

MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING COMMITTEE

Minutes of a meeting of the **Planning Committee**, which was held on **Monday 13th December 2004** in the Council Chamber, Town Hall, Marlborough at 8.15pm.

PRESENT

Councillor D. L. Parker	Chairman
Councillor G. Francis	Town Mayor
Councillor Mrs H. A. Cripps	Deputy Town Mayor
Councillor S. R. Dobson	
Councillor B. Castle	
Councillor Mrs E. M. Hannaford	
Councillor Mrs P. A. Dow	
Councillor N. J. Fogg	
Councillor M. Gray	
Councillor M. C. Curtis	
Councillor Mrs C. V. Jackson	
Councillor P. B. Cossey	
Councillor A. R. Ross	
Graham Gittins	Town Clerk
Jonathan Mansfield	Civic Secretary
Mr Nigel Kerton	Wilts Gazette
Plus 8 Members of the Public	

408/04 APOLOGIES:

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor M. P. Cooper, Councillor W. B. Cavill and Councillor R. J. Allen.

409/04 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:

Councillor M. Gray	Item 7(b) (Employee of The Merchant's House)
Councillor S. R. Dobson	Item 7(b) (Trustee of The Merchant's House)
Councillor N. J. Fogg	Item 7(b) (Trustee of the Merchant's House)
Councillor Mrs E. M. Hannaford	Item 6(c) (Pecuniary Interest)
Councillor M. C. Curtis	Item 6(g) (Employee of Marlborough College)
Councillor A. R. Ross	Item 6(d) (Neighbour)

410/04 MINUTES:

RESOLVED: That the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 29th November 2004 be taken as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

411/04 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS:

None

412/04 PLANNING DECISION NOTICES:

There were no comments on the planning decision notices received from Kennet District Council.

413/04 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

The Committee considered the following planning applications, which were received from Kennet District Council –

(a) K/51295/VAR Variation of condition no.13 of Planning Application K/034918 to remove requirement to construct private drives between the estate road and the edge of the site with Orchard Close and adjacent land at Kelham Gardens, Marlborough for Village Green Homes Ltd.

The Chairman stated that the Committee had received one letter of objection.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs E. M. Hannaford, seconded by Councillor N. J. Fogg and –

RESOLVED: By 11 votes to 0 votes with 0 abstentions, that Marlborough Town Council objects to this application as we support the retention of Condition 13, as it provides for a safer exit onto the Highway at Kelham Gardens rather than directly onto the A4. Marlborough Town Council considers that nothing has change since the original condition was imposed.

(b) K/51304 Side/rear conservatory at 11, College Fields, Marlborough for Mr G. Johnson.

Proposed by Councillor M. C. Curtis, seconded by Councillor Mrs P. A. Dow and –

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

Councillor Mrs E. M. Hannaford left the room at 8.25pm

(c) K/51310 Single storey side extension at 28, Rogers Meadow, Marlborough for Mr and Mrs G. Hobbs.

The Chairman stated that the Committee had received one letter of objection.

Proposed by Councillor B. Castle, seconded by Councillor P. B. Cossey and –

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

Councillor Mrs E. M. Hannaford returned at 8.26pm

Councillor A. R. Ross left the room at 8.26pm

(d) K/51314 (AMENDED) Erection of 12 flats with new access (amendments to design and external appearance approved under ref: K/50707/RM) at 18, Salisbury Road, Marlborough for Badminton Homes Ltd.

The Chairman stated that the Committee has received 1 letter of objection.

Proposed by Councillor M. C. Curtis, seconded by Councillor Mrs E. M. Hannaford and -

RESOLVED: By 8 votes to 0 votes with 1 abstention, that Marlborough Town Council strongly objects to this Amended application as it contradicts the comments made by the Planning Inspector, particularly concerning over-looking into neighbouring properties and noise disturbance. This Council is also concerned that there may be a discrepancy with the legal boundary.

Councillor A. R. Ross returned at 8.28pm

(e) K/51326 Alterations and extension and conversion to two flats at 140A, High Street, Marlborough for Mr R. Brooks.

Proposed by Councillor B. Castle, seconded by Councillor A. R. Ross and –

RESOLVED: By 6 votes to 2 votes with 1 abstentions, that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application.

(f) K/51327/L Internal and external alterations and extension to facilitate conversion to two flats at 140A, High Street, Marlborough for Mr R. Brooks.

Proposed by Councillor B. Castle, seconded by Councillor A. R. Ross and –

RESOLVED: By 6 votes to 2 votes with 2 abstentions, that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application, subject to the approval of the Listed Buildings Officer.

Councillor M. C. Curtis left the room at 8.31pm

(g) K/51328/L Formation of new doorway between drawing room and dining room. Installation of fully accessible toilet at The Masters Lodge, Marlborough College for Marlborough College.

Proposed by Councillor M. Gray, seconded by Councillor Mrs P. A. Dow and –

RESOLVED: By 9 votes to 0 votes with 0 abstentions, that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application, subject to the approval of the Listed Buildings Officer.

Councillor M. C. Curtis returned at 8.32pm

(h) K/51330/L Display of shop front sign at 106, High Street, Marlborough for Humberts.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs P. A. Dow, seconded by Councillor Mrs E. M. Hannaford and –

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

Councillor Mrs P. A. Dow declared an interest and left the room at 8.40pm

(i) K/51346 Retrospective permission for erection of 0.3 metre diameter dish aerial for telecommunications use at Marlborough Telephone Exchange, Marlborough for Mr S. J. Hirst, BT.

The Chairman stated that the Committee had received nine letters of objection.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs E. M. Hannaford, seconded by Councillor P. B. Cossey and –

RESOLVED: By 8 votes to 1 vote with 0 abstentions, that Marlborough Town Council objects to this application on the grounds of the environmental and future impact on the Conservation Area. This Council feels that this site is unsuitable for developments of this type now, and in the future, and we believe that this construction might contravene the original purpose of the Telephone Exchange.

Councillor Mrs P. A. Dow returned at 8.47pm

(j) K/51348 Erection of rear conservatory at 55, High Street, Marlborough for Mr R. Smith.

Proposed by Councillor A. R. Ross, seconded by Councillor M. C. Curtis and –

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

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WORK TO TREES:

The Committee considered the following applications for work to trees in a Conservation Area, which were received from Kennet District Council -

(a) K/51333/T With reference to the Ornamental Cherry in the east corner of the garden, at the rear of the property: To thin canopy of the tree by up to 30%, to reduce the height of the canopy by 10%, to lift the crown and reduce the spread of the lower branches by 10% at 49, High Street, Marlborough for P. R. Knipe.

Proposed by Councillor B. Castle, seconded by Councillor A. R. Ross and –

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

Councillor S. R. Dobson, Councillor N. J. Fogg and Councillor M. Gray left the room at 8.45pm

(b) K/51365/T The removal of a Fastigiated Yew in the rear garden of the property at The Merchant's House, 132, High Street, Marlborough for the Trustees of The Merchant's House.

Proposed by Councillor B. Castle, seconded by Councillor P. B. Cossey and –

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

Councillor S. R. Dobson, Councillor N. J. Fogg and Councillor M. Gray returned at 8.46pm

415/04 POLLY GARDENS CAR PARK:

The Committee considered a response to Kennet District Council on the question of allowing the lights in the new car park at Polly Gardens to remain switched on all evening.

A proposal by Councillor S. R. Dobson, seconded by Councillor M. C. Curtis –

To leave the lights switched on, but to encourage them to be moved to a situation more sympathetic to the residents.

FAILED: By 5 votes to 6 votes.

A proposal by Councillor P. B. Cossey, seconded by Councillor A. R. Ross –

To leave the lights where they are and switched on all evening but to review the situation in six months time.

FAILED: By 5 votes to 6 votes.

Proposed by Councillor Mrs E. M. Hannaford, seconded by
Councillor Mrs P. A. Dow and –

RESOLVED:

By 7 votes to 3 votes with 1 abstentions, to request that the
lights are time-limited - to be switched on before dusk and
switched off at Midnight.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm