



Minutes of the **Planning & Environment Committee Meeting**
Held in Malmesbury Town Hall on Tues 14th April 2026

Present: Cllrs: P Exton (Chair), R Sanderson (Vice Chair), I Wallis, J Paget, K Drake, R P Jones
M Akhtar, S James,

Also present: Lisa Dent, Dep Town Clerk, Keith Freegard and three members of the public

PE/26/45 To receive declarations of interest

None received.

It was resolved to vary the order of business for the benefit of the members of the public present.

PE/26/46 Public participation on items of business included on the agenda

Keith Freegard provided a slideshow on the progress of the Wiltshire Council Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan. On behalf of Malmesbury Town Council, Cllr Stephen James thanked Mr Freegard for the contributing much work to the project. Questions were then taken and Mr Freegard agreed to find out from Chippenham Cycle network indicative costs for relevant infrastructure projects completed in recent years. Also, how the LCWIP stakeholder group could help to support future Active Travel program in and around the town. This could involve a new development 'checklist' of items to ensure inclusion of footpaths & cycleways and that sources of funding are utilised.

Mr Freegard left the meeting

PE/26/47 To resolve comment on planning applications received since last meeting

PL/2026/00948 - Wendy Cottage, Back Hill, Malmesbury, SN16 9BT

It was noted the original objection comment to the Wiltshire Council planning portal was not displayed (Deputy town Clerk will query this).

Members of the public were invited to speak with their concerns.

It was resolved to Object to the amended plans due to insufficient changes to this application in a highly sensitive location.

Our initial comment still stands and Malmesbury Town Council continues to find the following concerning: Ridge height of extension, the development being unsuitable for a conservation area close to the Town Wall and this should preclude the use of zinc cladding. Mezzanine room could be used as additional bedroom accommodation which could then result in an additional vehicle without parking provision.

It was resolved to request Cllr Gavin Grant Call-In the application.

3 members of the public left the meeting

PE/26/48 To receive apologies

Apologies received from Cllrs J Akhtar and O Wallis.

- PE/26/49 To approve minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 31st March 2026**
Cllr James was present at the meeting and this had not been noted.
Subject to this amendment, the minutes were adopted and signed as a correct record.
- PE/26/50 To receive and note Income & Expenditure Report**
The report was noted.
- PE/26/51 To note and agree any comment for consultation into Traffic Regulation Order's concerning changes to chargeable parking hours and increase of parking charges at following Malmesbury car parks: Activity Zone, Burnham Road and Station Yard - consultation period end on 5th May 2026**
It was noted that Cross Hayes car park is also included in the Traffic Regulation Order (TRO).
The committee noted the contents of the TRO.
It was agreed to compile a summary of the TRO changes to parking costs and timings and publish this to the community via the Town Council website and social media. This will help the understanding of the changes and how residents can be involved in registering comments during the consultation period.

Due to the impact these changes will have on Malmesbury residents, visitors and businesses, the item was deferred to Malmesbury Town Council Full Council meeting (21st April 2026) for comment.
- PE/26/52 Lime Down Solar – 1. To note responses from IGP re The Applicant's Response to Relevant Representations (Part 1) 2. Should the council disagree with the Applicant responses, to consider registering follow-up comments making clear the council's disagreement**
Draft responses had been circulated by Cllr Drake prior to the meeting and it was agreed that following some minor amendments, the responses will be submitted by the Deputy Town Clerk.
- PE/26/53 Standing Items (Updates where available)**

Wheeler Way Improvements – Meeting to be arranged with Cllr G Grant.

Recycling bins – Manufacturers are working on a strengthening design modification and investigating paint improvement.

Speed indicating devices – Wiltshire Council are investigating the two units which are not in use and will advise in due course.

Market Cross works – Three qualified contractors have been invited to tender for the works and this will close on 17th April 2026.

River Management – Work continues by the three sub groups, the next full meeting will be 1 p.m. on 28th May 2026.
- The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.