

# Marlborough Town Council



## Planning Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held Monday, 14 September 2026  
in the Court Room, Marlborough Town Hall at 7pm

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| <b>PRESENT</b> | Councillor Kym-Marie Cleasby  | Chair                      |
|                | Councillor Mark Luson         | Town Mayor                 |
|                | Councillor Nicholas Fogg      |                            |
|                | Councillor Mervyn Hall        | Vice Chair                 |
|                | Councillor Mark Cooper        |                            |
|                | Councillor Kelvyn Shantry     |                            |
|                | Councillor Susannah O'Brien   |                            |
|                | Councillor Abi Beaumont       |                            |
|                | Councillor Caroline Sadler    |                            |
|                | Councillor Caroline Wrench    |                            |
|                | Councillor Nicholas Awbery    |                            |
|                | Councillor Kim Wakeham        |                            |
|                | Richard Spencer-Williams      | Town Clerk                 |
|                | Dawn Whitehall                | Corporate Services Officer |
| <b>ALSO</b>    |                               |                            |
| <b>PRESENT</b> | Neil Goodwin                  | Marlborough.News           |
|                | Plus one member of the public |                            |

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### **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions.

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### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from **Councillors Farrell and Trow.**

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### **DECLARATIONS**

There were no declarations of interest.

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### **CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

The **Chair** read out a reply received from the office of the Police & Crime Commissioner (PCC) to a question about the sale of the former police station at George Lane (*Full Council Meeting, 23 March, Questions to and from Wiltshire Councillors: Town Clerk to clarify with the PCC ... whether there is any leeway to take*

*into account the needs of the community...)* The relevant points in the reply were “There are no specific criteria mandated for assessing social impact and consideration of this is a discretionary factor for the PCC. The legal obligation is to achieve best consideration, which allows for wider aspects to be balanced.” “As part of an open and transparent process we would expect any potential purchaser to set out the **social value benefits** for us to consider, alongside any commercial information...”. This was good news for the Town Council, which could now prepare its case. Members noted that a proposed new hub at Old Sarum would not include a custody suite: there was a very secure custody suite already in situ in Marlborough. There was also a question about whether a sale of the site would be achieved before the end of the PCC term.

Councillors were encouraged to attend the Action for the River Kennet (ARK) Annual General Meeting taking place on Monday, 5 October at 5.30pm at the Parade Cinema.

An Eastern Area Planning Committee meeting on Thursday 17 September would include a planning application for Willow & Wolf on the agenda. All were welcome to attend: anyone wishing to register to speak should do so via [committee@wiltshire.gov.uk](mailto:committee@wiltshire.gov.uk). Councillor Cleasby would be attending as Vice Chair: anyone wishing her to make statements on behalf of residents should let her know.

Members were asked to note a reply received from Wiltshire Council’s Principal Engineer, Traffic & Network Management asking why the same times for the residents’ parking scheme at Kennet Place had been rejected for Lower Prospect. The problem with introducing the same hours for the residents of Lower Prospect would prevent commuters parking there. Residents from other roads would be able to park shortly after 6pm and leave before 8am, which would not solve the problem of the residents asking for resident-only parking overnight. Each location had unique problems, and a blanket approach was not necessarily appropriate.

The **Mayor** and **Chair of Finance & Policy Committee** were asked to meet with the **Town Clerk** immediately after the meeting to sign Land Registry documents.

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#### **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held 24 August were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair

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#### **ACTION LOG**

Members noted the updated action log.

#376 Bus Shelters: **Councillor Cleasby** was awaiting further detail, but had been told it was difficult, but not impossible, to provide LED boards at bus stops that did not have shelters.

**191/26 PLANNING DECISIONS**

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

**192/26 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

- a) **PL/2026/04858** – Replace the front door and canopy, matching the current versions like for like at 18 Kingsbury Street, Marlborough for Mr Peter Sharp  
**RESOLVED:** that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- b) **PL/2026/04859** - Variation of condition 2 (approved plans/documents) relating to application PL/2025/05149 – seek to amend details of the approved development at Master’s Lodge, Bath Road, Marlborough for Marlborough College  
**RESOLVED:** that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- c) **PL/2026/04913** – Add two-storey extension to rear to achieve shared living accommodation at Lara Lodge, Poulton Crescent, Marlborough for Mr & Mrs Davies  
**RESOLVED:** that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- d) **PL/2026/05021** – Two storey extension to rear of property, with two storey extension to front of property at 15 Edwards Meadow, Marlborough for Nick West  
**RESOLVED:** that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- e) **PL/2026/05236** – Erection of single storey side extension with pitched roof and rooflights following demolition of existing extension; Internal remodelling and alterations to fenestration; Change of roof from flat to pitched with rooflights over existing single storey extension; Application of white painted render to all elevations at 4 Elcot Close, Marlborough for Andy Goodman  
**RESOLVED:** that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application

**193/26 WILTSHIRE LOCAL PLAN SCOPING CONSULTATION**

Members noted a scoping consultation and considered whether to make a corporate response. Discussion points included:

- A toolkit was available should Councillors be minded to hold a public scoping consultation, and whether to combine it with a screening of a planned WC public webinar on 17 September; if not, whether a meeting could be arranged with times that would allow young people to take part
- Areas Councillors wished to include within the scope of the Local Plan were:
  - o Marlborough’s declared housing emergency, primarily a shortage of social housing
  - o To carry over policies about the conservation area and protection of green spaces from the Marlborough Area Neighbourhood Plan (MANP)
  - o To include the whole of the MANP
  - o The Youth Council’s desire to improve the town for young people

- o Climate change and climate emergency – especially flood risk and mitigations such as SuDS and rain gardens, fire mitigation, as well as extreme temperatures
- o Depriming the A346
- o Supporting local shops and businesses
- o The level of empowerment for town and parish councils

**RESOLVED:** (i) that Marlborough Town Council will make a corporate response to the scoping consultation

**RESOLVED:** (ii) **Cllr Hall** and the **Town Clerk** to prepare the response on behalf of the Town Council

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#### **BRIEFING NOTE 26 – 16: FREIGHT ACTION PLAN**

Members noted a briefing note issued by Wiltshire Council introducing a consultation on its new Freight Action Plan and considered whether to make a corporate response. Discussion points included:

- Ongoing issues with congestion on the A346; depriming the A346 with alternative north/south routes via the A350 (west) and A34 (east)
- Lane rental for utility companies
- Damage to infrastructure and the impact on neighbouring parishes (e.g. the bridge at Burbage Wharf; a fatality in Collingbourne Kingston)
- How freight movements will be measured, monitored and the rules enforced
- To include the expert opinion from the Atkins study (21 October 2024)
- To include the impact of the improvements to the A417/419 ‘missing link’ and the resultant increase in freight traffic
- New distribution centres being built in Swindon (especially the former Honda site) and the expected increase in freight movements

**RESOLVED:** to make a corporate response to the Freight Action Plan consultation as discussed at the meeting

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#### **ROAD CLOSURE CONSULTATION**

Members noted a road closure application consultation for Mop Fairs on 10 and 17 October.

**Cllr Fogg** reminded Members of the laws which applied to the Mop Fairs (the 1847 Towns & Markets Act the 1871 Fairs Act).

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#### **LOCAL HIGHWAY AND FOOTWAY IMPROVEMENTS GROUP (LHFIG)**

Members noted the LHFIG action log. **Cllr Awbery** had recently attended a meeting, and the notes would be shared with the Committee once they had been received.

Members were reminded to promote the ongoing consultation about the pedestrian crossing point at Port Hill.

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#### **SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES (SID)**

Members noted the most recent SID data recorded at London Road between 11 and 24 August. It was disappointing that only 61% of outgoing traffic had been within the 30MPH speed limit. While this did not meet the 85% required for police enforcement, it was a suitable candidate for Community Speed Watch.

A reply was awaited from Wiltshire Council regarding the placement of the Town Council's SID at locations in Hyde Lane.

**198/26 SEALED TRAFFIC ORDER – VARIOUS PARKING ORDERS**

Members noted the details of sealed traffic orders to be implemented on 1 September relating to on and off street parking.

**199/26 PROPOSED TEMPORARY CLOSURE OF VARIOUS ROADS, MARLBOROUGH**

Members noted a proposed temporary road closure on 8 November 2026 for Marlborough's Remembrance Parade.

**200/26 TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES**

Members noted that Wiltshire Council had issued orders under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to close the following roads temporarily to all traffic:

- TTRO 11881: Preshute Lane (part), Marlborough from a point approximately 23m east of its junction with Bridge Street for a distance of approximately 300m in an easterly direction on 2 November 2026 between 09:30 and 15:30 for 3 days to enable Openreach to clear blockages and other associated works
- TTRO 11909: Rockley Road (part), Ogbourne St Andrew from property known as Stable Cottages for a distance of approximately 15m in a southerly direction on 11 November 2026 between 08:00 to 17:00 for 4 days to enable Thames Water Utilities to excavate and install new air valve and other associated works

The meeting closed at 8 pm

Signed: .....  
Chair

Date: .....