10/10 Whilst Enforcement are unhappy with many aspects of the area, owner says that some of the “fittings” were there before. Currently negotiating with him to make various changes to make the development more in fitting with the conservation area.	January 2011 Application received but we will wait until application is considered before any further action is determined. REVIEW MID MARCH

155. TO CONSIDER ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES INCLUDING SPEEDWATCH

- Cllr Sanderson, having obtained three volunteers, is to write to local organisations if they can find a further three volunteers to achieve minimum training numbers.
ACTION CLLR SANDERSON

- We understand that lights have recently been erected by the Old Bell Hotel at the rear of the premises which seem to shine as far as the Wortheys and we are to ask if the lights can be re-angled. **ACTION PHIL RICE**
- Cllr Miles, having discussed the matter with members, is to speak to the landowner of the land next to the river (by the allotments) along Park Road with a view to the rubbish and detriment being taken out. **ACTION CLLR MILES**
- Members expressed great concern about the state of a number of roads following recent repairs and it was affirmed that the quality of the patch up work was very poor indeed and in some places has resulted in flooded gullies and we should invite the highway technician to look at individual areas. St Aldhelm's Road/Park Road was specifically mentioned. Members expressed concern that the relevant lead councillor in Wiltshire has suggested that the tarmac used was of high quality; this seems not to be the case. **ACTION PHIL RICE**
- Cllr Snell expressed concern about the recent increased incidence of dog fouling and we are to write accordingly. He mentioned Gloucester Road which he has contact Wiltshire Council about and asked that we write specifically mentioning Tetbury Hill where mothers are encountering mess when taking young children to school. **ACTION PHIL RICE**

156. TO CONSIDER THE WAY FORWARD FOLLOWING THE RECENT DISTRIBUTION OF THE DRAFT FINDINGS FROM THE TRAFFIC CALMING SURVEY TO INCLUDE THE WORK DONE SINCE BY THE WORKING GROUP.

- Resolved we support the content of the paper with the addition of a 20 mph speed limit rather than a 20 mph zone and other minor changes. Paper to be suitably amended prior to forwarding to members and the Area Board. **ACTION CLLR SANDERSON WITH PHIL RICE**

157. TO CONSIDER PARKING ISSUES.

- It was resolved that we should write to Wiltshire Council protesting about the hugely increased parking fees in the long stay car park at a time when we are trying to encourage its greater use. In addition to writing to Wiltshire Council we should also contact local parishes, M&VCAP and the Chamber of Commerce. **ACTION PHIL RICE X 2**
- Members were disappointed that the Eilmer Bridge application had not been successful and we understand that the instigators will be meeting shortly to consider the next step. We are to write to them expressing our support and assistance. **ACTION PHIL RICE**

158. TO CONSIDER THE WAY FORWARD REGARDING THE APPOINTMENT OF A TREE OFFICER FOR MALMESBURY.

- A suitable candidate has come forward but she is currently on holiday. It was resolved that we formally approach her prior to asking Wiltshire Council to formally appoint her. At the same time Cllr Cavendish volunteered to assume the role of deputy. **ACTION PHIL RICE TO WRITE AND COMPLETE REQUIRED FORMALITIES**

159 FOLLOWING THE LAST TOWN COUNCIL MEETING, TO CONSIDER FURTHER THE WAY FORWARD WITH THE LOCALISM BILL NOTING THAT COUNCIL RESOLVED THAT MALMESBURY IS TO BECOME A PILOT IN THE PROCESS TO PRODUCE A TOWN PLAN.

- Following a wide-ranging discussion members felt that following James Gray attending a meeting on 25 February, the aims of the localism bill would become clearer. However members thanked Cllr Carnegie for the excellent

information he had provided which would help the issue as regards Malmesbury move forward.

- However it was resolved that a group of councillors headed by the Mayor and supported by Councillors Blake, Carnegie, Sanderson and Vernon should look to meet with developers including Gleesons as part of the overall forward planning process.

160. FOLLOWING THE PRESENTATION BY CLLR CARNEGIE AT THE LAST MEETING OF THIS COMMITTEE, TO CONSIDER THE CONTENT OF A PAPER DISTRIBUTED AHEAD OF THE MEETING.

- The relevant issues here were “rolled” into many of the discussion points etc in 159 above.

161. CORRESPONDENCE AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION.

- Letter received from Malmesbury & St Paul Without Parish Council about the state of some of the pavements which have been covered in the meeting.

162. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – TUESDAY 15 FEBRUARY 2011 IN THE TOWN HALL AT 7PM

163. Meeting finished at 9 pm.

APPLICATIONS	MEETING 25 JANUARY 2011	
NUMBERS-WC-N PROPOSAL	10/04503/FUL	MTC 27
LOCATION	Improvement works including replacement retaining walls and fencing, resurfacing, replanting and provision of new single garage building	
APPLICANT	Land at Harpers Lane, Bristol Street	
DECISION	P Von Fullman OPPOSE. WE DO NOT THINK THIS IS AN APPROPRIATE DEVELOPMENT IN THE CONSERVATION AREA AND ARE PARTICULARLY CONCERNED THAT THE GARAGE IS CLEARLY VERY MUCH NOT IN KEEPING. POLICY HE1 APPLIES	
NUMBERS-WC-N PROPOSAL	11/00101/FUL	MTC 28
LOCATION	Demolition of Existing Garage and Erection of Two Storey extension	
APPLICANT	92 White Lion Park	
DECISION	P Wright SUPPORT	
LATE APPLICATIONS	MEETING 25 JANUARY 2011	
NUMBERS-WC-N PROPOSAL	11/00067/DDD	MTC 29
LOCATION	Fell one apple tree and cherry tree	
APPLICANT	The Retreat, Holloway	
DECISION	Ms L Cook SUPPORT	

NUMBERS-WC-N	10/04309/FUL	MTC 30
PROPOSAL	Replacement of existing windows and front door	
LOCATION	9 The Maltings	
APPLICANT	N Muttock	
DECISION	SUPPORT	
NUMBERS-WC-N	11/00199/FUL	MTC 31
PROPOSAL	Erection of rear conservatory	
LOCATION	19 Bonners Close	
APPLICANT	Mr Gould	
DECISION	SUPPORT	