

## Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the **Planning & Environment Committee Meeting**  
Held in Malmesbury Town Hall on **Tuesday 6<sup>th</sup> December 2022** at 7.00pm.

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**Present:** Cllrs P Exton (Chair), C Ritchie (Vice Chair), L Wood, E Whatton ,W Jones

**Also present:** Lisa Dent (Deputy Town Clerk). 1 Member of the public

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**PE/22/173 To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct**

None declared.

**PE/22/174 To receive apologies for absence**

None received.

**PE/22/175 To receive Public Questions in respect of items on this agenda**

One member of the public in attendance and the committee agreed a dispensation to speak at the planning item.

**PE/22/176 To adopt the minutes of Tuesday 16<sup>TH</sup> November 2022**

The Minutes were adopted and signed as a correct record.

**PE/22/177 To consider dark skies survey request from Cotswold National Landscape**

It was agreed that the survey will be completed at the meeting and the committee has registered for further information and education regarding dark skies.

**PE/22/178 To consider next steps following reported traffic incident – Gloucester Road to Malmesbury Primary School.**

*Cllr E Whatton joined the meeting 7.25 p.m.*

It was agreed the following actions will be taken: (1) We will consult with the primary school and police to further our understanding of the incident. (2) We will contact the member of the public who contacted the Town Council, to advise that we have discussed the matter and we will consult with the primary school and police to understand the scale of the problem, we did commence traffic calming measures along this road with Wiltshire Council and we will follow this up. (3) 20 mph speed limit at various Malmesbury locations to be discussed at future P&E Meeting (4) Highways improvement form to be forwarded to member of public who contacted Town Council.

**PE/22/179 To note letter sent to Wiltshire Council (M Kilmister, T McCombe, c.c N Botterill, c.c G Clampitt-Dix) regarding planning application decisions in Malmesbury requesting a meeting.**

A response has been received and we are in the process of arranging the meeting, which will take place in January 2023 and the invitation will be extended to all P&E councillors.

**PE/22/180 To receive report regarding Market Cross (Cllr Exton)**

Cllr Exton advised formal discussion has taken place with Cirencester Town Council and that they advised their pedestrianisation project has increased footfall and interest, which may be due to 4 markets per week. We understand not all local retailers support the project which did involve a reduction in car parking to town centre. For the Market Cross

area in Malmesbury, it was agreed a hybrid, flexible or even seasonal approach would better suit and this may take the form in the first instance of an independent expert review. This may come under a town development review funded by CIL in the next 4-5 years. Deputy Town Clerk will make enquiries with Wiltshire Council to clarify if they are receptive to changes in the Market Cross area which would be funded by Malmesbury Town Council.

**PE/22/181 Planning applications received since previous meeting**

PL/2022/08781 – Land adj to No 50 King’s Wall, Malmesbury

No objection – we would be supportive of any green energies incorporated into this application such as PV or solar panels.

***One member of the public left the meeting 8.20 p.m.***

PL/2022/08002 - Ashfield House, Baskerville, Malmesbury - No objection

PL/2022/09125 - Abbey Mill House, Mill Lane, Malmesbury

Objection. Comment: We refer this application to the Conservation Officer. This dwelling is a listed building situated at the gateway to Malmesbury. The visual impact of the large extension and external staircase is concerning and we would request the Conservation Officer seeks clarification re the proposed use of space - the attic area with external staircase for access could develop into independent use from the main house.

PL/2022/09107 - 52 Gloucester Street, Malmesbury - No objection

PL/2022/09080 - Joys Holt, 3 The Pines, Tetbury Hill, Malmesbury - No objection

PL/2022/08333 - 9 Hodges Drive, Malmesbury - No objection

**PE/22/182 Unresolved planning issues/updates 20/08618/FUL – Lane west of A429 (Crudwell Rd)**

Deputy Town Clerk will request a response to our comment from November meeting – “Malmesbury Town Council has concerns over the density of land being used for energy production rather than food and asks if there is a policy adopted by Wiltshire Council that is used to determine such applications.”

**PE/22/183 Verbal update on current planning appeals**

Representatives from P&E recently met with developers who intend to pursue a development at The Knoll and referred them to contact St. Paul Malmesbury Without Parish Council as the location lies within their parish.

Park Road site near Buildbase – Cllr Exton has sent out a letter to developers Hannick Homes as an invitation to work with us and consult on their development.

James Gray, Conservative MP for North Wiltshire to be invited to attend a future P&E Committee meeting to facilitate our better understanding of Government housing supply policy which would further develop infrastructure planning strategies.

**PE/22/184 Verbal update on Bloor meeting 05/12/22**

Latest site layout was presented, 132 houses although this may change slightly. Improvements to access to nursery, good attention to green spaces and we continue to request a community room at the nursery.

**PE/22/185 To note letter received following Bloor Homes meeting with Malmesbury Town Council 07/11/22 outlining how the planning application will be approached and to consider any public communication from Malmesbury Town Council (MTC).**

Bloor had composed correspondence outlining their position with regards to timescales and submission of application to planning. MTC had drafted a response to this and requested that a joint statement is made available to the public at the time the planning application will become more visible in the public domain. Bloor agreed to respond to this very shortly.

**PE/22/186 Standing Item report**

**1) Repositioning of the War Memorial**

First meeting of the working group to be arranged to include terms of reference to be agreed.

**2) Abbey Mill Bridge**

We continue to seek a meeting with the Conservation Officer to discuss the scale of works.

**3) Protection of the Market Cross**

Dep Town Clerk has contacted Historic England regarding possible survey works and we await their response.

**4) St Aldhelms Bridge Safe Load**

We understand that progress is continuing.

**5) Wheeler Way**

To be progressed with input from Bloor Homes to improve connectivity between Filands Way and Avenue de Gien.

The meeting closed at 9.07 p.m.