



Minutes of the **Planning & Environment Committee Meeting**
Held in Malmesbury Town Hall on Tues 17th February 2026

Present: Cllrs: P Exton (Chair), R Sanderson (Vice Chair), I Wallis, J Paget, K Drake, O Wallis

Also present: Lisa Dent (Dep Town Clerk), K Freegard

PE/26/12 To receive declarations of interest

None received.

PE/26/13 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received Cllrs J Akhtar and M Akhtar.

PE/26/14 Public participation on items of business included on the agenda

Keith Freegard updated the committee on recent work to the LCWIP (Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan) which is being compiled by a group of volunteers and stakeholders. This will shortly go to a public consultation and it was requested that the town council support the process by advertising this through the website and social media and this was agreed by all present. The public can register their comments through an online portal or via email and once further information is received the details will be advertised. Deputy Town Clerk will forward the presentation slides to all councillors.

K Freegard left the meeting

PE/26/15 To approve minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 27th January 2026

The minutes were adopted and signed as a correct record.

PE/26/16 To receive and note the Income and Expenditure report

The report was noted.

PE/26/17 Highways Improvement Request Katifer Lane

1. Resident parking concerns – parking restriction requested for use of current tenants

It was agreed to inform the property owner to contact Wiltshire Council directly to enquire about the allocation of residents parking. The committee will request that the area is reviewed by emergency services to take advice on the current situation re access for emergency vehicles. Once this information is received the committee will review this and consider a options available such as a yellow lining request.

PE/26/18 Update on LHFIG (Wiltshire Council Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group) meeting 27/01/26

Cllr Exton attended the meeting. Update on Town Council submissions:-

Horsefair – Traffic Regulation Order is in process.

Dark Lane – This was prioritised with various measures in progress.

Various speeding concerns – following metro and vehicle type count is was agreed Sherston to Bremilham Road will be progressed and permission and suitable location for a speed indicating device requested from LHFIG.

Glovers Court/Hudson Road – No waiting at any time will be progressed around radius at Hudson Road.

Athelstan Road – this item was closed.

Foundry Road – Dep Town Clerk to enquire with Highways Engineer R Chivers what maintenance issue was discussed with Cllr Grant.

Reeds Farm – Cllr Exton will supply a What3words reference for the location, item has been referred to Town Council to progress.

Burnivale Road – Lining refresh is being considered, Dep Town Clerk will enquire when this will be scheduled.

PE/26/19 To agree any representation to PL/2025/03305 - 5 dwellings Pittville, Bremilham Road at Northern Area Planning committee meeting 11th March 2026

As no agenda details have not been circulated for this meeting by Wiltshire Council, Dep Town Clerk requested further information from the planning officer and this was not forthcoming. Councillors reported that further changes and amendments had been made to the application and the committee will await further information of these changes as a consultee.

PE/26/20 To agree any representation to attend the preliminary meeting, notification of hearings and other procedural decisions. Tues 21st April & Weds 22nd April at Neeld Community & Arts Centre, Chippenham or online via TEAMS Application by Lime Down Solar Park Limited for an order granting development consent for the Lime Down Solar Project (respond by 9/3/26)

It was agreed that Cllrs Drake and Sanderson will attend online subject to their availability. Dep Town Clerk will provide registration details.

PE/26/21 To note upcoming meeting of Cotswold National Landscape concerning housing requirement/need and agree comment (Cllr Sanderson)

It was agreed to comment:

“Malmesbury Town Council Planning and Environment committee raises serious concerns about government housing allocation targets, and that the current numbers risk significant overdevelopment in Malmesbury. Also concerning is the technicality which allows property developers to landbank or not progress sites which in turn misleads the public over housing allocation numbers.

The scale and pace of proposed housing growth are disproportionate to the town’s existing infrastructure capacity, placing unsustainable pressure on essential services. In particular, mounting strain on local utilities, including water supply and electricity networks, as well as an already stretched sewerage system. The committee also points to increasing demand on schools and nurseries, with limited classroom spaces and childcare provision, alongside growing difficulty in securing timely GP appointments at local doctors’ surgeries. Councillors stress that without substantial, upfront investment in infrastructure and public services, further large-scale housing allocations could undermine residents’ quality of life and the town’s long-term sustainability.”

PE/26/22 To agree comment on application from Exquisite Ltd for premises licence - 4 day Runway Festival at Cotswold Airport (comment close 9/3/26)

The committee agreed No Objection.

**PE/26/23 To resolve comment of planning applications received since the last meeting
PL/2026/00263 – Listed Building Consent**

No objection.

PL/2026/09818 - Householder planning permission

Comment agreed at previous meeting and submitted.

PL/2026/00163 – Listed Building Consent

Malmesbury Town Hall planning application was noted.

PL/2026/00507 - Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area

No objection and request that suitable replacement planting is considered.

PL/2026/00650 - Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area

No objection.

PE/26/11

Update on standing items

Triangle Junction

Cllr Martin Smith (Wiltshire Council Cabinet Member for Highways) has been emailed to request that the location is reviewed for improvement. No response as yet.

Wheeler Way

The ownership of the area for proposed works was confirmed as Wiltshire Council.

It was agreed that Malmesbury Town Council Planning and Environment committee will inform Wiltshire Council via Cllr G Grant:-

- That Malmesbury Town Council should not be responsible for any financial contribution to the works costed at £50,000 approx and that as owners of the land Wiltshire Council should bear this expense and undertake the works.
- Should Wiltshire Council wish to scale down the works they may wish to erect metal fencing to where the hedge has been removed. If Wiltshire Council do not wish to undertake any works Malmesbury Town Council will seek their permission to install metal fencing. Should permission be received from Wiltshire Council, the fencing works can be costed by Malmesbury Town Council for installation and this will be brought back to the committee for further approval.

Dual recycling bins for general refuse/recyclables

We await a response from the manufacturers.

Speed Indicating Devices (SIDs)

See PE/26/18. Should permission and agreed location be forthcoming from Wiltshire Council LHFIG group, the committee will review SIDS device costings and specifications. It was confirmed there is no Wiltshire Councils scheme to hire or loan a SIDS device.

Market Cross

Drawings and specification have been received for the works and Dep Town Clerk will now apply for Scheduled Monument Consent from Historic England.

Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP)

See Public Participation PE/26/14.

River Management Group

Next meeting is 1 p.m. Thursday 26th February 2026.

The River Management working group Terms of Reference was agreed by the committee.

The meeting was closed at 9.02 p.m.