



MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the **Planning & Environment Committee Meeting**
Held in Malmesbury Town Hall on Tues 27th May 2025 at 7.00 p.m.

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

Also present: Lisa Dent (Dep Town Clerk), 1 member of the public, Cllr H Hughes,
Cllr J Akhtar

PE/25/064 To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct.
None received.

PE/25/065 To receive apologies for absence.
None received.

PE/25/066 Public participation on items of business included on the agenda
None requested. Member of public was in attendance concerning a planning application, it was resolved to vary the order of business and bring the application forward.

PE/25/067 To approve minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 22nd April 2025
The minutes were adopted and signed as a correct record.

PE/25/068 To receive and note income and expenditure report
The report was noted.

PE/25/069 To resolve comment on planning application: PL/2025/03305
Address: Pittville, Bremilham Road, Malmesbury, SN16 0DQ
Proposal: Full planning permission - Proposed residential development consisting of 5no. dwellings with single garages; to include the demolition of existing bungalow and garage workshop.

Member of the public was invited to speak and advised as a neighbour the application was a concern to residents. Loss of privacy, scale of the development, highways issues and parking were the main areas of objection.

Malmesbury Town Council reviewed the application and it was agreed Object/Call in and comment was agreed as follows:- :- The scale of the development (overdevelopment of the site area), ridge height will be overbearing on neighbouring properties with loss of privacy, access and egress impacting negatively on highways and traffic, parking onsite is inadequate and will exacerbate local parking provision, no sustainable or green energies, bio net gain not sufficiently addressed, no variation to the type of property offered by this development, the development sits outside of the Malmesbury Neighbourhood Plan. We also note residents objections, comments and concerns and, due to proximity, feel it would be appropriate to involve Malmesbury Secondary School in the consultation process.

1 member of the public left at 19:21

PE/25/070 To receive and note income and expenditure report

The report was noted.

LHFIG Strategic Planning nominal code to be clarified by Dep Town Clerk at next meeting. It was requested that all expenditure relating to P&E such as Professional Fees, Market Cross works will be reported on each month.

LHFIG meeting took place on 13th May, full report at next meeting. Cllr Exton advised it was requested that Highways Improvement requests are on hold for the new P&E committee to review, LHFIG is to be a standing item at each P&E meeting. Dep Town Clerk will prepare a review of all Highways Improvement requests in progress at LHFIG for the next meeting.

Dep Town Clerk will clarify the reporting and agree finance for the Streetscape and Signage project.

PE/25/071 To consider Highways Improvement form requests

1. Backbridge – crossing. It was agreed to submit for LHFIG to review and consider.
2. Dark Lane – unsuitable vehicles causing damage. Dep Town clerk to request if the damage to the wall is in a particular area caused by parked cars, then to submit for LHFIG to review and consider.
3. Glovers Court – parking problems. It was agreed to submit for LHFIG to review and consider.

**PE/25/072 To review and amend working groups associated with P&E
War Memorial/Triangle Junction – reports to P&E**

Councillor membership – Cllrs Sanderson, Exton and D’Arcy

Development Appeals – reports to P&E

Councillor membership – Cllrs Exton, Sanderson, Power, Grant, Drake

Neighbourhood Plan review – report to Full Council (for info)

Councillor membership – Cllrs, Slade, Exton, Sanderson, Power, Grant. Also J Bartholomew, C Carpenter, M Smith, R Budgen.

PE/25/073 To consider solution to repeated HGV use of High Street and adjoining street

Following previous P&E actions taken (reporting to Road Haulage Association, submitting a Highways Improvement Request to LHFIG to review road signage in place and encouraging residents to report to us so we can report) it was agreed to write to all local companies requesting they actively encourage deliveries to or from their company take the appropriate route for the size and weight of vehicle.

PE/25/074 To note stonework deterioration to part of St John’s Bridge, Malmesbury and next steps

It was agreed that Dep Town Clerk will report this to LHFIG as a highways improvement request to request that the stonework is inspected for repair and maintenance of this Grade I Listed Bridge.

PE/25/075 Land West of Milbourne. Planning Appeal reference APP/Y3940/W/24/3358026.

1. It was agreed that Cllrs Slade and Drake will attend the Appeal hearing on 5th Aug 2025 10.00 a.m. at Malmesbury Town Hall subject to their availability.
2. Submissions from Malmesbury Town Council, Malmesbury St Paul Without Parish Council and Malmesbury Civic Trust were noted.

PE/25/076 To resolve comment of planning applications received since last meeting

WC Ref: PL/2025/03780 - Address: The Kings Church, Abbey Row, Malmesbury, SN16 0AG

No objection.

WC Ref: PL/2025/01059 - Address: 14 Orwell Close, Malmesbury, SN16 9UB

Objection – Malmesbury Town Council concurs with Wiltshire Council highways department comments. Also, the boundary proximity to properties is concerning and is not shown on the planning portal plans.

WC Ref: PL/2025/04225 - Address: Abbey House, Malmesbury, Wiltshire SN16 9AS

Comment –T4 - Elm tree in very poor health to be felled - .Please confirm if replacement planting will be made. Dep Town Clerk to seek extension.

WC Ref: PL/2025/04217 - Address: Farm land next to Malmesbury By Pass, Malmesbury SN16 6FS, Malmesbury SN16 9NZ. Consent under Tree Preservation Orders Grey poplar x3 remove and replace.

At the Malmesbury Town Council Planning and Environment Committee meeting on 27th May 2025 the following comment was resolved:- No objection subject to condition: Due to the sensitive location, we request the following re tree planting replacement:- TPO's applied to all replacement trees, replacement planting carried out as soon as practicable after felling, trees selected to be suitable for the sloping topography of the site, site owner to commit to responsibility for monitoring the health and progress of the replacement trees, Wiltshire Council to advise and follow-up on felling and replanting to ensure it is undertaken in accordance with these conditions.

WC Ref: PL/2025/04236 - Address: 25 Abbey Row, Malmesbury, SN16 0AG

No objection.

PE/25/077 Update on Standing Items

Triangle Junction: Dep Town Clerk will prepare a report for the next meeting.

Market Cross: – Dep Town Clerk contacted the Conservation Officer and Highways department to inform on the landscape project and enquire if any permission were necessary. The response was to process the scheme of improvements through LHFIC and 3 schemes/quotes will be provided in due course. The second scheme of repair and maintenance worked will be commences shortly with obtaining quotes.

Wheeler Way: Dep Town Clerk to request Cllr Grant provides an update for the next P&E meeting.

Recycling Bins: Credit account has been set up with the recycling company , currently working with Sweetnam and Bradley re illustrative stickers to indicate what is suitable to be deposited in the bins.

The Market Cross budget was reviewed, noting that there is no allocation for the landscape project this year.

Signage and Streetscape project (Verbal report Cllr Drake)

A review of some central areas has taken place, this will be followed by looking a smaller areas in central Malmesbury. A recent presentation was made to Town Hall and Facilities committee.

The meeting was closed at 8.27 p.m.