

MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee held on 4th June 2019 at 7pm in the Town Hall

Present; Cllrs R. Budgen (Chair) P. Exton (Vice Chair) J. Exton
W Jones C. Ritchie

Also present; Clerk to the Committee

PE/06 To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct

None

PE/07 Public question time

None

PE/08 Apologies for absence

Apologies noted from Cllr J Gundry.

PE/09 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on May 14th 2019

The minutes of the meeting held on the 14th May were signed and approved as a correct record.

Cllr Jones noted that the Minute references had altered without prior approval of the Committee – Cllr Budgen requested that the format continues but that it did raise the issue of formatting of Agendas & minutes across all committees.

PE/10 Planning Issues – to consider the following

a. Planning Applications received since previous meeting

19/03426/LBC – 6 Gastons Rd

Following discussion it was resolved that the P&E Committee has no objection to this application.

18/08362/DP3 – Lea & Garsdon School

Given that scores of primary-age school children will travel to the school for their education, it was resolved to support the on-going highway concerns voiced by Lea & Cleverton Parish Council about the need for the external management of traffic to be undertaken by competent, qualified and insured personnel, a minor redesign of the of the parking area to deliver a congestion-free circulatory system, and the need for a Stage 1 Safety Review to provide assurance that there were no unforeseen safety issues in the final arrangement. Subject to the successful addressing of the above MTC would support the application.

19/04690/FUL – The Mount, Bremilham Rd

It was resolved that the Committee has no objection to the application.

b. Unresolved planning issues

Cllr Exton asked about the movement of the bin at the bottom of the pathway from Alexander Rd. The Clerk had emailed Fiona Waind at Wiltshire Council and also left a telephone message but has received no response as yet. It was resolved to pursue the matter with the involvement of Cllr Grant.

c. Planning updates

Cllr Budgen notified the Committee that the roundabout for the Dyson application on the A429 has been approved.

PE/11 To consider payment of Parking Subsidy at Station Yard Car Park for August 2019-July 2020

Committee noted the report that had been circulated previously and it was resolved to accept the proposal at para 3(a) & (b), to continue with the scheme.

PE/12 To consider measures to protect the Market Cross from vehicular damage

Various options have been discussed previously and it was agreed that the committee will make further investigation to the installation of planters around the Market Cross to create a protective barrier. Clerk to request that the Town Clerk seeks advice from Historic England.

PE/13 To note the revised Wiltshire Highways Minor Improvements Procedure

Committee noted the briefing note from Wiltshire Council. Cllr Budgen clarified that the new form replaces the use of the Community Issue procedure for requesting minor highway improvements and the WR1 form that could be accessed from the Wiltshire Council website.

PE/13 To consider approval of exploratory work by the EA on the St John's pedestrian bridge

It was agreed to approve the request from the Environment Agency to take core samples of the bridge to ascertain the load capacity to enable works to the Sherston Avon if/when necessary. The Town Clerk is to request a copy of the report and to find out approximately when it will be available.

PE/14 To consider approval of up to £1250.00 as a 50% contribution to the CATG project to install waiting restrictions at Athelstan Road

It was resolved to contribute up to £1250.00 to the CATG project to install waiting restrictions at Athelstan Road. Assurance must be obtained from Wiltshire Council that this new waiting restriction will be added to their system and hence enforceable.

PE/15 To review the revised M&DCG's Terms of Reference

The Committee noted the revised Terms of Reference of the Conservation Group & following detailed discussion it was agreed that;

- a) Cllr Ritchie will represent the Town Council on the Conservation Group
- b) The Town Council will continue to provide a meeting room free of charge on an opportunity basis, subject to no loss of income.
- c) Provision of administrative support is to be withdrawn with immediate effect.

It was also noted that the Group uses the Town Council's address for correspondence. This has previously, and is likely to continue to cause confusion with external bodies, therefore an urgent review of this issue by the Group should be undertaken. The Committee required a thorough review the Group's Terms of Reference and the establishing of an appropriate working relationship between the Group and this Committee. A further review of the effectiveness of the Group and it relationship with the Town Council will be conducted in 12 months.

Meeting closed at 8.50pm

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