

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the **Planning & Environment Committee Meeting**
Held in Malmesbury Town Hall on **Tuesday 25th October 2022** at 7.00pm.

Present: Cllrs P Exton (Chair), C Ritchie (Vice Chair), L Wood, R Sanderson, W Jones

Also present: Lisa Dent (Deputy Town Clerk). Two members of the public.

PE/22/141 To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct

Cllr Exton advised of his membership to the Warden and Freemen of Malmesbury (see planning application PL/2022/07674).

PE/22/142 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received for Cllr R.P. Jones.

PE/22/143 To receive Public Questions in respect of items on this agenda

A question was received from a member of the public regarding a treeworks planning application and it was agreed by all present this will be clarified on discussion discussed later in the meeting.

PE/22/144 To confirm the minutes of Tuesday 4th October 2022

The Minutes were approved and signed as a correct record.

PE/22/145 To receive LHFIG report

Defer to the next meeting when the full report will be available.

Planning Issues – To consider the following

PE/22/146 Planning application received since the previous meeting

PL/2022/07254 – 44 Foundry Road

No objection.

PL/2022/07468 – 44 Foundry Road (Listed Building Consent)

No objection.

PL/2022/07382 - Punters House, Park Road

Comment: No objection to the application, however, consideration should be given to restricting future use as a stand-alone dwelling.

PL/2022/07670 – 58 High Street, Malmesbury

No objection to the application, subject to agreement from the Conservation Officer.

PL/2022/07674 – St John's Court, St John's Street (Dec of Interest – Cllr P Exton)

Comment: We refer this application to the Conservation Officer to make a proper and informed assessment.

PL/2022/07431 – Abbey House, Market Cross

Comment: We have no objection to these treeworks, subject to the Conservation Officer confirming they are necessary and managed appropriately with due regard to the wildlife and ecology (including bats) in this area.

Licence Application – David's Tent, Christian Music Festival, Charlton Park

No objection.

PE/22/147 Highways Improvement issues: 2 items

West Street – It was agreed refer to LHFIG to request road lining to restrict parking.

One member of the public left the meeting at 8 p.m.

Parklands – It was agreed to refer to LHFIG to request signage to advise HGV vehicles of alternative route and weight limit.

PE/22/148 Wiltshire Council briefing note 22-20 To consider Substantive Highways Scheme Fund available in 2023/24

The briefing note was noted. With eligible bids requested by 18/11/22 it was agreed to defer to next year. Agenda for May/June 2023 in the new civic year to review possible proposals.

PE/22/149 Land opp The Knoll, Burton Hill. To note correspondence and consider further action

The correspondence was noted and it was agreed we will schedule a meeting with Stonewood Homes to discuss the site and their proposals. Neighbourhood Planning team will be invited to attend (Cllrs Power, Grant, Ritchie and Exton) and any other councillors are welcome.

PE/22/150 Wiltshire Council S106 Arts funding: To agree to discuss with Wiltshire Council the application of this funding at approved developments in Malmesbury

It was agreed that Dep Town Clerk contact Wiltshire Council re the application of this funding and its uses.

It was agreed that the Town Clerk refer to Policy and Resources committee an item to discuss strategy for infrastructure improvements through Wiltshire Council's S106 allocation and other funding, and determine next steps.

Unresolved planning issues or updates

PE/22/151 Verbal update on planning appeals

Land by Waitrose – we await further information

Gleeson – we await further information

PE/22/152 To hear and consider feedback from Neighbourhood Plan (NHP) Working Group on the proposed reserved matters submission by Bloor Homes (Filands) and agree initial response on behalf of Malmesbury Town Council.

The meeting took place on 10/10/22 with Cllrs Power, Ritchie, Grant and Exton in attendance. Bloor Homes will engage with MTC regarding the development which will now be one planning application. They have indicated they may use the Appeals route.

Key points from the meeting include: a reduction in the overall number of houses, nursery repositioned near entrance and a multi-use space such as a community room which could be used for youth services, improved road infrastructure, agreement to create pathway to adjoining development, a commitment to a Future Homes standard which can include elements of PV panels, heat pumps and car changing points and Bloor is reviewing what is achievable on this site.

The development is outside of MTC's Neighbourhood Plan and constructive engagement is a positive move forward. Further meetings have been scheduled for 7th November and 5th December.

PE/22/153 To agree NHP Working Group may meet with Bloor Homes and may provide feedback consistent with the Malmesbury NHP (including the developing revised plan) or as otherwise agreed with P&E.

This proposal was agreed.

PE/22/154 EV Vehicle Charging

To note next steps proposed by WC to enable local/parish councils not otherwise part of WC's EV charger programme to progress applications on WC land.

The steps were noted, the survey from WC has been completed in the first instance.

To agree Malmesbury Town Council's (MTC) participation in principle to this programme

The proposal was agreed.

To propose sites for survey in Malmesbury and to request a survey by WC's nominated supplier.

Sites were proposed as follows: Cross Hayes Car Park, Station Car Park, Market Cross, Horsefair, The Activity Zone. Dep Town Clerk will request surveys from WC's contractor.

To agree to apply for WC grant funding to take any suitable sites forward and to apply for any other available grant funding (subject to any applications/decisions that require MTC expenditure) to enable implementation of next steps subject to prior approval.

The proposal was agreed.

To communicate and consult with residents as appropriate, including any limits/constraints set by WC.

The proposal was agreed.

PE/22/155 To note WC climate strategy report and decide any steps required by MTC as a consequence. The item was deferred to the next meeting.

PE/22/156 Standing Item report

War Memorial

It was agreed to progress discussions with stakeholders, including WC Highways, Conservation Officer, War Memorials Trust. It was agreed to convene a working group and this will include Cllrs W Jones, L Wood and R Sanderson. Additional 3 councillors to be sourced from outside of P&E Committee.

Abbey Mill Bridge

The Conservation Officer requested a sample board to show the mortar and local stone and this has been completed by the stonemason. We will request the Conservation Officer view the bridge and discuss the proposed works.

Protection of Market Cross

We await further information and report from Conservation Group.

St Aldhelms Bridge safe load

Work continues and we await further updates.

Wheeler Way

Report was received from Cllr Sanderson regarding difficulty in accessing footpaths and lack or dropped kerbs. It was agreed that Cllr Sanderson will attend the next Bloor Homes meeting on 7th November to raise this issue as Bloor have indicated their agreement to assist with works in this area.

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.