

## MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

### MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING AND ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES COMMITTEE HELD ON 3 MAY 2011 IN THE TOWN HALL, MALMESBURY AT 7 PM

**PRESENT:** Councillors: R F Sanderson (Chair), W G Blake, M H Snell, and C M Vernon

**Members of Public:** Four

**Members of Press:** Nil

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

**In attendance:** Councillor Mrs J Cavendish, Mrs C C Doody

**Absent** Councillor Mrs R Miles

#### 210. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

- The Chair opened the meeting; this his last on the committee by thanking his councillors for their support and work over the past year.
- Several members of the public and councillors covered the way we should handle the White Lion Land LLP application regarding the proposed construction of 77 houses off Park Road and it was resolved that a one topic meeting be held on 17 May. In fact there will need to be an extra item being the election of chair and deputy chair for what will be the first meeting in the new Mayoral year. Since the meeting, all arrangements have been put in place.

#### 211. MINUTES

- The minutes of the meetings held on 19 April 2011 were accepted and noted as a true record.
- Points Raised:
  - At the last meeting it was agreed that on parking that Cllr Sanderson to be responsible for a full shopping list of needs and issues including of course the dramatic parking rises which will hopefully be put before the next Area Board but will be first presented to Cllr Tonge giving him the chance to research and provide answers. Only one response has been received from other members for issues etc that should be raised and members are asked to provide Phil Rice with ideas and initiatives by 10 May. **ACTION ALL MEMBERS**
  - We have asked for a meeting with the Area Board involving the four unitary councillors on parking and the reaction so far has not been discouraging. **ACTION PHIL RICE**

#### 212. 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. In March we attempted to contact a solicitor for one of the interested parties but to no avail. **ACTION PHIL RICE TO REVIEW NOW**
- **(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. In March 2011 Cllr Killane indicated that he would also be "chasing" further. **ACTION PHIL RICE TO CHASE FURTHER END MAY 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 TO CHASE AHEAD NOW**
- **(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. The issue was raised by Cllr Doody at a Community Safety meeting that she was at involving some Area Board members on 19 April. **ACTION PHIL RICE TO ACTION**
- **(12/10)** Regarding the small scale street furniture improvements a number of initiatives have completed by our own staff and Wiltshire Council has taken responsibility for a number of others but many of the latter's tasks are deemed low priority. In March 2011, Cllr Blake has suggested we add repainting of the parking markings in the High Street along with the Belisha beacons and this has been factored into the outstanding work. **ACTION PHIL RICE DIARY PROGRESS END OF JULY**
- **(11/10)** We will look at installing the bollards in the lower High Street shortly. The bollards will be delivered week 2 May 2011. **ACTION PHIL RICE TO IMPLEMENT**
- **(02/11)** The Town Clerk at the meeting on 15 February informed the committee about the damage caused to the Market Cross. He had engaged the services of a structural engineer to ascertain the safety of the monument and was talking to the company who caused the damage and liaising with English Heritage over the schedule for repairs. The Market Cross could continue to be used by charity groups but no signs or banners were to be permitted. Meanwhile we have asked professionals to advise us on the way forward given the comparative complexity of the matter. **ACTION PHIL RICE TO MONITOR**
- **(03/11)** At the first meeting in March 2011 the chair outlined the content of a recent Flood Warning meeting he attended and it was resolved that he and Cllr Vernon would work on a plan for Malmesbury; it being noted that the Environment Agency would provide support initially. At this meeting Cllr Blake mentioned some information that could be useful to Cllr Sanderson and Vernon. The latter mentioned that one of the key factors for a flood plan was to have trained flood wardens but Cllr Blake suggested that before taking this further we should examine what the suggested role comprises. It would however be useful if flood wardens lived in areas sensitive to flooding and it might be worth speaking to Bradford-on-Avon town council in the first place as they sue them. **ACTION PHIL RICE X 2**
- **(03/11)** The outgoing Tree Officer mentioned at the first meeting in March 2011 that he had written to the council and other landowners in 2009 enclosing estimates etc for important tree maintenance and it was resolved that we should write, where appropriate, to Wiltshire Council to try to progress any works. **ACTION PHIL RICE**

- **(3/11)** Cllr Snell expressed concern at a recent meeting about speeding along Webbs Way and the police have been alerted whilst there are concerns that the “next generation” of boy racers appear to be using the long stay car park and ask for a CCTV camera in the location. The police’s reaction is that speeding is not a problem along Webbs Way whilst the camera in the long stay car park is functional (was a suggestion it was broken) but Wiltshire Council seem to have a procedural IT security problem preventing it being used at this time. **ACTION CONTACT THE APPROPRIATE OFFICER END OF MAY (M RIPPON)**
- **(3/11)** Regarding the proposed reduced bus service on route 30 members felt that the impact on Malmesbury was perhaps fairly minimal and we should not oppose these reductions. We have requested that the this service also routes into the long stay car park **ACTION PHIL RICE TO MONITOR**
- **(3/11)** We have been advised that a replacement sign has been ordered to encourage motorists particularly lorry drivers not to drive along Mill Lane and it is anticipated that a no entry sign will be put at the other end of Mill Lane shortly. We have now advised the two main Satnav operators via their websites asking that they change their “routes”. Members wondered if a no entry past Mundens Close would also help. **ACTION PHIL RICE TO PURSUE LATEST POINT**

**MATTERS OUTSTANDING FROM THE LAST MEETING**

- **(4/11)** On parking Cllr Sanderson to be responsible for a full shopping list of needs and issues including of course the dramatic parking rises which will hopefully be put before the next Area Board but will be first presented to Cllr Tonge giving him the chance to research and provide answers. **ACTION CLLR SANDERSON**
- **(4/11)** Cllr Blake, having received some very strong but justifiable comments, reintroduced the vexed subject of the uncut perimeter hedges behind Reeds Farm which are the responsibility of Wiltshire Council. It is regrettable that it is a number of older people who are suffering as a result of this. He has raised an issues sheet. Phil Rice wrote recently and is in diary to chase if required. **ACTION PHIL RICE CHASE PROGRESS**

**213. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Name	Application/item	Type of Interest	Nature of interest	Action
None				

**214. 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**

**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	7/10 Phil Rice spoke to officer who is looking to take alternative action to seek removal of the	5/11 We are aware that site is possibly to be disposed off. <b>ACTION</b>

		stairs thought not in keeping with a Grade 2 listed building	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,	<b>PHIL RICE TO REVIEW LATE MAY 2011</b>
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.	April 2011  Revised application received recently
3	15 Kingswall	Collapsed Wall	Wiltshire Council seems not really involved. Contact the affected property owners	<b>ACTION REQUIRED NOW</b>
4	11 High Street (11/0114/ENF)	Inappropriate signage on new shop for a listed building	Contact owner and write Enforcement	<b>ACTION REQUIRED NOW</b> Diary end of June

**215. TO CONSIDER ENVIRONMENTAL ISSUES INCLUDING PROGRESS ON SPEEDWATCH.**

- Concerning speedwatch Cllr Sanderson advised we hope to have date for training the six volunteers shortly. Implementation will proceed very soon after the training, a date for which is awaited. **CLLR SANDERSON TO KEEP COMMITTEE ADVISED OF PROGRESS**

## 216. TO CONSIDER PARKING ISSUES

- Nothing discussed at this meeting.

## 217. CORRESPONDENCE AND EXCHANGE OF INFORMATION

- The planning officers are recommending refusal re the proposed conversion of Burton Hill House into residential units.
- A bus shelter removed from Corn Gastons for upgrading is due to be put back on site on 11 May.
- The Campaign for the Protection of Rural England is having an open day in the Town Hall on 27 May. For more information <http://malmesbury.com/whats-on-in-malmesbury/icalrepeat.detail/2011/05/27/29087/57/the-campaign-to-protect-rural-england-open-day-in-malmesbury.html>

**218. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY 25 MAY 2011 IN THE TOWN HALL AT 7PM – BUT AS MENTIONED EXTRAORDINARY ONE ON 17 MAY AT 7 PM**

219. Meeting finished at 8.10 pm.

APPLICATIONS	MEETING 3 MAY 2011
<b>NUMBERS-WC-N</b>	11/01020/TCA <b>MTC</b> 65
<b>PROPOSAL</b>	Reduce two silver birch, two ornamental and pine by 33%
<b>LOCATION</b>	25 The Maltings
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Mr Price
<b>DECISION</b>	SUPPORT
<b>NUMBERS-WC-N</b>	11/01314/S73A <b>MTC</b> 66
<b>PROPOSAL</b>	Improvement works including replacement walls and fencing, resurfacing, planting and lighting -Revision 10/04503/S73A
<b>LOCATION</b>	Land at Harpers Lane, Bristol Street
<b>APPLICANT</b>	P Von Fullman
<b>DECISION</b>	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
<b>NUMBERS-WC-N</b>	11/01021/CAC <b>MTC</b> 67
<b>PROPOSAL</b>	Demolition of existing bungalow
<b>LOCATION</b>	109 Gloucester Road
<b>APPLICANT</b>	Leopold Estates Ltd
<b>DECISION</b>	OPPOSE - DEMOLITION WOULD FAIL TO PRESERVE OR ENHANCE THE CONSERVATION AREA. POLICY C3I OF THE FORMER NWDC LOCAL PLAN APPLIES. YOU HAVE ALREADY SEEN OUR COMMENTS RE 11/00935/FUL