

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the Extra. **Planning & Environment Committee Meeting**
Held in Malmesbury Town Hall on **Thursday 19th May 2022** at 1.00pm.

Present: Cllrs P Exton (Chair), C Ritchie (Vice Chair), K Power

Also present: Lisa Dent (Deputy Town Clerk)

P&E/22/45 To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct

None received

P&E/22/46 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr R Sanderson

P&E/22/47 To receive Public Questions in respect of items on this agenda

None received.

P&E/22/48 To agree comment on TRO Consultation ending 23rd May 2022

Disabled Parking

We object to the removal of exemption from charging for our disabled residents and visitors and feel that paying for parking could become a barrier to disabled people being active in our community. This in turn could impact on their health and well being.

The Enforcement process to this new system (disabled blue badges replaced with 'a note' from Wiltshire Council) should be subject to vigorous scrutiny by those managing the service.

Pricing Increase

We are disappointed that there is no mention in the order or in signage at Station Road Car Park, of Malmesbury Town Council subsidising the first 2 hours parking. Although Cross Hayes Car Park is not included in this TRO we would like it noted that there is no signage of our subsidy to this car park either and we will also be seeking permission to display this on signage.

We feel the large price increase in season ticket costs should be phased in gradually and this would be better received by those on restricted income and would assist with their financial planning.

Removal of Concessionary Parking Spaces – Comment by Malmesbury Town Council

We object to the removal of these spaces previously used for community events which promotes the town, encourages tourism which in turn contributes to our local economy. This is especially important in our post-Covid recovery.

The meeting closed 1.30 pm