

Malmesbury Town Council

Minutes of the **Planning & Environment Committee Meeting**
Held in Malmesbury Town Hall on **Tuesday 26th October 2021** at 7.00pm.

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

Also present: Claire Mann (Town Clerk)

P&E/21/116 To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct

None received

P&E/21/117 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllrs J Exton & R Sanderson

P&E/21/118 To receive Public Questions in respect of items on this agenda

None recieved.

P&E/21/119 To confirm the Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th October

The Minutes were approved & signed as a correct record.

P&E/21/120 Planning issues – to consider the following;

a. Planning Applications received since previous meeting

PL/2021/06186 – Smoking Dog

October it was resolved that MTC maintains its original concerns and although it does not object in principle, the structure/lighting must not be to the detriment of neighbouring properties. Malmesbury Town Council would like to see a proper assessment of the light pollution.

PL/2021/057357 – BP Petrol Station

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

PL/2021/09666 – Mundens Close

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

PL/2021/09198 – The Cliff

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

PL/2021/09071 – 41a High Street

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

PL/2021/05209 – Land South of Filands

It was resolved that the P&E Committee **strongly objects** to the application, comment to be submitted would include;

There is continuing real concern that this application is linked to applications which have not yet been determined to the south. The applications to the south are subject to appeal and are being strongly objected to by MTC. The southern site is not in the MNP and is not part of the MNP review proposals. The operation of a combined plan cannot at this stage be assumed. It

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would be premature and prejudging the planning process to agree the reserve matters in this application while major features, including the road and housing layouts are predicated on the southern site being included and both outline and reserved matters in the southern site also being agreed.

A specific example is the LEAP proposal; the proposal is that the LEAP for this development is in the southern site. The proposal cannot be agreed on this basis.

More generally the proposals still appear to be basic in respect of sustainable development criteria. For example, there is no evidence of any intention to fit solar panels, ev charging or rainwater recycling facilities.

The sustainability commitment in the design statement is far from robust enough and seems designed to allow the developer to build to minimum legal standards rather than in a responsibly sustainable way. This would not meet the expectations and policies of the MNP.

On other points: We are gravely concerned about the lack of community infrastructure and the lack of provision for open spaces. Road traffic safety should include the use of islands in the B4014. Car Parking is not sufficient. We can't see any provision for public transport. Litter and waste management is underdeveloped. At the detail level we want to see provision for dropped kerbs etc. MTC would like to work with the developer on all these points.

PL/2021/09298 – Westhill House

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

b. Unresolved planning issues/updates;

It was noted that the application on Land Adjacent to Waitrose has gone to appeal, members requested that discussion takes place at the next meeting.

It was also noted that annual tree pruning does not require planning permission, as confirmed by Planning Officer Caroline Gamble.

P&E/21/121 To consider budget requirements for the coming year.

Following discussion it was agreed that the budget request would be;

4096	£6,000.00
4097	£6,200.00
4098	£1,800.00

Meeting Closed at 8.10pm