

**MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Minutes of a **Meeting** of the **Planning Committee** which was held on **Monday, 15th January 2018** in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough** at 7.00 pm

PRESENT Councillor A. Kirk Wilson Chairman
Councillor M. Hall Town Mayor (*ex officio*)
Councillor Mrs P. Dow
Councillor N. Fogg
Councillor A. Ross
Councillor G. Loosmore
Councillor N. Barrett-Morton
Councillor M. Cooper
Councillor H. Forbes
Councillor S. Price
Councillor A. Wilson
Councillor D. Heath

ALSO PRESENT Mrs S. Parker Town Clerk
Mrs D. Whitehall Administrator
Mr T. Millett Marlborough.News
Plus 2 members of the public

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Castle, Farrell, Cairns and Northeast.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. Wilson – agenda items 6(b) and 6(c) – planning applications at Marlborough College – pecuniary interest.

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CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chairman announced some long awaited and good news: it had been confirmed that George Lane and London Road would be re-surfaced in April. The Principal Technical Officer (Highways) would be telling us more about it over the next couple of weeks.

Members should be aware that Scottish and Southern Electricity would be undertaking some network upgrades in the High Street and The Parade from 15th January up to 23rd February. The information had been circulated to Councillors and distributed widely.

For those who had not already seen it covered in the press, an Esso garage was due to open shortly at the garage site on London Road. We were assured that housing development would still be taking place though there would be changes to the original planning application. The Town Council would be consulted on this in the near future.

There would be an opportunity to view the final plans for Tottenham House & Estate (some Councillors went along to the previous consultation exercise last year) on Tuesday, 30th January between 3pm – 7pm at Tottenham House, Savernake.

The Chairman referred to two planning applications not on the agenda. One, for works at Eagle House, 6, The Green, would be added to the Full Council agenda for the meeting on 22nd January. The other application (17/11714/FUL) for works at Princes Paddock, Cross Lane could not be extended to that meeting so Councillors were able, as individuals, to comment on the application if they would like to.

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MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held Monday, 4th December 2017 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman

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PLANNING DECISION NOTICES

Members noted the Planning Decision Notices that had been issued by Wiltshire Council.

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a. **17/11348/VAR** – Variation of condition 4 on 17/04101/FUL about retention of hedging along western boundary at The Beeches, Downs Lane, Manton for Mr Mark Ashely

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council objects to this application and endorses the original condition 4 as set out in the planning permission decision as follows “...*The western boundary hedge... shall remain in situ to a height not less than 1.8 metres in perpetuity... To ensure the protection and long term existence of this visually important hedge, which forms the boundary between the built up area of Marlborough and the open countryside of the North Wessex Downs Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty*”

Cllr. Wilson left the room for the following two items and did not vote

- b. **17/11365/VAR** – Variation of Condition 2 of 16/11115/FUL and Relating to External Works to East & West Entrance at Memorial Hall, Marlborough College for Ayre Chamberlain Gaunt Ltd
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- c. **17/11456/LBC** – Alterations to existing consents 16/11115/FUL & 16/12015/LBC at Memorial Hall, Marlborough College, Bath Road for Ayre Chamberlain Gaunt Ltd
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- d. **17/11412/FUL** – Double storey side extension at 31 River Park, Marlborough for Mr Chris Burgen

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application

- e. **17/11494/FUL** – Change of use to single dwelling. Alterations to external stairs. Creation of new porch at Higham Lane Properties, Cedar House, The Parade, Marlborough for Andrew Bumphrey Architects

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application

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WORK TO TREES

18/00031/TCA – Beech tree – reduce to hedge height at The Paddock, Kingsbury Street, Marlborough for Mrs Catherine Kellett

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application

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RABLEY WOOD – PROPOSED DISPOSAL OF AMENITY LAND

Members noted the Town Clerk's report. Points raised included:

- Members thanked the Town Clerk for her letter of 15th December 2017 to Wiltshire Council's Strategic Projects and Development Manager setting out the Town Council's objections to the proposed sale
- It was noted that the matter would be discussed at a Wiltshire Council Cabinet Meeting on 30th January 2018 and it was important to have representation at that meeting
- Cllr. Dobson as Wiltshire Councillor, East Ward should also be asked to attend the Cabinet Meeting to represent residents of his ward. Cllr Fog would also attend.
- It was agreed that the Town Clerk's letter should be copied to Members of the Cabinet and Eastern Area Planning Committee and be made available to the press

RESOLVED: Members noted the letter and objections raised about the proposed sale of amenity land at Rabley Wood and nominated Cllr. Loosmore to attend the Cabinet meeting 30th January to speak on behalf of the Town Council

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COMMUNITY EMERGENCY PLAN

The Town Clerk's report was noted. Cllr. Price, Chairman of the Working Party, outlined the main points of the meeting and explained that the Terms of Reference included the opening up of membership to invited non-council members.

RESOLVED: Members noted the minutes of the Emergency Plan Working Party meeting of 3rd January and agreed its draft Terms of Reference

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WILTSHIRE COUNCIL – LOCAL PLAN REVIEW

Members considered a draft response to Wiltshire Council's consultation and thanked the Working Party for their detailed analysis.

RESOLVED: to respond to the Local Plan Consultation as suggested by the Working Party

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COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP (CATG) ISSUES

Members were asked to consider three connected issues logged on the Area Board's Issues Log which required the Town Council's support to be considered at the February CATG meeting.

Issue 5931 – Traffic Calming on A4 west of Marlborough

Proposes changing the 40mph zone to a 30mph zone and introducing traffic calming measures. Though it was unclear if CATG was able to be involved in speed restrictions on this road, Members agreed that Wiltshire Council could be asked to review the speed limit in this area.

RESOLVED: (i) to support this issue to be considered by CATG or the relevant authority

Issue 5932 – Width of pavement beside A4 west of Marlborough

Pathway on north side of Bath Road A4 between College and traffic lights at Manton is very narrow in places, overgrown by vegetation and has a poor surface condition. Members agreed that the pavement was very narrow but may be prohibitively expensive in terms of its widening. It was suggested that the issue of overgrown grass could be addressed by the Parish Steward.

RESOLVED: (ii) to support this issue being discussed by CATG Technical Officers and that the Town Clerk approaches the Parish Steward about maintenance works to the path.

Issue 5933

Proposes adding painted cycle lanes on A4 west of the town. As this issue mentioned multiple access points to the A4, Whilst Members supported the promotion of cycling, they felt that Transition Marlborough should be approached to make specific proposals, for example concerning the legal status of Treacle Bolly with reference to cycles, signage, and perhaps to split the issue to address cycle access to Manton and College Fields/Barton Park if they were distinctly different

RESOLVED: (iii) to suggest that Transition Marlborough is involved in revising the issue with clearer proposals

RESOLVED: (iv) that Cllr. Loosmore was nominated as a second substitute member of CATG

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SECTION 14 OF THE ROAD TRAFFIC REGULATION ACT 1984 – TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Members noted an order issued by Wiltshire Council to temporarily close Barn Street 1900-2100 on Monday, 5th February 2018 to enable Cappagh to carry out works to a sewer cover.

Cllr. Fogg raised concerns about the alternative route – it was likely that during the proposed time of the closure there would still be a high volume of HGVs travelling through the town and it was unsafe for these vehicles to use Kingsbury Street. He suggested a later time for the closure and/or moving the date to a Sunday when there would be fewer HGVs on the road.

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council welcomes this work to repair the noisy sewer cover and asks Wiltshire Council to consider conducting the planned work at a time when traffic would be lighter, perhaps during the night.

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WILTSHIRE COUNCIL CAR PARK CHARGES

Members noted the Town Clerk's report and the implementation of new car parking charges across the county.

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WILTSHIRE COUNCIL – HIGHWAYS NEWSLETTER

Members noted the January newsletter issued by Bridget Wayman, Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste at Wiltshire Council.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

The main focus for the Steering Group in recent weeks had been Wiltshire Council's Local Plan consultation.

The meeting closed at 8.10 pm

Signed:
Chairman

Date: