

**MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL  
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Planning Committee** which was held on **Tuesday, 28 May 2019** in the  
**Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough** at 7 pm

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**PRESENT:** Councillor S. Price  
Councillor M. Hall  
Councillor B. Castle  
Councillor N. Fogg  
Councillor A. Kirk Wilson  
Councillor P. Cairns  
Councillor M. Cooper  
Councillor H. Forbes  
Councillor A. Wilson  
Councillor D. Heath

Chair  
Town Mayor (*ex officio*)

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mrs S. Parker  
Mrs D. Whitehall  
Mr N. Goodwin  
Plus 1 member of the public

Town Clerk  
Administrator  
Marlborough.News

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The meeting was preceded by a presentation by Helen Vass, Customer & Community Adviser at Scottish & Southern Energy Networks, explaining options for supporting vulnerable people during sustained power outages

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions.

**51/19**

**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Dow, Ross, Barrett-Morton and Farrell.

**52/19**

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr. Wilson – agenda item 6(c) – planning application for Marlborough College – pecuniary interest. Cllr. Forbes – agenda item 6(c) – non-pecuniary interest. Cllr. Price – agenda item 6(d) – planning application at Prospect Place – pecuniary interest.

**53/19**

**CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chair thanked Councillors for electing her as Chair for 2019/20.

Members were reminded that a SID (speed indicator device) had been installed in George Lane. It would be moving to another location over the coming weeks.

**54/19**

**MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held Tuesday 7 May 2019 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman

**55/19**

**PLANNING DECISION NOTICES**

Members noted the Planning Decisions Notices which had been issued by Wiltshire Council.

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a. **19/04068/FUL** – Change of use of former Chapel and 2 the Manse from class A1 (retail) and class C3 (residential) to class D2 (cinema and arts centre) incorporating an ancillary café/bar area plus office; the provision of a single storey extension; repairs to the fabric of the building; the provision of a new external door; internal alterations and acoustic mitigation to allow for the building’s conversion to a cinema (amended design following approval 18/0398/FUL) at The Former Chapel and 2 The Manse, The Parade, Marlborough for Image Cinemas Ltd

**RESOLVED:** that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application, and would ask the Planning Officer to consider adding a condition that the window overlooking the neighbour’s property at 1 The Manse should be fitted with obscure glazing to prevent overlooking and loss of privacy

- b. **19/04651/LBC** - Change of use of former Chapel and 2 the Manse from class A1 (retail) and class C3 (residential) to class D2 (cinema and arts centre) incorporating an ancillary café/bar area plus office; the provision of a single storey extension; repairs to the fabric of the building; the provision of a new external door; internal alterations and acoustic mitigation to allow for the building’s conversion to a cinema (amended design following approval 18/0398/FUL) at The Former Chapel and 2 The Manse, The Parade, Marlborough for Image Cinemas Ltd

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*Cllr. Wilson left the room for the following item*

**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 William Roe

**RESOLVED:** to defer a decision to the meeting on 17 June in order to gather further information about trees at the site and arrange a site visit

*Cllrs. Price and Forbes left the room for the following item, and Cllr. Wilson returned and took the Chair*

**19/04161/LBC** – Insertion of internal stud walls and new window to create first floor bathroom at 3 Prospect Place, Blowhorn Street, Marlborough for Mrs A Johnson

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

*Cllrs. Price and Forbes returned to the room and Cllr. Price resumed the Chair*

**WRITTEN MOTION**

In accordance with Standing Order 10, **Cllr. Heath** submitted a written motion for consideration:

*“I propose that the Town Council requests of Wiltshire Council that trees at the former St Peter’s School site are given Tree Protection Orders. Some of these trees have already been recognised as ‘significant’ in planning documents and it is clear that these and others at the site offer amenity value. As this site is some way down the marketing process in terms of its sale, Councillors should request that the mechanism for protecting these trees is started and that the Tree Officer visits the site as soon as possible”*

Members discussed:

- In recent years the green tapestry around the town had been diminished

- This area formed part of a wildlife corridor along the River Kennet
- There was a good mix of tree species at the site
- The trees provided an oasis of green in an otherwise urban setting
- The willow tree in particular was a noted landmark

**RESOLVED:** that the Town Council requests of Wiltshire Council that trees at the former St Peter's School site are given Tree Protection Orders. Some of these trees have already been recognised as 'significant' in planning documents and it is clear that these and others at the site offer amenity value. As this site is some way down the marketing process in terms of its sale, Councillors request that the mechanism for protecting these trees is started and that the Tree Officer visits the site as soon as possible

**58/19 HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENTS AND TRAFFIC SURVEY REQUESTS**

Members noted Wiltshire Council's Briefing Note No 19-016 concerning an updated process to the way highways improvements and traffic surveys should be requested by members of the public through Town and Parish Councils.

Members stressed the importance of communicating this information with the local community which should include an explanation about timescales, limited budgets, etc.

**59/19 MAY HIGHWAYS NEWSLETTER**

Members noted the May Highways Newsletter from Cllr. Bridget Wayman.

**60/19 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING**

The next stage of the process was for Wiltshire Council to instigate screening for a Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA). Publicity and initial consultation about the Neighbourhood Plan's policies would begin in the summer with November/December set for the first formal public consultation on the draft Neighbourhood Plan. **Cllr. Cooper** thanked the **Town Mayor** for all his efforts, as well as for attending the Manton Resident's Association AGM, and that it was important that residents in Manton were involved in the consultation process.

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm

Signed: ..... Date: .....  
 Chairman