

Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee Meeting

Held in Malmesbury Town Hall on Tues 12th August 2025

Present: R Sanderson (Chair), I Wallis, M Akhtar, J Akhtar, O Wallis, K Drake, S James

Also present: Lisa Dent (Dep Town Clerk), 2 members of the public

PE/25/117 To receive declarations of interest

None received.

PE/25/118 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllrs P Exton and R P Jones.

PE/25/119 Public participation on items of business included on the agenda

It was agreed to vary the order of business for participation by members of the public at

the next item.

PE/25/120 To resolve comment of planning applications received since last meeting

PL/2025/06089 – 17 High Street, First and Second Floor, Malmesbury, SN16 9AA Prior Approval Part 3, Class MA (Commercial to dwellings) Change of use for first and

second floor from commercial B2 to dwellinghouses C3, retaining the shop floor on the ground floor. Development consisting of eight dwellings including 2no. studio

apartments, 4no. 1 bedroom apartments and 2no. 2 bedroom apartments

The member of the public was invited to speak and clarified that there would be no parking provision with the dwellings. The previous layout included mews houses with parking to the rear of the building and this is not being proposed with the current application. The main building will be rental flats and these units will not be available to the holiday letting market. Bringing forward the retail units to the front of the building is the priority and to help to improve streetscene.

It was agreed to Support the application.

1 member of the public left the meeting at 7.14 p.m.

PE/25/121 To approve minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 22nd July 2025

The minutes were adopted and signed as a correct record.

PE/25/122 To receive and note income and expenditure report

Following review, the report was noted.

PE/25/123 To receive update from Police concerning Dark Lane highways and parking issues and agree next steps

The Police had sent apologies and could not attend due to a prior commitment and had forwarded suggestions from a recent meeting with residents of Dark Lane, as follows:-

- 1. Suggest the yellow lines are extended to the first lamppost (about an extra 1.5 metres) as this is the 'pinch point'.
- 2. The remaining room to be marked out with clear white boxes for the parking spaces.

- 3. A sign to be placed on the wall by the yellow lines (near the pinch point) saying "No Parking, This Area Must Be Kept Clear for Emergency Vehicles".
- 4. A resident group forum has been made and two volunteers have come forward to be the contacts between the residents, the police, the council and the MPs Office.

It was agreed to accept these recommendations, refer to LHFIG noting our support and respond the Police confirming this process. Should they feel it is necessary, the Police may wish to expedite with Wiltshire Council.

PE/25/124 To consider how Town Council can work with Wiltshire Council Highways and Greensquare Accord in improvements to Corn Gastons parking and highways issues and any next steps

A meeting had been held with representatives from Greensquare and Malmesbury Town Councillors. It had been agreed that liaison will continue with Greensquare, who will be making enquiries with their Estates Department and costing possible works.

PE/25/125 Application for a new premises licence.

The Malmesbury Wine Company. 47 High Street, Malmesbury, SN16 9AG – Comments requested by 19th August 2025

Following review of the application, it was agreed to submit No Objection.

PE/25/126 To agree comment to the Planning Inspectorate for site: Land off Sherston Road

Appellants Name: Hollins Strategic Land Applic ref:: PL/2024/06897

<u>Proposed development: Application for outline planning permission for up to 55 residential units (all matters reserved other than access)</u>

Inspectorate ref: APP/Y3940/W/25/3369892 Comments by: 4th September 2025
It was agreed to Object to the application and that our previous comment still stands with concerns including:-

- Outside of the Malmesbury Town Council Neighbourhood Plan
- Transport, walking routes and connectivity issues of the site location
- Biodiversity concerns
- Educational needs the additional dwellings will place on locality

PE/25/127 To note – Appeal Decision – Allowed with Conditions - Reserved Matters Appeal Ref: APP/Y3940/W/25/3361710 Land off Park Road, Malmesbury, SN16 0QW The Appeal decision was noted.

PE/25/128 To consider – Highways Improvement form request Bremilham Road for resurfacing and lining

It was agreed to ask the resident to provide photos of the location and then reconsider the request at a future P&E meeting.

PE/25/129 To consider approval for Malmesbury Flood Working Group to removal small saplings from land owned by Malmesbury Town Council

It was requested that a map reference for the site location and photos of the saplings in situ are supplied for committee records. With this information and subject to confirmation that all statutory obligations have been met for such treeworks in a conservation area, the committee approve that these works should be undertaken.

PE/25/130 To consider reinstating the Community Speedwatch scheme in Malmesbury (report Cllr Sanderson)

It was agreed to defer this item to seek information from adjoining parishes as to how they manage speeding, including use of community speedwatch and speed indicating devices and any other measures used.

PE/25/131 To note - further information requested for consideration of instigating Malmesbury Lorry Watch

Deputy Town Clerk has requested further information from Wiltshire Council.

PE/25/132 Update on Standing Items

1. <u>Triangle Junction</u>

To note - Bristol Street survey request submitted to include speed and type of vehicles.

2. Wheeler Way

To note - Meeting requested with Wiltshire Council, awaiting confirmation

3. <u>Dual recycling bins for general refuse/recyclables</u>

To note – Gold banding paint detailing completed, some mechanical adjustments required.

The meeting was closed at 8.30 p.m.