

MALMESBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee held on 2nd June 2020 at 7pm via Zoom

Present; Cllrs, P Exton (Chair) C Ritchie W Jones
C Hardwick D Rogers (Vice Chair) S D'Arcy

Also present; Clerk to the Committee & Cllrs P Smith & C Doody

PE/146 To receive Declarations of Interest in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct

None

PE/147 To receive apologies for absence

None

PE/148 To receive public questions in respect of items on this agenda

None

PE/149 To confirm the minutes of the meeting held on the 5th May & 12th May 2020

The minutes of meetings held on the 5th May & 12th May were approved as a correct record and will be signed following the restrictions of COVID-19 being lifted.

**PE/150 Planning issues – to consider the following;
a. Planning Applications received since previous meeting**

20/03850/TCA – 95 Gloucester Rd

It was resolved that the P&E Committee has **no objection** to the application.

20/03263/FUL – South West Car Park, Dyson Ltd

It was resolved that the P&E Committee has **no objection** to the application.

20/03873/FUL – Hope House

It was resolved that the P&E Committee has **no objection** to the application.

20/03431/FUL – 16 Ron Golding Close

It was resolved that the P&E Committee has **no objection** to the application.

b. Unresolved planning issues

None.

c. Planning updates

None

PE/151 To consider request for electric vehicle charging points in Malmesbury

A request from a local resident had been received and noted by members. Following discussion it was **resolved** that a request will go to Wiltshire Council (the owner of the car parks) asking for its long term strategy for electric vehicle charging points in the town as there is no suitable land owned by the Town Council.

PE/152 To consider way forward for maintenance of the Town Walls

This has been a matter consistently pursued by the Conservation Group. It was **resolved** that the Clerk will contact Maria Marsh to determine the long term maintenance programme of the Town Walls and to also contact the Bristol Diocese as the perceived owners of the Walls in the area between the south & east of the Town

To receive an update and consider the Gleeson application at Filands South

Cllr Richie circulated a report detailing the permitted Gleeson application at Filands South despite strong and founded objection from Malmesbury Town Council previously. It was **resolved** to accept the proposals at 3;

- MTC invites Cllr Phillip Whitehead, leader of Wiltshire Council, Cllr Tony Trotman, Chair of our regional planning committee and Alistair Cunningham, who is the senior officer in this area, to attend a virtual meeting with us and others involved in the NP to explain (i) exactly what is the point now for progressing the review of the MNP, (ii) exactly how they will help us in the review process, (iii) why no prior warning and mitigation advice was given to communities with Neighbourhood Plans when Wiltshire became aware of the failure in the 5 year land supply when this known in February 2020 or sooner (iv) exactly what Wiltshire is doing to address its 5 year land supply that does not rely on more applications being passed in the MNP area and when this will be achieved, and (v) exactly what Wiltshire Council is doing to ask national government to remove the recent changes to NPPF which have so damaged Wiltshire's NP programme.
- MTC discusses the situation with our MNP parish partners and agree a common course of action where possible on the next steps to be taken to review of the MNP and other steps to protect the MNP. Any recommendation not to proceed with the MNP review in a timely fashion must first be ratified by MTC.
- MTC requests its Wiltshire Councillor colleague, Councillor Grant, to investigate whether a case can be made to Wiltshire Councils Oversight Committee review the conduct of the SPC meeting on the 27th May and to report accordingly.
- The Mayor follows up the letters to other councils in Wiltshire to propose a virtual meeting to discuss the situation on 5 year land supply and the future for Neighbourhood Planning in Wiltshire, with a view to agreeing common questions and requests to be put to Wiltshire Council.
- The Mayor follows up letters written to the Secretary of State, Lady Scott and others. Additional letters seeking to move our position forward may also be written, for example to Locality, and press enquiries may be responded to in keeping with our position as outlined above.
- Other reasonable steps to promote the position of MTC and the MNP to be taken, including the receipt of pro bono legal advice if offered; such steps to be agreed with the Chair of P&E and P&R and reported to Full Council.

To receive an update and consider the matter of the Aldi S106

Cllr Richie circulated a report detailing the history & recent developments of the Aldi S106 agreement. It was **resolved** to accept the proposals at 2;

- MTC contacts WC as quickly as possible to express its concerns in this whole matter of the development of the s106 agreement associated with this development.
- MTC requests an urgent meeting with senior officers to discuss:
 - i. The latest s106 proposals and their benefit for the local community and whether alternatives may be considered, and
 - ii. The process of consideration of the Malmesbury Town Team s106 submission to understand why it might not be being progressed as part of the final s106 agreement, or, if it is not, it could be substituted for other elements of the s106 agreement.

Meeting closed at 8.09pm

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