

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a **Meeting** of the **Planning Committee** which was held on **Monday, 30th October 2017** in the
Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough at 7.00 pm

PRESENT	Councillor A. Kirk Wilson	Chairman
	Councillor M. Hall	Town Mayor (<i>ex officio</i>)
	Councillor B. Castle	
	Councillor Mrs P. Dow	
	Councillor N. Fogg	
	Councillor A. Ross	
	Councillor L. Farrell	
	Councillor N. Barrett-Morton	
	Councillor P. Cairns	
	Councillor M. Cooper	
	Councillor H. Forbes	
	Councillor S. Price	
	Councillor A. Wilson	
ALSO PRESENT	Mrs S. Parker	Town Clerk
	Mrs D. Whitehall	Administrator
	Mr T. Millett	Marlborough.News
	Plus 6 members of the public	

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Mrs Compton, Resident, Kennet Place – asked Marlborough Town Council to consider challenging the legality of the current Wiltshire Council Consultation on car parking charges. She referred to a court ruling setting out a clear expectation that where there is a requirement for consultation, local authorities will be expected to contact all those who will be, or are likely to be, affected. Mrs Compton had seen no notices about the consultation in Wiltshire Council car parks, wasn't aware that season ticket holders had been contacted and felt there had been no real effort made to reach everyone affected. As a result she called for the consultation to be declared null and void and for it to be restarted with proper consultation.

The Chairman thanked Mrs Compton for her comments which would be taken into consideration when the consultation was discussed later in the agenda.

- 316/17** **APOLOGIES**
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Loosmore, Northeast and Heath.
- 317/17** **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
There were no declarations of interest.
- 318/17** **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
There were no Chairman's announcements
- 319/17** **MINUTES**
RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the Meeting held Monday, 9th October 2017 were approved and signed as a true record by the Chairman

320/17

PLANNING DECISION NOTICES

Members noted the Planning Decision Notices issued by Wiltshire Council.

321/17

PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) **17/09139/FUL** – Internal alterations and associated external works to bring the basement of Neates House into habitable use at Neates House, High Street, Marlborough for Mrs Ianthe Blake
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- b) **17/09774/LBC** – Internal alterations and associated external works to bring the basement of Neates House into habitable use at Neates House, High Street, Marlborough for Mrs Ianthe Blake
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application subject to the approval of the Conservation Officer
- c) **17/09148/FUL** – Internal alterations to first floor to extend the mezzanine area and alter the layout of bedrooms and associated alterations to ground floor to create new staircase, new roof light at Neates House, High Street, Marlborough for Mrs Ianthe Blake
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- d) **17/09775/LBC** – Internal alterations to first floor to extend the mezzanine area and alter the layout of bedrooms and associated alterations to ground floor to create new staircase, new roof light at Neates House, High Street, Marlborough for Mrs Ianthe Blake
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application subject to the approval of the Conservation Officer
- e) **17/09782/FUL** – Proposed detached garage and conversion of existing garage to playroom at 6 Culvermead Close, Marlborough for Mr & Mrs T Eastham
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- f) **17/09876/FUL** – Rear extension at 7 Lansdowne Place, Marlborough for Miss Rachael Hickson
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- g) **17/09996/FUL** – Loft conversion with flat roof dormer at 24 St Margarets Mead, Marlborough for Mr Simon Taylor
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- h) **17/10006/FUL** – Proposed replacement conservatory to rear of property at 42 River Park, Marlborough for Mrs Garrard
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application

322/17

TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE – 12TH NOVEMBER 2017

Members noted a Temporary Road Closure Order issued by Wiltshire Council between 1000-1200 on Sunday, 12th November 2017 for the Remembrance Sunday Parade.

323/17

CAR PARKING CHARGES CONSULTATION

Members considered a corporate response to Wiltshire Council's consultation on car parking charges. There was considerable discussion and points raised included:

- Lack of clarity about how surplus funds raised from car park charges were used to support other highways services and/or subsidised bus services

- Members noted that current car park charges for Marlborough were higher than many other towns in the county
- Members did not support introducing car park charges for Sundays which were currently free
- Whether a previous commitment made by the former Kennet District Council that parking charges would be harmonised across the county in line with Marlborough was still applicable
- Increasing season ticket prices by so great a margin seemed particularly unfair, especially given that season ticket holders were not guaranteed a parking space and would still have to pay for daily parking if they had to use alternative car parks
- Whether Kennet Place Car Park should be made into a 'season ticket holder only' car park
- A belief that the approach to consulting the public had been completely inadequate, with the majority of residents unaware that it was taking place
- Whether the way the consultation had been publicised met legal guidelines/best practice
- That the withdrawal of free parking allocations during November/December would mean the Marlborough Christmas Lights Event could not go ahead in future years (it would cost £2,300 to buy the spaces which was unaffordable for the Town Council)
- Whether to join with other town councils to make representation to Wiltshire Council

RESOLVED: that for the consideration of the Planning Committee on 20th November, the Town Clerk would draft a response to Wiltshire Council reflecting Marlborough Town Council's disquiet at the legal status of the way the consultation was being carried out and summarising its concerns and objections. Also to liaise with other Town Councils about their approaches to the consultation and to continue to promote it at a local level.

324/17

WASTE & RECYCLING CONSULTATION

Members considered a corporate response to Wiltshire Council's consultation on waste and recycling. Matters discussed included:

- Concern that any increase to the period between collections of household waste (currently fortnightly) would result in health hazards, i.e. maggots in food waste
- Similar concerns to 323/17 above about how the consultation had been publicised and Members were aware only of online promotion and editorial in the local press. Hard copies of the survey were available in the Library, but no leaflets to local households
- An understanding of the budget constraints the Unitary Authority was facing as a result of cuts in funding from central government

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council deplores any move towards moving to three-weekly collections of household waste

325/17

NHS PATIENT TRANSPORT SURVEY

Members noted the Town Clerk's report and considered a corporate response to a survey NHS funded patient transport. Cllr. Fogg had suggested a response which Members supported.

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council welcomes the policy of the South-West NHS in attempting to focus its transport programme towards those most in need of such facilities and will be encouraging citizens to respond individually with specific comments

326/17

COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP (CATG)

Members noted the minutes of the CATG meeting of 21st September and considered a report from Cllr. Fogg about issues arising out of a recent public meeting hosted by the Area Board. Three priority safety projects were agreed to be taken forward as proposals for CATG projects, to which the Town Council may be committed to making a 25% contribution:

- The introduction of a different type of surface, e.g. cobble bricks, to denote a crossing point at the junction of Kingsbury Street and High Street near the entrance to Patten Alley
- Improving public safety by installing a barrier or other scheme in Barn Street
- Improving safety at the school crossing point in George Lane near the Police Station

RESOLVED: that the three items above should be taken to CATG as proposals for priority CATG projects with Town Council support

327/17

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL NOVEMBER 2017 HIGHWAYS NEWSLETTER

Members noted the November newsletter from Cllr. Bridget Wayman, Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport and Waste.

328/17

WILTSHIRE COUNCIL WAITING AND PARKING RESTRICTIONS REVIEW

Members considered whether Marlborough should be included in a review of waiting and parking restrictions alongside Chippenham and Devizes and planned to start in April 2018.

RESOLVED: that Marlborough should not be included in the Wiltshire Council 2018/19 review of waiting and parking restrictions

329/17

OPERATIONAL FLOOD WORKING GROUP (OFWG)

Members considered a change in the substitute representative to the OFWG due to the timings of meetings and availability of Councillors.

RESOLVED: that Cllr. Peter Cairns would replace Cllr. Susie Price as the substitute representative to OFWG

330/17

NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

There had recently been two well-attended public meetings to share the findings from studies undertaken on Car Parking and Housing Needs along with Business and Employment. Land needs for housing had now been quantified; the next focus would be to determine land need for car parking and other uses (e.g. cemetery, allotments, playing fields and sports pitches). This would be followed by a call for sites.

The meeting closed at 8.15 pm

Signed: Date:
Chairman