

142/20 PLANNING DECISION NOTICES

Members noted the Planning Decisions Notices that had been issued by Wiltshire Council.

143/20 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

- a) **20/06407/FUL** – Proposed garage extension at Manton Corner, Bath Road, Marlborough for Mr Michael Blain
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- b) **20/06267/FUL** – Change existing window to a door opening at Flat 10, Castle Court, River Park, Marlborough for Mr Michael Paines
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- c) **20/06425/FUL** – Creation of a wider entrance off Back Lane with new gate piers and gates. Replacement of existing porch at Felkins, Back Lane, Marlborough for Mr Nick Jephson
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- d) **20/06492/FUL** – Second storey extension over existing bungalow footprint at Folly Dale, Barnfield, Marlborough for Mrs Justine Davies
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application

144/20 WORK TO TREES

- a) **20/06969/TCA** – (1) Hornbeam tree – prune & reshape to facilitate parking area.
(2) – Mulberry tree – reduce by 20% and reshape & balance at 12 Clarendon Court, Kingsbury Street, Marlborough for Ms Tania Armstrong
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- b) **20/06578/TPO** – Pine (T1) – crown-raise to 8 metres from ground level to remove suppression of adjacent trees and shrubs and crown-clean
Yew (T2) – prune to reduce crown by 2 metres laterally and vertically to contain within small space
Maple (T3) – Crown-raise to 3.5 metres from ground level and prune lower crown to reduce laterally by 3 metres to relieve overhang and suppression
Ash (T4) – Crown-raise to 3.5 metres from ground level and prune lower crown to reduce laterally by 4 metres to relieve overhang and suppression
Box Elder (T5) – Pollard to terminate stem at 3 metres from ground level to remove damaged crown and encourage preferred response at Starres Hill, Bath Road, Marlborough for Mark Thomas
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application

145/20 STREET NAMING

Members considered names to be proposed to GreenSquare and Wiltshire Council for two new streets at the new development at Rabley Wood View.

Referred to **Cllr. Dobson's** suggestions during Public Question Time, **Cllr. Hall** had only one concern, which was an objection to make any reference to Lord Digby who, following the Battle of Marlborough in the English Civil War, had marched inhabitants of the town – including its Mayor – to Oxford through the snow which today might be classed as a war crime. A suggestion many years ago to name a development on the Common after Lord Digby had been rejected for the same reason.

Since the last meeting GreenSquare had confirmed that it was too late to change the name of the development as it was already being marketed as Hawthorn Meadow. Members were

disappointed at not having been given a chance to suggest names with local connections and asked for that to be fed back to GreenSquare.

A call out to members of the public had resulted in a good selection of suggestions to be considered, which had been circulated prior to the meeting. In addition, Members discussed:

- Local families and Town Criers – Angliss, Moylan, Hancock, Johnson and Waylen
- Additional names associated with the defence of the town in the civil war including Diggs and Ramsey or William Blissett (the Mayor at the time)
- Portfields – this area had been colloquially known as Portfields in the past
- Sgt Fulk, an American GI associated with 347th station hospital had also been put forward, but it was hoped that the name was already being considered for the development at the former Postern House

The names did not have to be put forward until the end of September so there was still time to consider those names already proposed along with any others. A final decision could be taken at the Planning Committee meeting on 21 September.

RESOLVED: to collate all suggestions and circulate for a decision at the Planning Committee meeting on 21 September 2020

146/20 RE-OPENING OF HIGH STREETS SAFELY

Members considered any feedback and/or changes to pass on to Wiltshire Council now that pavement widening had been implemented in some areas of the High Street. Members discussed:

- That Tourism Officer had visited the five hospitality outlets earlier in the day and all had reported it was working well and they were grateful for the opportunity to create more outside seating
- That reinforced barriers would be installed to replace the temporary barriers on the south side in the next few days
- Noted a lot of informal feedback on various social media channels
- Whether anything could be done to create safe passing space where queues/crowding was regularly occurring at the Lloyds Bank/bus stop/Landmark/Nationwide section of the pavement without removing more free parking spaces. One suggestion was to widen the pavement, moving the bus stop further out into the carriageway
- That safety issues because of very narrow pavements between the retail section of Kingsbury Street and the Costa Coffee section of the High Street were yet to be addressed: Wiltshire Council was reluctant to commit to any further projects until central funding was secured

During a suspension of Standing Orders the Manager of The Royal Oak expressed his heartfelt thanks for the opportunity to create additional outside space as COVID restrictions had reduced the capacity of the pub from 326 to 67: the additional outside seating area had also been gratefully received by customers. He also wanted to acknowledge the difficulties faced by Councillors because of their support for those hospitality outlets. Councillors were appreciative of such positive feedback.

The Free Parking Fridays at George Lane car park had started on 28 August. Feedback had been received that some people had paid for their parking and questioned whether signage had been put up in time and, if this was the case, whether Wiltshire Council would offer another day as compensation. There was also confusion about whether the Waitrose car park was included. It was agreed to provide more clarification and spread the message before the next free day on 4 September.

RESOLVED: to continue to feed back to Wiltshire Council that safe social distancing measures were required at Kingsbury Street, and also to raise the new issue with congestion between Lloyds Bank and Nationwide, with a suggestion about pavement widening and temporarily relocating the bus stop

147/20 STREET TRADING LICENCE APPLICATION

Members considered whether to make representations to an application for street trading consent at George Lane car park for Jimmy's Kebabs:

- The Town Council and police had made strong representations against a similar application in 2018
- A temporary licence had been granted but there were only two occasions when the applicant traded at that location so no monitoring had been possible
- Previous concerns – the avoidance of nuisance behaviour, known strong objections of close neighbours, and the close proximity to the school walking route still applied
- The proposed location next to the pay meter also gave rise to concerns
- Eleven parking spaces had been temporarily removed from the High Street to facilitate safe social distancing and Members did not want to reduce parking capacity any further
- The local economy was already struggling, and this trader may impact existing, established takeaway businesses in the town
- Whether to ask the local policing team to comment

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council objects to this application on the grounds of avoidance of nuisance, proximity to schools and colleges and poor choice of location

148/20 MODIFICATION ORDER – PRESHUTE PATH No. 37

Members noted that Wiltshire Council had issued an Order (2020) under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 s.53 to record a public footpath in Manton.

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council welcomes this footpath

149/20 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Savernake, Mildenhall and Marlborough Councils had now approved the re-designation of the Neighbourhood Area following the withdrawal of Preshute. An application would be submitted to Wiltshire Council where a consultation period would be required. In the meantime, work was underway to prepare for the Regulation 14 public consultation later in the year.

Cllr. Cairns reported that the Wiltshire Area Localism Alliance was in the process of agreeing terms of reference.

The meeting closed at 7.48pm

Signed: Date:
Chair