

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the **Planning & Environment Committee Meeting**

Held in Malmesbury Town Hall on **Tuesday 26th September 2023** at 7.00 pm.

Present: Cllrs P Exton (Chair), C Ritchie, E Whatton, R Jones

Also present: Lisa Dent (Dep Town Clerk)

PE/23/140 To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct

None received.

PE/23/141 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received and accepted for Cllrs L Crawford-Price, J Slade, R Sanderson

PE/23/142 To receive Public Questions in respect of items on this agenda

None received.

PE/23/143 To adopt the minutes of Tuesday 5th September 2023

The Minutes were adopted and signed as a correct record.

PE/23/144 Planning application received since previous meeting

PL/2023/07453 - Lower Flat , 56 BASKERVILLE, Malmesbury, SN16 9BS

The committee resolved No Objection, but would like consideration given to planting a replacement tree.

PL/2023/07388 – The Cliff, 5 Gloucester Road, Malmesbury, SN16 9JS

The committee resolved No Objection, but would like consideration given to planting replacement trees.

PL/2023/06520 - Weavers, Worthies Lane, Malmesbury, SN16 9JX

The committee resolved No Objection.

PL/2023/07642 - The Cliff, 5 Gloucester Road, Malmesbury, SN16 9JS

The committee resolved No Objection.

PL/2023/07666 - Town Forge, High Street, Malmesbury, SN16 9AT

The committee resolved Objection. The floor plan of the garage is larger than previous applications submitted and there is no apparent rationale for its purpose or intended use.

ACV/2023/00023 - Nomination of Freemasons Hall (The Masonic Hall -Freemasons Hall, Silver Street, Malmesbury, SN16 9BUI), to be listed as an Asset of Community Value

It was resolved to Support the nomination of Freemasons Hall (The Masonic Hall), Silver Street, Malmesbury to be listed as an Asset of Community Value.

Update on Bloor (Filands Appeal)

Cllr Exton attended the recent Appeal hearing. The Appeal allows Bloor to maintain the two planning applications as 'live' although there is written confirmation they would prefer to manage the sites under one masterplan, which was discussed at several meetings we held with Bloor. It was also noted Wiltshire Council had not completed the Section 106 agreement in the required timescale. We await the Inspectors report. It was agreed Dep Town Clerk will contact Bloor to request an update to any discussions after the Appeal hearing.

Update on Park Road site

There is continued concern regarding the lack of flood and drainage information on the Reserved Matters application which has been requested from the developer. It was agreed we will seek an update from Cllr Grant in the first instance and then consider contacting Wiltshire Council, the planning officer leading on the application and the developer.

Update on second Park Road site

No application has been submitted as yet, we do have details of the site owner and would want to open a dialogue regarding flooding and the Section 106 agreement. We will continue to keep this site under review.

- PE/23/145** **To consider engagement in Wiltshire Council's draft Local Plan to 2038 consultation**
- The following was agreed:
- Malmesbury Town Council will strive to arrange councillor representation at the drop-in event at Malmesbury Library (9th October 3-7 pm) organised by Wiltshire Council
- To compile information for residents to signpost to areas we believe require further clarification and assist and encourage the registration of comments during the consultation. This will be displayed on notice boards, through social media and the town council website.
- To request Scott Media to produce a press release.
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- PE/23/146** **To consider requesting planning enforcement to Malmesbury conservation area properties in poor repair**
- It was agreed we will request the planning enforcement at Wiltshire Council reviews the 5 buildings which have been identified.
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- PE/23/147** **To consider Highways Improvement requests 1) Park Road Bridge and 2) Corn Gastons**
- 1) Park Road bridge request for lighting - It was agreed to submit to LHFIG.
- 2) Corn Gastons parking on grass issue – It was agreed this will be revised to include an additional option of creating structured parking bays and pavement realigning and will then be submitted to LHFIG.
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- PE/23/148** **EV charging verbal update**
- Dep Town Clerk advised communications have continued with JoJu regarding the Malmesbury sites identified and a report will be compiled for the next P&E meeting to appraise councillors. A meeting has been arranged with Cllr Martin Smith to discuss the process for grant funding and their project work installing EV charging to Sherston.
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- PE/23/149** **St Aldhelms Church – upcoming alterations, report Cllr Exton**
- It was noted that St Aldhelms Church will be submitting a planning application and the building works proposed will provide improved layout and space, which will benefit the support of parish activities and provide a centre for children and youth ministries. It was agreed by all present that the Planning and

Environment committee supports in principle the upgrade project to this community asset and we look forward to reviewing the application as a consultee.

PE/23/150

To revise War Memorial working party membership

Cllr W Jones has agreed to stand down as Chair and Cllr R Sanderson is appointed as Chair to the War Memorial working party group.

PE/23/151

Standing items

War Memorial working group – see PE/23/151

Abbey Mill Bridge – we have been advised this will need to be taken to LHFIG/Principal Engineer at Wiltshire Council Steve Hind and Dep Town Clerk will put together information to inform on the current situation.

Market Cross – following the survey report, Wiltshire Council have been contacted to arrange the clearance of the two blocked gullies. This may require traffic management and we await further information in due course.

Wheeler Way – this will be reviewed by S Hind on his next visit.

It was requested that Footpaths be added as a standing item and all present were in agreement.

The meeting as closed at 20.38