

# Marlborough Town Council



## Planning Committee

### Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held Monday, 8 June 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 James Sheppard	
	Councillor Kelvyn Shantry	
	Councillor Emily Trow	
	Councillor Abi Beaumont	
	Councillor Caroline Wrench	
	Councillor Nicholas Awbery	
	Councillor Kim Wakeham	
	Clare Williams	Deputy Town Clerk
	Dawn Whitehall	Corporate Services Officer
<b>ALSO PRESENT</b>	Neil Goodwin	Marlborough.News

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#### **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

There were no questions.

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#### **APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from **Councillors Farrell, O'Brien and Sadler.**

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#### **DECLARATIONS**

There were no declarations of interest.

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#### **CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Three planning application consultations had arrived after the agenda had been issued and for which the comments date would expire before the next meeting. Members were welcome to comment individually via the Wiltshire Council Planning Register. One was for proposed works to trees in a conservation area at Old Lion

Court, High Street, Marlborough (PL/2026/03495). Two were planning applications related to 4 The Parade, Marlborough which the Chair would cover at agenda item 7 (Planning Applications).

Two road closure notices had also been received:

- Urgent closure of [Hyde Lane](#) (Part), Marlborough - 05/06/26-09/06/26
- Urgent closure of A342 (Part), [Upavon](#) 15/06/26

#### 40/26 MINUTES

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held 18 May 2026 were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chair

#### 41/26 ACTION LOG

Members noted the updated action log. Verbal updates included:

#151 Community Speed Watch – **Councillor Trow** had recently met with a member of the public who was keen to get involved, and two other people had also expressed interest. **Councillor Trow** to liaise with **Clare Williams, Deputy Town Clerk** to contact Wiltshire Police to arrange training.

#297 Play Area at Hawthorn Meadow – Members noted the **Town Clerk's** most recent update. The **Deputy Town Clerk** agreed to chase GreenSquare Accord for a progress report.

#### 42/26 PLANNING DECISIONS

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

#### 43/26 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) **PL/2026/02797** – Proposed ground floor alterations to existing WC facilities. New roof to store and demolition of rear store to form courtyard seating area at 4 The Parade, Marlborough for Ervin Barani, LB Brasserie Ltd

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

**The Chair** drew Members' attention to two applications related to 4 The Parade, Marlborough that had arrived too late for the agenda, **PL/2026/03237** (consent to display an advertisement) and **PL/2026/03238** (listed building application):

Proposed replacement advertising signage to existing restaurant, with associated external alterations

**RESOLVED:** that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to these applications

b) **PL/2026/03013** – Two storey extension at Washpool Cottage, Pewsey Road, Marlborough for Mr Guy Saxton

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

c) **PL/2026/03150** – New garden studio at 54 George Lane, Marlborough for Mike Milton

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

d) **PL/2026/02905** – Replacement project sign panels at 108 High Street, Marlborough for Yaeger Irwin, Vodafone

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

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#### **WORKS TO TREES**

**PL/2026/03085** – Walnut tree – fell at 2 Stanbrook Close, Manton for Mr Guy Watson

**RESOLVED:** that Marlborough Town Council objects to this application. A previous application PL/2026/01515 was refused and the Town Council agrees with the reasons for refusal. The reasons given by the applicant do not warrant the felling of a healthy tree

**45/26**

#### **TRAFFIC SURVEY REQUEST**

**RESOLVED:** that Marlborough Town Council supports a request to conduct a traffic survey in Hyde Lane following the recent change in maximum speed limit to 20MPH

Whilst supporting the request to measure speeds between the junction with High Street and the entrance to Hyde Lane car park, Members also noted:

- That drivers often exceed the speed limit at the Common end of Hyde Lane
- That parked cars act as a natural 'brake' to slow traffic in the middle section
- Caution against the applicant's statement that Hyde Lane is a residential street: it is an essential alternative route, e.g. when the High Street is closed or as a through route for local residents
- That the **Deputy Town Clerk** had identified two locations in Hyde Lane that might be suitable mounts for the Town Council's Speed Indicator Device. Approval has been sought from Wiltshire Council and is pending.

**46/26**

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

Members considered a request to improve visibility of 20MPH signage in Hyde Lane with suggestions including moving signs to more suitable locations, cutting back vegetation and/or painting "20" roundels on the carriageway. Discussion points included:

- Whether the main problem was foliage obscuring signs, which was a highways maintenance issue and not an appropriate item for LHFIG to consider
- Whether to support the request for "20" roundels on the carriageway to be considered by LHFIG
- Whether to contact all owners with hedges bordering the carriageway, and who should do this (the requestor, Town Council or Wiltshire Council?)
- Whether to contact Marlborough College to ask them to cut back the sections of hedge on their boundary near the 20MPH signs
- Whether to raise a report on MyWilts

**RESOLVED:** (i) to raise a report on MyWilts to report overgrown hedges obscuring speed limit signs

**RESOLVED:** (ii) that Marlborough Town Council does not support the request being submitted to LHFIG, which is largely a maintenance issue

**47/26 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES (SID)**

Members noted the most recent data downloaded from SIDs at Herd Street between 27 February and 27 May and London Road between 13 and 27 May 2026. Discussion points included:

- Only 61% of outgoing traffic at London Road was within the speed limit
- 1,056 outgoing vehicles on Herd Street were recorded between 45-60MPH
- That London Road had already been approved by Wiltshire Police as a location for Community Speed Watch
- That SID data is routinely sent to the police in .csv format (allowing them to see the dates and times of each record)
- Whether to contact Wiltshire Police to highlight the two issues noted at London Road and Herd Street, and ask them to conduct checks at the most relevant time of day

**ACTION:** **Councillor Sheppard** to advise the **Deputy Town Clerk** of the best person to contact within Wiltshire Police. The **Deputy Town Clerk** to request enforcement action at the two locations.

**48/26 BT CONSULTATION – WILTSHIRE PAYPHONE REMOVAL**

Members noted that Wiltshire Council has supported the Town Council's objection to BT's proposal to remove the payphone from the kiosk at Marlborough Library.

**Councillor Hall** noted that the kiosk is in poor condition (e.g. the bottom of the door is broken). He advised that the condition should be checked and discussed before the Town Council agrees to any transfer of ownership from BT.

**49/26 WILTSHIRE LOCAL PLAN**

Members noted Wiltshire Council's notice of Withdrawal of the Wiltshire Local Plan Pre-Submission Draft 2020-2038 (Regulation 19). Discussion points included:

- The Planning Inspector had recommended the withdrawal, advising that issues within the plan were unlikely to be resolved within the submission timeframe
- A new plan was already being worked on using different guidelines, which should be completed within 30 months
- The leader of Wiltshire Council, **Councillor Ian Thorn** is the Cabinet Member for the Local Plan and **Councillor Kym-Marie Cleasby** is the portfolio holder
- That it was important to understand the implications of not having a local plan in place. For example, without it the only protection against speculative large developments in Marlborough would be the Marlborough Area Neighbourhood Plan
- That Wiltshire Council did not have the required 5-year land supply: the 2 year figure had recently improved to 2.8 years

- That all parishes should continue to develop or update neighbourhood plans to ensure planning protections until the Wiltshire Local Plan was in place

*Councillor Fogg left the meeting at 7.55pm*

**50/26 FORMER POLICE STATION – GEORGE LANE**

Members noted a communication from the Office of the Police and Crime Commissioner about the marketing of the former police station site on the open market. Comments included:

- The site is listed at £1.1M
- Support to find out whether the site meets the criteria to list it as an asset of community value (ACV) – **The Chair** agreed to make enquiries
- Whether a social housing developer or community group would be able to raise £1.1M within the six months ACV protection
- That the site hasn't been used by the community for several years, except as a free car park
- That the Town Council would support the right type of housing being built here in line with the housing emergency in Marlborough
- That the market was very flat and it might be difficult to find a developer willing to take on such an expensive site to build affordable homes
- Alternative uses for the site were also discussed, e.g. a low cost supermarket or a two storey/underground car park
- Whether to add to the agenda of the next Housing Working Party

ACTION: add to the Housing Working Party agenda

ACTION: **Councillor Cleasby** to check whether the site is suitable to be listed as an asset of community value

**51/26 TOWN CENTRE WORKING PARTY**

Although the working party had met recently, no progress had been made as Wiltshire Council had not provided the estimated cost of works to existing drainage at London Road and a grant application to Thames Water had not yet been decided.

**52/26 TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES**

There were no temporary road closure orders to consider.

The meeting closed at 8.06 pm

Signed: .....  
Chair

Date: .....