

# Marlborough Town Council



## Planning Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held Monday, 10 June 2024 in the Court Room, Marlborough Town Hall at 7pm

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| <b>PRESENT</b>      | Councillor James Sheppard    | Chair                            |
|                     | Councillor Kym-Marie Cleasby | Town Mayor ( <i>ex officio</i> ) |
|                     | Councillor Lisa Farrell      |                                  |
|                     | Councillor Mervyn Hall       | Vice Chair                       |
|                     | Councillor Mark Cooper       |                                  |
|                     | Councillor Mark Luson        |                                  |
|                     | Councillor Kelvyn Shantry    |                                  |
|                     | Councillor Susannah O'Brien  |                                  |
|                     | Councillor Emily Trow        |                                  |
|                     | Councillor Caroline Sadler   |                                  |
|                     | Richard Spencer-Williams     | Town Clerk                       |
|                     | Dawn Whitehall               | Corporate Services Officer       |
| <b>ALSO PRESENT</b> | Neil Goodwin                 | Marlborough.News                 |
|                     | One member of the public     |                                  |

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### **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions.

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### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence had been received from **Councillors Fogg, Ross, Davies, Thomas and Kohrt**.

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### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

**Councillor Shantry** – agenda item 7(b) (Planning Application) – non-pecuniary.  
**Councillor Luson** – agenda item 7(f) (Planning Application) – non-pecuniary.  
**Councillor Hall** – agenda item 8 (Works to Trees) – non-pecuniary.  
**Councillor Cooper** – agenda item 10 (Highway Improvement Request) – non-pecuniary.

**47/24 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

A consultation about works to trees at Marlborough College had arrived too late for this agenda and would expire before the next meeting. Members were welcome to comment on it individually if they so wished (a paper copy was available to view at the meeting).

**48/24 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held 20 May 2024 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair

**49/24 ACTION LOG**

Members noted the updated action log. One update was provided:

#1 – Traffic Modelling – the modelling exercise had concluded. A final report was expected early in July.

**50/24 PLANNING DECISIONS**

Members noted the planning decisions that had been issued by Wiltshire Council.

**51/24 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

a) **PL/2024/04217** – change of use of Highfield Care Home (C2 Use) to two dwellings (C3 Use) with associated works at Highfield, The Common, Marlborough for Mr C Weeks

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

*Councillor Shantry did not comment on the following item and abstained from voting*

b) **PL/2024/04757** – demolition of garage. Erection of 1 no. dwelling with associated landscaping and private amenity space (resubmission of PL/2024/01251) at land adjacent to Little Thatch at Stonebridge Lane, Marlborough for Mr A Knight

**RESOLVED:** that Marlborough Town Council objects to this application on the grounds of overdevelopment of the site and lack of vehicle access

c) **PL/2024/04657** – provision of new entrance canopy to Barton Hill Boarding House at Marlborough College as alterations to existing access steps at Barton Hill, Bath Road, Marlborough for Mr P Eley

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

d) **PL/2024/04943** – provision of new entrance canopy to Barton Hill Boarding House at Marlborough College as alterations to existing access steps at Barton Hill, Bath Road, Marlborough for Mr P Eley

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

- e) **PL/2024/04724** – single storey front extension and porch at Three Corners, Upper Church Fields, Marlborough for Mr & Mrs Bryn Tweedale  
**RESOLVED:** that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application  
*Councillor Lusson did not comment on the following item and abstained from voting*
- f) **PL/2024/04537** – loft conversion over existing integral garage at Hillcrest House, Cherry Orchard, Marlborough for Mr & Mrs Dane Mayfield  
**RESOLVED:** that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application

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### **WORKS TO TREES**

*Councillor Hall did not comment on the following item and abstained from voting*

**PL/2024/04528** – T1. Semi-mature blue Atlas Cedar. Height approx. 6 metres. Crown spread approx. 4 metres. Proposed work: fell to ground level. The applicant would like to replant in the same area with 4 x Yew trees (*Taxus baccata*) of around 2 metres height, to fill the space left by the tree removal and blend in with the Yew trees already growing along the back garden boundary at 1 St Davids Way, Marlborough for Mr Jeffery Hide

**RESOLVED:** that Marlborough Town Council objects to this application on the grounds that the tree is a fine specimen; comments included that good management of trees can prevent them from causing damage and whether the stated reasons justified felling the tree

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### **LICENCE APPLICATION**

Members noted that recorded music had not been mentioned on the application form, and that there was no mention of training for staff in relation to the sale of alcohol.

**RESOLVED:** that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to a new premises licence for the supply of alcohol on the premises between 12:00-23:00, Monday to Sunday at 48 Kingsbury Street, Marlborough SN8 1JE

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### **HIGHWAY AND FOOTWAY IMPROVEMENTS**

*Councillor Cooper did not vote on this item*

Members considered an application by the Poulton Hill Safety Group for a number of actions to address safety issues to people and children on narrow pavements on a stretch of C5 Poulton Hill between the start of the 30MPH zone, past Tin Pit and to the start of the 20MPH zone. Discussion points included:

- Agreement with the danger to pedestrians
- Personal experience of near misses in the same location
- The narrow road combined with lush vegetation often forced drivers to mount the pavement if a wide vehicle was approaching from the opposite direction
- That the routine Highways approach to cut back vegetation twice a year was not enough at this location, and whether to request more frequent cuts be included as standard practice

- Whether there was more that the Parish Steward could do with regards to clearing vegetation and mud from the footpath
- That there was very little visible differentiation between the pavement and roadway, and the increased height of the road surface made both almost level at places, adding to the likelihood of vehicles mounting the pavement
- Whether support from Mildenhall Parish Council would add weight to the request
- That safety improvements should be prioritised: the issues had first been raised in 2014

**ACTION:** The Town Clerk to raise the issues with the Parish Steward

**RESOLVED:** that Marlborough Town Council supports the submission of the request to Wiltshire Council Area Board Local Highway and Footway Improvements Group, and that the safety issues should also be raised with the Cabinet Member for Highways

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### **TRAFFIC CONSULTATION**

Members considered a consultation by Wiltshire Council under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 about a proposed change to speed limits on A4 (part) at Bath Road, Marlborough:

- The County of Wiltshire (A4 Bath Road, Manton, Marlborough) (40MPH Speed Limit) Order 2024
- To make the above Order under the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 the effect of which will be to revoke the Trunk Roads (40mph Speed Limit) (No 8) Order 1964 and re-enact it in the above Order to introduce a 40mph speed limit on the following length of road
  - A4 Bath Road, Manton, Marlborough – from a point 234 metres west of its junction with College Fields to a point 52 metres west of its junction with Downs Lane
- For avoiding danger to persons or other traffic using the road or any other road or for preventing the likelihood of any such danger arising
- The request for the proposals came from Marlborough Town Council due to concern of pedestrian safety and the speed of traffic along the A4

During a suspension of Standing Orders **Mr Peter Morgan** mentioned a campaign begun in 2006 by the Manton Residents Association, asking for safety measures including to extend the 40MPH limit to the town boundary sign. He questioned whether the map with the proposed 40MPH limit went far enough beyond Downs Lane to slow approaching traffic and help vehicles, including equestrian vehicles, exit Downs Lane safely. He asked the Town Council to seek clarification of the exact location from Wiltshire Council.

Discussion points included:

- Substantive funding had recently been agreed by Wiltshire Council for a range of safety measures at A4 Bath Road, and this consultation was a precursor to further road safety improvements

- Whether questioning, or requesting a change to the proposal, would slow down implementation of other improvements
- Whether moving the location of the change in speed limit further out would make any difference to the substantive plan or cost
- That sometimes documentation lacked precise detail; it would be possible to seek clarification without objecting to the proposal

**RESOLVED:** that Marlborough Town Council supports the proposed Traffic Order

**ACTION:** ask for clarification of the precise location of the proposed 40MPH limit

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**SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES (SID)**

Members noted the most recent data downloaded from the SID at Bath Road between 16 April and 14 May. Discussion points included:

- It had been good to see police enforcing speed limits on the A4 on Saturday 8 June
- That the Police and Crime Commissioner (PCC) was ensuring more focus on speed enforcement
- The Chair, as a member of the PCC Committee, could raise hot spots with the police if Members made him aware of them
- That SID data was shared with Wiltshire Police
- The rules and policies governing the permissible location of SIDs, and the implications of not following them
- Whether to locate the SID in a 40MPH zone, e.g. at Manton, to gather more data
- That the Town Council could only use the SID within the parish boundary

**ACTION:** investigate whether a suitable SID location is available at A4 Manton in the 40MPH zone

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**TOWN CENTRE WORKING PARTY**

Members received a verbal update following the most recent meeting:

- New finger posts were expected to be delivered within the next two weeks
- Costs had not yet been received from Wiltshire Council Highways for new town entrance signs and white gates
- Wiltshire Council Bridge team had not yet given permission for the repainting of bridges
- A commemorative bench removed (in consultation with the family) from near the Jubilee Centre to enable the installation of new planters would be reinstalled in Priory Gardens later in the week
- The working party was considering options to make best use of future grant funding
- It was good to know that Lloyds Bank was putting measures in place for private customers ahead of the planned closure of the High Street branch; this would not benefit business customers

- Future agenda items included town centre lighting and dark skies
- A plea for more Councillors to become members of the working party: this could be permanent, or for specific tasks/projects/time periods
- A caution about the amount of extra work that could be carried out by staff; more projects meant more work, and diverting them from routine tasks could cause upset in the community

**Councillor Sadler** put herself forward to join the working party and passed on positive comments from residents about the new planters and paint scheme.

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**TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES**

No temporary road closure orders had been received.

The meeting closed at 19.53 pm

Signed: ..... Date: .....

Chair