

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the **Planning & Environment Committee Meeting**
Held in Malmesbury Town Hall on **Tuesday 24th August 2021** at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs C Ritchie(Chair), W Jones, P Smith, R Sanderson & E Whatton

Also present: Claire Mann (Acting Town Clerk)

P&E/21/93 To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct

None received

P&E/21/94 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllrs J Exton & P Exton

P&E/21/95 To receive Public Questions in respect of items on this agenda

None received.

P&E/21/96 To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd August

The Minutes were approved & signed as a correct record.

P&E/21/97 Planning issues – to consider the following;

a. Planning Applications received since previous meeting

PL/2021/06412 – Land acquired by Bloor Homes off B4014

It was resolved that the P&E Committee will **submit comments** stating that as long as Wiltshire Council Highways & the Planning Officer are satisfied with the application and that it complies with all regulations, MTC has no opinion.

PL/2021/06877 – 52 Gloucester Street

It was resolved that the P&E Committee has **no objection** to the application

PL/2021/06398 – The Cliff, 5 Gloucester Rd

It was resolved that the P&E Committee has **no objection** to the application

PL/2021/07355 & PL/2021/07915 – 15 Bristol St

It was resolved that the P&E Committee has **no objection** to the application

PL/2021/07646

It was resolved that the P&E Committee has **no objection** to the application

b. Unresolved planning issues/updates;

Notification of Planning Appeals 21/01641/OUT & 20/05470/106 (Land at Filands Road/Jenner Lane & Whychurch Farm

Cllr Ritchie had circulated a report ahead of the meeting. It was **resolved by P&E to recommend approval of the proposals** to P&R;

- Information is urgently required from Wiltshire Council

- To form a working in order to progress MTC's response (to comprise Cllrs P Smith, K Power, W Jones, C Ritchie & G Grant)
- Working Group to be staffed by Acting Town Clerk and given delegated powers to perform work required by the Planning Inspectorate
- To progress these proposals to P&R for action
- To limit financial expenditure on engaging professional support agreed by the Working Group to a maximum of £5k

Backbridge

The Clerk had requested an update on the Backbridge development and was advised by the case officer that *"We are close to finalising the S106 agreement. Latest iteration is still with the applicant team but indications are we should have a fully agreed version soon ready for engrossment, signing and completion. As such I hope to be able to issue the decision in the near future. Given need for various signatures, which can take some time to secure, I can't provide an estimated timeframe with any degree of certainty. I'm hoping it won't be much longer than 1 – 2 months, but that's just my guesstimate"*

P&E/21/98 To consider information supplied to Town & Parish Councils with Neighbourhood Plans by WC following the meeting hosted by WC on the 5th August and appropriate next steps.

Cllr Ritchie had circulated a report ahead of the meeting. It was resolved by members to accept the proposals;

1. To include the new NPPF requirements in P&E's planning consultation responses and related planning activity.
2. To make urgent enquiries with Wiltshire Council on the compliance of the Backbridge proposals with, in particular, the new NPPF standards on sustainability, design, climate change mitigation and accessibility, and, if there is a shortfall in compliance, to urge that these are addressed before planning permission is given or that they are voluntarily addressed by the developer.

P&E/21/99 To review Footpath Status reports prepared by members of the Committee

It was agreed that this item would be brought to a future meeting.

Meeting Closed at 7.55pm