

**MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Planning Committee** which was held on **Monday, 18th July 2016** in
the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough** at 7.00 pm

PRESENT	Councillor M. Hall Councillor S. Dobson Councillor B. Castle Councillor A. Ross Councillor A. Kirk Wilson Councillor G. Loosmore Councillor L. Farrell Councillor Mrs M. Rose Councillor R. Allen Councillor A. Light	Chairman
ALSO PRESENT	Mrs S. Parker Mrs D. Whitehall Plus 2 members of the public	Town Clerk Administrator

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Emily Palmer, Resident – drew Members’ attention to a petition signed by more than 500 people hoping to make Savernake Hill a safer place for pedestrians and car users and asked what Marlborough Town Council was doing to make it a safer place. The Chairman replied that the Town Council would be supportive of her efforts and that the matter would be discussed in detail at agenda item 7.

146/16 APOLOGIES
Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Hannaford-Dobson, Dow, Fogg, Lam and the Town Mayor.

147/16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST
Cllr. Dobson – agenda items 6(b) – loft conversion at 2 Aubrey Close, Marlborough and 6(c) - detached dwelling on land adjoining Wakefield House, Cardigan Road, Marlborough - non-pecuniary. Cllr. Hall – agenda item 6(f) – insertion of gateway at 12 Blowhorn Street, Marlborough – non-pecuniary. Cllr. Farrell – agenda item 6(i) – extensions at 23 Priorsfield, Marlborough – non-pecuniary.

148/16 CHAIRMAN’S ANNOUNCEMENTS
There were no Chairman’s Announcements.

149/16 MINUTES
RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting of 4th July 2016 were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

150/16 PLANNING DECISION NOTICES
Members noted Planning Decision Notices which had been issued by Wiltshire Council.

151/16 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) **16/04388/ADV** – 3 x non illuminated “legged” freestanding signs at Savernake View Care Home, Priory Court, Marlborough for Mr Robert Sharratt, Porthaven Properties No 2 Ltd
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application

Cllr. Allen joined the meeting

- b) **16/04809/FUL** – Further amended plans for loft conversion incorporating dormer windows at 2 Aubrey Close, Marlborough for Mr & Mrs Greenbank
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application

Cllr. Dobson did not vote

- c) **16/05002/FUL** – revision to siting & design of detached dwelling approved under 15/10527/FUL on land adjoining Wakefield House, Cardigan Road, Marlborough for QDOS Homes Ltd

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council objects to this application in line with the objection given when site application was previously considered by the Town Council, on the grounds of overdevelopment and risk to trees.

Cllr. Dobson did not vote

- d) **16/05216/LBC** – the addition of boiler flue outlet to the top of gable end wall at 21 Kingsbury Street, Marlborough for Mr Jones

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

Cllr. Loosmore joined the meeting

- e) **16/05273/LBC** – to re-point approx. 44m² using lime mortar; treating brickwork with “storm-dry” moisture repellent and repaint all windows and fascia boards (white) at 12 London Road, Marlborough for Mrs Alison Espie, London Road Management Company

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

- f) **16/05559/FUL** – insertion of gateway into existing garden wall to enable off-street parking within the property at 12 Blowhorn Street, Marlborough for Mr Simon Brett

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

Cllr. Kirk Wilson took the Chair for this item.

Cllr. Hall did not vote.

Cllr Hall resumed the Chair.

- g) **16/05587/FUL** – proposed ground and first floor extensions to create first floor, new attached garage and associated alterations at 31 Manton Hollow, Marlborough for Mr T Smith

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council objects to this application on the

grounds of overdevelopment of the site

- h) **16/05668/LBC** – the removal of one plastic sheet roof light and adjacent rotten rafter to be replaced with a conservation roof light. The installation of boiler flue exiting the roof to the rear of the property at 5 Herd Street, Marlborough for Mr Ben Wain
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- i) **16/05714/FUL** – proposed second storey side extension and single storey rear extension at 23 Priorsfield, Marlborough for Mr & Mrs Rumbold
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council defers this item to the Planning Committee on 8th August 2016
Cllr Farrell did not vote.
- j) **16/005743/FUL** – side and rear extensions at 12 Reeds Ground, Marlborough for Mrs Alison Mallows
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- k) **16/05835/FUL** – proposed conversion of part of Savernake House to form three (3) residential apartments at Ailesbury Court, High Street, Marlborough for Porter Property Fund
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- l) **16/06021/LBC** – proposed conversion of part of Savernake House to form three (3) residential apartments, including installation of new internal walls and alterations to external doors and windows at Ailesbury Court, High Street, Marlborough for Porter Property Fund
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application

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COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP (CATG)

Members noted a report by the Town Clerk and considered projects for consideration by CATG, a request arising from an issue raised on the Wiltshire Council Issues Log, and traffic safety issues on Savernake Hill. Discussion points included:

Potential Projects

- The ongoing experimental traffic order in Silverless Street, the likelihood of a reversal of the current one way arrangement and whether a weight restriction could be imposed
- Whether a speed monitoring device should be obtained for the A4/London Road
- Whilst it was noted as not a CATG issue, Members were disappointed that resurfacing for The Parade and George Lane had been dropped from Wiltshire Council's priority list and it was agreed that this should be resubmitted as an urgent requirement
- The pedestrian crossing near the Town Hall in the High Street was very faded. Whilst not a potential CATG project, it was agreed that this should be raised as an issue

- Cllr. Dobson, as Unitary Councillors, would check the availability of a scheme for applying for major Highways projects outside of CATG

Road Safety

- Members thanked Emily Palmer for attending the meeting and for her endeavours to improve road safety following a tragic accident on the A4 near Savernake Hospital
- A desire to present the case to CATG in support of the petitioners
- Cllr. Dobson had received an email from another resident expressing concerns about speed limits, and in particular the perceived need for traffic calming measures in the St John's estate
- The stretch of road where the accident occurred crosses parish boundaries
- Whether the overtaking lane could be shortened to finish before the bend, which was deemed dangerous
- There had been a recent county-wide review of speed limits to ensure they were within Ministry of Transport guidelines
- The potential for an illuminated speed indication device (SIDS) asking people to reduce their speed. The Town Clerk would check whether the opportunity to obtain these devices free of charge (as promoted in 2015) was still available
- Whether GATSO type speed cameras were an option (it was believed there may be a policy not to site them in Wiltshire)
- A recent Community Speed Watch campaign in June had regularly recorded motorists driving at speeds in excess of 60 mph in the 30 mph zone on London Road beyond the Roebuck Inn
- The potential to extend the 30 mph speed until after the turnings for the hospital, Cricket Club and Grand Avenue
- The potential to revisit proposals for a roundabout at the junction of the A4 with Chopping Knife Lane
- The need for more enforcement – simply changing speed limits would not necessarily deter all drivers from driving at dangerous speeds
- Whether CATG would be able to provide expert advice
- The opportunity to prepare a detailed paper to be submitted for consideration at the next CATG meeting in September

RESOLVED: (i) that potential projects for consideration by CATG would be the inclusion of signage to prevent heavy goods vehicles using Silverless Street, and reversing the priority for traffic across the bridge in George Lane car park

RESOLVED: (ii) to delegate to the Town Clerk to write to the householder concerned requesting that the hedge is cut back to improve the sight line at the junction from Manton onto the A4

RESOLVED: (iii) that this Council supports and shares the concerns raised by local residents and asks CATG to support the best way forward to achieve greater safety for motorists and pedestrians on the A4/London Road in the light of changed circumstances since the last speed limit review. Also to investigate the acquisition of a Speed Indicator Device (SIDS) and for the Town Clerk and Cllr. Allen to prepare a document for submission to CATG in September

Two members of the public left the meeting

Members noted the most recent newsletter from Councillor Philip Whitehead.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

A lot of feedback had been gathered from recent publicity events and this was currently being analysed. Further events were being scheduled in Mildenhall and Manton Village Halls and Savernake Hospital.

The meeting closed at 7.58 pm

Signed
Chairman

Date