

**MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL  
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Planning Committee** which was held on **Monday, 28 October 2019** in **The Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough** at 7.00 pm

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**PRESENT:** Councillor S. Price Chair  
Councillor M. Hall Town Mayor (*ex officio*)  
Councillor B. Castle  
Councillor Mrs P. Dow  
Councillor N. Fogg  
Councillor A. Kirk Wilson  
Councillor N. Barrett-Morton  
Councillor L. Farrell  
Councillor P. Cairns  
Councillor M. Cooper  
Councillor A. Wilson  
Councillor D. Heath

**ALSO PRESENT:** Mrs S. Parker Town Clerk  
Mrs D. Whitehall Administrator  
Mr B. Wood GreenSquare  
Mr N. Goodwin Marlborough.News  
Plus 4 members of the public

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The meeting was preceded by a drop-in session with GreenSquare Homes to view provisional proposals for the play area at Rabley Wood view.

**PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**Jackie Gill** – asked whether there had been any progress following the submission of a petition asking for a pedestrian crossing on the High Street. The **Town Clerk** confirmed that with the Town Council’s support the request had been accepted by Wiltshire Council at the Marlborough Community Area Transport Group (CATG). The 19 September minutes recorded “Consideration to feasibility of formal crossings in Kingsbury Street by Patten Alley and across the High Street by the White Horse book shop. This has been given a priority of A – 1<sup>st</sup> reserve”. The **Town Mayor** explained that there was some complexity in finding a suitable location due to the layout of the High Street, but was pleased that, with the 20mph project due to complete soon, this request was likely to make it onto the ‘top 5 priority schemes’ list as first reserve.

**Sara Daw** – was pleased to see that Barn Street was included in the new 20mph speed restrictions and hoped that it would be enforced to improve safety for pedestrians.

*A member of the public left the meeting*

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**APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllr. Ross.

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**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllrs. Farrell and Wilson – agenda items 7(c) and (d) – planning applications at Marlborough College – pecuniary interest.

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### **CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A letter had been received from Sherbourne Developments, the new owners of the St Peters School site. These local prime country developers were experienced in working on historic buildings and had exciting plans to convert the building into a high-quality hotel and restaurant. A planning application was to follow soon. More information can be found at [www.sherbourne-developments.com](http://www.sherbourne-developments.com). Sherbourne Developments would be is happy to meet with the Town Council at any stage about its proposals.

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### **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** that the Minutes of the meeting held 7 October 2019 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair

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### **RABLEY WOOD PLAY AREA**

**The Chair** believed that GreenSquare intended to build the play area while other development work was under way in order to bring access forward, perhaps to be open within a year of the start of development work. At the preceding drop-in session, a question had been raised about ongoing maintenance for the play area.

During a suspension of standing orders, a representative from GreenSquare took questions from Councillors about:

- The likely depth of the balancing pond – expected to average 6” but designed to accommodate a once in a hundred year event holding up to 1.2m
- Safety at the balancing pond, whether fencing was or was not advisable, the type of fencing that could be used, and whether dense and thorny planting was a suitable alternative
- Whether a safety plan could be produced regarding the pond

**Mr Wood** confirmed that the drawings were indicative only and not intended to be technical drawings. All comments would be taken on board and GreenSquare would remain open minded as they continued to consult with the Town Council and residents.

**RESOLVED:** that Marlborough Town Council welcomes the design of the play area in its initial stages, echoes the residents' views about the safety of the area and requests a safety plan.

*Mr Wood left the meeting*

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### **PLANNING DECISION NOTICES**

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

*A member of the public joined the meeting*

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### **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

a) **19/09344/FUL** – New external opening for patio doors and dormers to attic conversion to create new first floor at 8 Pipers Piece, Herd Street, Marlborough for Mr & Mrs Robert and Veronica Davison

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

b) **19/09402/VAR** – Variation of condition 4 on 17/02795/ADV to change the times the sign can be illuminated at Unit 1, The Savernake Dental Practice, 1 Hertford Road, Marlborough for Mr Simon Tuttle

Members discussed:

- The proximity of the location to the edge of the forest, and whether this would cause disruption to a population of bats known to be in the area
- Whether there was any need for an illuminated sign at times beyond those when the practice was open for business
- That the illuminated sign would help draw attention to the location of the practice for members of the public
- The proximity to the petrol station which was illuminated at night
- That the sign was quite small in comparison to other illuminations in the area

A proposal of no objection was not carried.

**RESOLVED:** that Marlborough Town Council objects to this application on the grounds of nature conservation

*Cllrs. Farrell and Wilson left the room for the following two items*

- c) 19/09614/FUL** – Alteration and refurbishment of three existing adjoining buildings to provide level access to Marlborough College Science Department, including the Grade II Listed Science Block, within the Grade II Listed Park and Garden at Marlborough College, Bath Road, Marlborough for Mr William Roe

**RESOLVED:** that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application subject to the Conservation Officer's approval

- d) 19/09827/LBC** - Alteration and refurbishment of three existing adjoining buildings to provide level access to Marlborough College Science Department, including the Grade II Listed Science Block, within the Grade II Listed Park and Garden at Marlborough College, Bath Road, Marlborough for Mr William Roe

**RESOLVED:** that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application subject to the Conservation Officer's approval

*Cllrs. Farrell and Wilson returned to the meeting*

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### **20MPH SPEED RESTRICTIONS**

Members noted that Wiltshire Council had issued an Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 the effect of which was to introduce a 20mph speed limit at 13 locations in Marlborough from 21 October 2019. **The Chair** noted that while the signage had not yet been completed, it was expected soon. The Town Council's contribution towards this was £4,500.

While expressing surprise at some of the smaller roads listed under this speed restriction (e.g. Angel Yard) it was noted that this was to avoid the need for additional signage at these locations.

**Cllr. Farrell** asked whether the recommencement of Community Speed Watch/Metro counts could be discussed at a future meeting.

*Cllr. Castle left the meeting*

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### **COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP (CATG)**

Members noted the minutes of the CATG meeting held on 19 September 2019.

