

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting of the **Planning Committee** which was held on **Monday 15th August, 2011**
in the **Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough** at 7.00 pm

PRESENT Councillor Mrs E.M. Hannaford Dobson Chairman
Councillor A. Kirk Wilson Town Mayor
Councillor S. Dobson
Councillor G. Francis
Councillor B. Castle
Councillor Mrs P. Dow
Councillor A. Ross
Councillor N. Fogg
Councillor A. Spranger
Councillor G. Loosmore

ALSO PRESENT Mrs Sue Fry Office Manager
Mr. N. Kerton Wiltshire Gazette and Herald

174/11 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Mrs M. Rose, R. Pitts, Mrs E. Fogg, R. Notton and Mrs C. Jackson.

175/11 **DECLARATION(S) OF INTEREST**

Councillor B. Castle – Agenda Item 7(b) – Personal close friend of applicant.

176/11 **CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The Chairman reported that following this Councils request for a speed limit reduction on the A4 Bath Road west of Marlborough the following update has been issued –

Integrated Transport have confirmed that this stretch of road was considered under the review of A and B class roads and concluded to be correct. A further review was conducted at the request of residents representing an action group and the speed limit was still considered to be correct for the type and quantity of built environment. Should anything materially change in this area i.e. a new development, the situation can be reviewed.

The Chairman made the following statement regarding planning application E/2011/0946/FUL – I am very disappointed that this planning application which is to create an extended parking area on the Common for the Cemetery and a Memorial

Copse has not been debated by the Full Council. Every Councillor is a guardian of the Common and as such should be informed and consulted about any changes made to it. It would of also been courteous to have heard the views of the Common Users Forum other wise it makes a mockery of the reasons for setting up this forum. It is quite apparent that some Councillors feel that they can make unilateral decisions without the courtesy of informing or consulting their colleagues or indeed any formally constituted public group of residents. At best it shows insensitivity at worse arrogance.

177/11 MINUTES

RESOLVED: unanimously that the Minutes of the meeting of the Planning Committee held on the 25th July, 2011 were a true record and signed by the Vice Chairman.

178/11 PLANNING DECISION NOTICES

There were no comments on the Planning Decision Notices issued by Wiltshire Council.

179/11 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Committee considered the following Planning Applications, which have been received from Wiltshire Council –

a)E/2011/0880/LBC – Installation of CCTV camera at the Queens Head, St Martins, Marlborough.

RESOLVED: by 9 votes for with 1 abstentions that Marlborough Town Council have no objection to this application.

b)E/2011/0887/FUL – Two storey rear extension; insertion of two front dormer windows; velux rooflights and a mono pitch roof over the existing dormer flat roof at Gardenia Cottage, Barnfield, Marlborough.

RESOLVED: by 8 votes for with 2 abstentions that Marlborough Town Council have no objection to this application.

c)E/2011/0939/FUL – Change of use of the single existing dwelling house and annex to allow subdivision and occupation as two independent dwelling units (Use Class C3) with associated proposed internal building alterations and new fencing at 1 Kennet Mews, Marlborough.

RESOLVED by 8 votes for with 2 abstentions that Marlborough Town Council object to this application for the following reasons –

It is not suitable for division in to 2 houses in view of the size of the property.
Insufficient parking for an additional dwelling.
Sets a precedence for other properties in the area.
If sold this property should be sold as 1 dwelling.

d)E/2011/0946/FUL – Change of use of land to facilitate creation of parking area and memorial copse adjoining Marlborough Cemetery at Marlborough Cemetery, The Common, Marlborough.

RESOLVED: by 7 votes for with 1 against (Cllr S. Dobson voting against) and 2 abstentions that Marlborough Town Council have no objection to this application.

This application should be discussed by Full Town Council before any decision is made.

e)E/2011/0957/FUL – Creation of pitched roof above existing extension at 62 London Road, Marlborough.

RESOLVED: by 8 votes for with 2 abstentions that Marlborough Town Council have no objection to this application.

f)E/2011/0971/LBC – Replacement of existing first and second floor windows in a like for like form (with modified opening at second level) at 2 The Green, Marlborough.

RESOLVED: by 8 votes for with 2 abstentions that Marlborough Town Council have no objection to this application.

Councillor A. Spranger left the meeting at 7.35 pm

g)E/2011/0976/FUL – Erection of new dwelling at 42 St Martins, Marlborough.

RESOLVED: by 7 votes for with 2 abstentions that Marlborough Town Council object to this application for the following reason –
Overdevelopment of the site.

h)E/2011/0980/LBC – Installation of defibrillator on an outside wall of the Town Hall at Town Hall, High Street, Marlborough.

RESOLVED: by 5 votes for with 4 abstentions that Marlborough Town Council have no objection to this application.

i)E/2011/0981/FUL – Single storey extension to the rear of the dwelling, erection of garden store to replace existing shed at 6 Ironmonger Lane, High Street, Marlborough.

RESOLVED: by 7 votes for with 2 abstentions that Marlborough Town Council have no objection to this application.

j)E/2011/0982/LBC – Internal alterations and refurbishment to the existing dwellings. Repairs maintenance and alterations to the existing windows. New single storey extension to the rear of the dwelling at 6 Ironmonger Lane, Marlborough.

RESOLVED: by 7 votes for with 2 abstentions that Marlborough Town Council have no objection to this application.

WORK TO TREES

a)E/2011/0921/TCA – The felling of approximately ten golden Monterey cypress and leyland cypress trees at no's 2 & 3 Pewsey Road, Marlborough.

RESOLVED: by 6 votes for with 1 against and 2 abstentions that Marlborough Town Council have no objection to the felling of the Leyland cypress trees but would like at least 3 or 4 of the Monterey Cypress trees to be retained this being subject to the approval of the Tree Officer.

b)E/2011/0924/TPO – Works to tree at the property to consist of a reduction and thinning by approximately 20% with rebalancing. The tree is protected by Tree Preservation Order 427 at 5 Hazel Close, Marlborough.

RESOLVED: by 6 votes for with 3 abstentions that Marlborough Town Council have no objection to this application.

c)E/2011/0947/TPO – Works to trees at the property to consist of the sectional felling to ground level of two white poplar trees and the reduction by approximately 30% with crown thinning by a similar amount of a third white poplar, maintaining as natural a form as possible. The trees are protected by Tree Preservation Order 120 at 1 Hazel Close, Marlborough.

RESOLVED: by 8 votes for with 1 abstentions that Marlborough Town Council have no objection to this application.

d)E/2011/0959/TPO – The felling and stump grinding of a lime tree at the front of the property. The tree is protected by Tree Preservation Order 314_T1 at Sycamore House, 52 George Lane, Marlborough.

RESOLVED: by 8 votes for with 1 abstentions that Marlborough Town Council object to this application for the following reasons –

Both trees appear healthy and play a significant part in the street scene. Reasons for wishing to fell these trees are not supported by the opinions of a professional.

e)E/2011/0960/TPO – The felling and stump grinding of a lime tree at the front of the property. The tree is protected by Tree Preservation Order 314_T2 at Sycamore House, 52 George Lane, Marlborough.

RESOLVED: by 8 votes for with 1 abstentions that Marlborough Town Council object to this application for the following reasons -

Both trees appear healthy and play a significant part in the street scene. Reasons for wishing to fell these trees are not supported by the opinions of a professional.

181/11 REMOVAL OF PART OF ON STREET PARKING BAY.

The Committee discussed the removal of part of on street parking (replaced further to the South), to be replaced by “no waiting at anytime” at road adjacent to Samson House, Kelham Gardens.

RESOLVED: unanimously that Marlborough Town Council object to this proposal as the area of on street parking to be removed is far larger than the proposed replacement area further to the south at road adjacent to Samson House, Kelham Gardens.

182/11 FOR INFORMATION ONLY

The Committee received the following for information only –

- a) Speed limit reduction request on A4 West Marlborough.
- b) Application for Temporary Road Closure - Mop Fair.

The Committee requested that the names of all planning applicants be re-instated on all future agendas and minutes as agreed at the planning meeting held on Tuesday 31st May, 2011. The Mayor and Vice Chairman to talk to the Town Clerk.

The meeting closed at 8.20 pm