

**MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Planning Committee** which was held on **Monday, 17 June 2019** in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough** at 7pm

PRESENT:	Councillor S. Price Councillor M. Hall Councillor B. Castle Councillor N. Fogg Councillor A. Ross Councillor A. Kirk Wilson Councillor N. Barrett-Morton Councillor P. Cairns Councillor M. Cooper	Chair Town Mayor (<i>ex officio</i>)
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ALSO PRESENT:	Mrs S. Parker Mrs D. Whitehall Mr N. Goodwin Plus 4 members of the public	Town Clerk Administrator Marlborough.News
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PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

PETITION – PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON MARLBOROUGH HIGH STREET

Residents, Mrs Vera Hamblin, Mr Fred Briers and Mrs Jackie Gill presented a petition with more than 650 signatures supporting a request for a pedestrian crossing on Marlborough High Street.

A supporting letter with photographs had also been submitted. Each spoke, the main points made were:

- With eyesight failing, Mrs Hamblin feared being confined to her house without a crossing – when you can't see, it is essential to be able to 'listen for the beep' to know that it is safe to cross
- Whether the existing zebra crossing near the Town Hall was safe – cars did not always stop, and it was believed there had been at least one injury there
- A wide range of people had supported the position – visitors, mothers with toddlers, young people and the disabled, many of whom needed extra time to cross the road safely
- Whether motorists should have absolute priority in a shopping street
- Whether a position near the bus stop could be considered
- Whether improvements could be made to the crossing point at the Kingsbury Street side of the Town Hall
- Whether improvements could be made to existing pedestrian refuges
- Whether the carriageways could be made narrower
- That the petition was in line with Wiltshire Council's Marlborough Area Plan which called for "adequate safe crossing in all areas of traffic and pedestrian conflict"
- How the proposed 20mph limit in the High Street was to be achieved – whether just by new signage, or other changes to the street design

The Chair thanked all three for the petition and their comments, would be discussed later in the meeting at agenda item 5.

61/19 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllrs. Dow, Loosmore, Forbes, Wilson and Heath.

62/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations.

63/19 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair and Town Clerk had attended a Highways meeting at Kennet House for town and parish councils on 13 June where 2 senior officers, Bill Parks and Adrian Hampton, explained the effects of devolution of services on various contractors for street cleaning (I D Verde, Jacksons, etc), roles of the Parish Steward and the Sparkle team and how the additional highways funding is being spent. A couple of important points noted were that the package of devolved services would be non-negotiable (this was a new angle as Salisbury, Chippenham and Devizes were able to negotiate to a certain extent) and that the spend on litter picking across the county has gone up to £2.8m.

64/19 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held Tuesday, 28 May 2019 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair

A member of the public joined the meeting

65/19 PETITION – PEDESTRIAN CROSSING ON MARLBOROUGH HIGH STREET

During a suspension of Standing Orders, Members considered the request for a pedestrian crossing. Points discussed included:

- Members congratulated the petition organisers on their efforts and expressed support for the request
- While the Town Council had no power over Highways, it would be able to send the request to Wiltshire Council (the Highways authority) and express its support for the request
- Whether possible solutions and recommendations should also be presented to Wiltshire Council to support the petition
- Whether a raised 'table' marking a zone for pedestrian priority could be installed between the corner of Kingsbury Street and the junction with the High Street near the Town Hall
- Whether a crossing location between Lloyds Bank and Waitrose was feasible due to the proximity to the bus stop
- Whether the existing pedestrian refuge near Nationwide was a suitable location
- Whether the narrower section of the High Street near Hughenden Yard was a suitable location
- That the petitioners' plea for traffic controls in the High Street by "design" rather than "sign" was commended
- That all points raised by petitioners should be considered (e.g. whether the existing crossing and pedestrian refuges could be improved)
- That expert advice should be obtained before submitting any recommendations
- Whether to arrange a meeting with a Highways Engineer to walk the High Street and discuss options (a third party consultant was also recommended by an attendee – very good ideas had been put forward to Lockeridge)

- Whether all pedestrians would use the crossing
- That the organisers of the petition would be happy to contribute further information and ideas to any future debate
- Whether it would be possible to gain endorsement from the Community Area Transport Group (CATG)

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council supports and endorses the petition requesting a pedestrian crossing in Marlborough High Street and will seek further expert advice in order to make supporting recommendations

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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. **19/04766/FUL** – Loft conversion at 4 Morris Road, Marlborough for Mr Henry Fry
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- b. **19/04783/FUL** – Change of use from A1 retail to D1 health (Orthodontic Practice) at Unit 11, Hughenden Yard, Marlborough for Mr Paul Greatrex
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- c. **19/04655/FUL** – Installation of external air conditioning units to rear wall at 14 High Street, Marlborough for Mr G Durston
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- d. **19/01629/FUL** – Proposed 4 bedroom dwelling at Land at Leverton House, Barnfield, Marlborough for Mr & Mrs Norris
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council objects to this application on the grounds of overdevelopment of the site and loss of trees
- e. **19/04481/FUL** – Demolition of existing 'Kennet Building' and construction of new two storey education building for Marlborough College, named the 'Innovation Centre' at Kennet Building, Marlborough College, Bath Road for Mr W Roe
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application and requests that issues raised by Action for the River Kennet about protecting biodiversity and water quality and the need for sustainable drainage methods are taken into consideration
- f. **19/05008/FUL** – Proposed replacement porch at The Coach House, 51B High Street, Marlborough for Mr and Mrs G Eccleston
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- g. **19/05568/FUL** – Proposed replacement porch at The Coach House, 51B High Street, Marlborough for Mr and Mrs G Eccleston
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application

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WORK TO TREES

19/05503/TCA – Maple tree – fell at 21 St Martins, Marlborough for Mr K Duesbury
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application

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COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP (CATG) – REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL FUNDING

Members considered a request from Wiltshire Council for agreement to fund an additional contribution towards the implementation of the 20mph speed limit in certain parts of Marlborough.

Members were disappointed to note that the original estimate, referred to in the 2018 public consultation, had now risen by more than 55% meaning the Town Council's expected 25% contribution towards the costs had risen from £2,500 to £4,500.

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council agrees to the increased contribution towards the project to implement 20mph restrictions in some areas of Marlborough and that this decision is passed to the CATG meeting on 20 June 2019

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ST PETER'S SCHOOL – REQUEST FOR TREE PROTECTION ORDERS

Members noted a response to a request to Wiltshire Council about protecting at the site of the former St Peter's School through Tree Protection Orders (TPOs) and considered whether to take any further action.

RESOLVED: that the Tree Officer's advice is accepted and that the offer to inspect the trees at a future date is welcomed

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Members noted that Wiltshire Council had issued an order (TTRO 6028) under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 for a temporary road closure at:

Cross Lane (part) from a property known as Princes Paddock for a distance of approximately 70m in a north westerly direction for one day on 27 June 2019 to enable Thames water to carry out a new water connection.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

An informal public consultation would be conducted during July to gain feedback from members of the public and to raise awareness ahead of the formal consultation process to be conducted later in the year.

The meeting closed at 7.55 pm

Signed: Date:

Chair