

Marlborough Town Council



Planning Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held Monday, 11 November 2024 in the Court Room, Marlborough Town Hall at 7pm

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| PRESENT | Councillor Mervyn Hall | Chair |
| | Councillor Lisa Farrell | |
| | Councillor Mark Cooper | |
| | Councillor Kelvyn Shantry | |
| | Councillor Susannah O'Brien | |
| | Councillor Emily Trow | |
| | Councillor Bethany Kohrt | |
| | Councillor Caroline Sadler | |
| | Councillor Abi Beaumont | |
| | Richard Spencer-Williams | Town Clerk |
| | Dawn Whitehall | Corporate Services Officer |
| ALSO PRESENT | Neil Goodwin | Marlborough.News |

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence had been received from **Councillors Fogg, Ross, Davies, Thomas, Luson** and the **Town Mayor, Cllr Cleasby**

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DECLARATIONS

Councillor Beaumont – agenda item 8a – work to trees – non-pecuniary interest.

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CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

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MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held 21 October 2024 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair

280/24 ACTION LOG

Members noted the updated action log. Comments included:

#151 Community Speed Watch – more locations had now been agreed with Wiltshire Police. The day after the Police and Crime Commissioner had attended Full Council (4 November) Police enforcement operations had taken place in Kingsbury Street.

#219 High Street Lighting – **Councillor Trow** noted in addition to those premises already documented, a new illuminated sign at Nationwide was on 24/7. **Councillor Farrell** also highlighted a new shop near St Peters with inappropriate signage, believing there had not been a planning application for it. The **Town Clerk** reminded any Members that any questions about planning compliance could be raised with him directly to follow up with Wiltshire Council, and he would bring anything found to be in breach of regulations to the Committee to consider whether to pursue further action.

281/24 PLANNING DECISIONS

Members noted the planning applications that had recently been determined by Wiltshire Council.

282/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) **PL/2024/09308** – proposed garden grill and covered terrace with raised brick wall height to boundary at 32 Garside Way, Marlborough for Mr R Meek

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

b) **PL/2024/09452** – first floor extension over existing single storey extension with adjustment to existing extension roof and minor internal alterations at 1 Tennyson Close, Marlborough for Mr & Mrs P Gardiner

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

283/24 WORKS TO TREES

Cllr Beaumont did not vote on the following item

a) **PL/2024/09494** – Prunus tree – fell at Ye Halfpennies, 120b High Street, Marlborough for Ms Beaumont

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

b) **PL/2024/09699** – Magnolia (T1) – reduce and shape crown by 2/3m to clear away from buildings. Birch x 2 (T2) – reduce crowns by 4/5m at 4 School Lane, Manton for Mr Whiting

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

c) **PL/2024/09437** – Ash tree – reduce to a ten foot monolith (Ash Die Back) at Recreation Ground, Bridge Street, Manton for Marlborough Town Council
Members noted this application

284/24 PLANNING APPEAL

Members noted that the Inspector had allowed appeals against refusal for applications to partially rebuild a rear extension at Yew Tree Cottage, 25 High Street, Manton (APP/Y3940/W/24/3347642 Ref PL/2024/00933 and APP/Y3940/Y/24/3347641 Listed Building Ref PL/2024/01187)

285/24 HIGHWAY AND FOOTWAY IMPROVEMENTS (LHFIG)

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council supports a Highways Improvement Request for safety improvements at Footpath MARL24 between 82 and 80 Five Stiles Road to be submitted to the Wiltshire Council Area Board LHFIG for consideration

286/24 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES (SID)

Members noted the most recent SID data collected at A4 Bath Road (2-15 October) and George Lane (16-30 October). It was hoped the data for George Lane would strengthen the Town Council's request that Wiltshire Council reconsider its decision that a 20MPH zone is not suitable for George Lane.

287/24 BRIEFING NOTE

Members noted Wiltshire Council Briefing Note 24-19 and that the Substantive Highways Scheme fund would again be available for 2025/26, and that Area Boards need to submit eligible bids by Friday, 13 December 2024. The **Chair** noted that Marlborough had been successful in obtaining funds through this scheme for the 5-point safety plan at A4 Manton. Any future submissions would need to have been reviewed by LHFIG and be fully costed prior to submission.

288/24 TOWN CENTRE WORKING PARTY

Councillor Shantry provided a verbal update:

- New visitor finger post signage was still expected 'soon' – installation had been delayed due to an error in measurement of some signs by the manufacturer
- Designs for Welcome to Marlborough gateway signs had been agreed and it was hoped these would be installed in January
- A press release had been issued on 7 November providing an update on actions taken in response to comments made by residents in a Town Centre survey conducted in 2022
- The Working Party was close to completing a written brief related to the application for Wiltshire Towns Programme grant funds for the next two years, to be used to commission an expert vision to propose improvements to the town centre to enhance the pedestrian experience

289/24 FINANCE AND BUDGET

Members noted the Planning finance report at month 6 and considered proposed budget requirements for 2025-26, with no increase to the 2024-25 budget:

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| Highways | £1,000 |
| Street Furniture | £2,000 |
| LHFIG | £7,500 |

RESOLVED: that the proposed budget requirements for 2025/26 be submitted to the annual budgeting process

290/24 **TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES**

Members noted that Wiltshire Council had issued Orders for the temporary closure of:

- a) A4 (part) High Street, C18 Kingsbury Street (part) and A4 (part) New Road between 16:00-21:00 on Friday 29 November 2024 to ensure public safety at the Christmas Lights Switch On Event

- b) UC 156801 (part) Preshute between 09:30-15:30 on 8 January 2025 to enable Openreach safe access to cover and manholes

The meeting closed at 7.27 pm

Signed:
Chair

Date: