



Junctions 14 and 15 from 11 to 14 September for re-surfacing works. This would bring diverted traffic through Marlborough.

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**MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held 27 July 2020 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair

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**PLANNING DECISION NOTICES**

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

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**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

a) **20/05493/LBC** – Installation of through floor lift at 11 St Lukes Court, Hyde Lane, Marlborough for Mr/s Haggard

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

b) **20/06076/FUL** – Second storey on existing bungalow with front extension and rear extension and internal alterations at Forest View, Poulton Hill, Marlborough for Mr Chris Biard

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

c) **20/06212/FUL** – Garage conversion and rear extension at 56 Rogers Meadow, Marlborough for Mrs Divya Sebastian

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

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**WORK TO TREES**

a) **20/05705/TCA** – T1 & T2: Common Yew trees either side of entrance gates. Reduce crown and circumference by no more than 1/3<sup>rd</sup>. T3: Common Yew – Remove. T4: Common Holly: Reduce crown and circumference by no more than 1/3<sup>rd</sup> at The Parade Cinema, The Parade, Marlborough for Mr Renshaw Hiscox

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

b) **20/06287/TCA** – Judas tree – fell at 2 Stables Court, the Parade, Marlborough for Mr Evans

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

*Cllr. Wilson temporarily left the meeting*

c)

d) **20/06456/TCA** – T1 – Lime – fell. T2 – Cappadocian Maple – Fell at The Masters Lodge & Turner House, Marlborough College, Bath Road for Ms Eleanor Kerrigan

Councillors were disappointed to note the number of trees being felled at the College and that the assurances that it would consult with the Town Council about future works relating to trees had not been followed up, as well as the promised resource plan not yet being received. The **Town Clerk** agreed to chase this up.

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

*Cllr. Wilson re-joined the meeting*

e) **20/06561/TCA** – T1 – Pear – reduce by 6-8 feet at Thyme Cottage, Angel Yard, Marlborough for Ms Sophie Hodge

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

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### **PUBLIC FOOTPATHS**

Members noted the allocation of public footpaths to Councillors for their regular inspection and considered any changes to be made to it following the resignation of two councillors and the co-option of Cllr Hillier. Agreed changes were:

Footpath 7 – from former Cllr. Forbes to Cllr. Castle  
Footpath 9 – from former Cllr. Forbes to Cllr. Castle  
Footpath 33 – from Cllr. Castle to Cllr. Heath  
Footpath 34 – from former Cllr. Northeast to Cllr. Cairns  
Footpath 35 – from former Cllr. Northeast to Cllr. Cairns  
Footpath 37 – from Cllr. Heath to Cllr. Cooper  
Footpath 39 – from Cllr. Castle to Cllr. Hillier  
Footpath 40 – from Cllr. Castle to Cllr. Hillier

**RESOLVED:** that changes to the Footpath Allocation be adopted

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### **STREET NAMING**

Members noted a report by the Town Clerk and considered proposing street names for the planned new development at Rabley Wood View:

- Proposals should be submitted by the end of September
- There were two streets to be named and four suggestions had been requested
- Guidelines for new street names were noted
- There were two further Planning Committee meetings before the deadline for submission
- Disappointment that the development had already been named as Hawthorn Meadow (which was standard practice and usually led by in-house marketing departments)
- Whether there was still an opportunity for the Town Council to influence the name for the development and, if so, to link street names to the development name
- Themes and names suggested included the River Og and the English Civil War
- Cllr. Farrell had been approached by members of the public with suggestions
- Whether a proposed merger between GreenSquare and Accord would impact the proposed development
- Whether to ask the public to make suggestions

Members agreed that members of the public should be encouraged to put forward suggestions and that this should be discussed further at the Planning Committee meeting on 1 September 2020. The **Town Clerk** would follow up a request for further information about the recent merger.

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### **RE-ALLOCATION OF ROAD SPACE**

Members noted a letter from Councillor Bridget Wayman with updated information about two schemes administered by Wiltshire Council (WC) - the Re-opening of High Streets Safely initiative and the Department for Transport's Emergency Active Travel Fund. Main points were:

- Department for Transport (DfT) funding had already been fully committed to schemes in larger towns
- There was no readily available funding stream for smaller scale 'pop up' social distancing measures, such as the Emergency Active Travel Fund, for smaller towns
- Community Area Transport Groups (CATGs) have permission to use Discretionary Highways budgets to fund and prioritise social distancing schemes
- Wiltshire Council would continue to seek alternative funding for social distancing schemes

### Re-opening of the High Street Safely Scheme

The **Town Clerk** provided a verbal and the main points of discussion were:

- Highways plans had been received for the temporary suspension of parking and widening of pavements at five hospitality outlets
- It was hoped these would be implemented w/c 16 August 2020
- The scheme would result in the temporary loss of 12 free 30-minute parking spaces
- On the north side of the High Street bollards would mark out the additional pavement width
- On the south side, the proposal was to immediately implement orange 'roadwork' type barriers and replace them with stronger, more robust ("Bull") barriers once delivered – to protect against the risk of rolling cars from the central car park. WC had asked for feedback on this from Marlborough Town Council before going ahead
- The outlets involved were keen to go ahead with the changes
- It was not yet confirmed whether the 4 x gel stations + safety signage would be provided via the scheme
- Whether gel stations and/or signage should be funded by the Town Council if not forthcoming from within the scheme and whether gel stations were necessary, given their prevalence in every outlet
- Whether safety signs/floor markings would provide reassurance to the public
- No response had yet been received about possible social distancing measures for parts of The Parade and Kingsbury Street
- That the outcome of the temporary measures would be reviewed at the next Planning Committee meeting
- That, once a decision was taken on the temporary measures, the Town Clerk would pursue the use of the Town Council's free allocation of parking to be made available in George Lane on Fridays until the allocation was finished (likely to be October)
- Three large signs had recently been erected at approaches to the town to read "Marlborough is Open – too good to miss". Councillors were asked to inspect the signs and discuss at the next meeting to decide whether any changes were necessary, as raised during Public Question Time

**RESOLVED:** (i) that Cllr. Bridget Wayman's letter was noted

**RESOLVED:** (ii) that the temporary measures for the High Street were agreed as proposed, with some barriers to be replaced with stronger ones as soon as they were available

**RESOLVED:** (iii) to investigate costs of safety signage if money was no longer available through the government scheme

It was agreed to publicise the temporary changes widely via the Town Council's website and social media, including Frequently Asked Questions.

### Department for Transport's Emergency Active Travel Fund

It was disappointing that there would be no funding for Marlborough under this scheme.

**Cllr. Fogg** had circulated a report with longer term suggestions for the town centre. This generated discussion points:

- There was broad support for pedestrianisation (and cycle/access only vehicles) at the north side of the High Street adjacent to St Peters Church
- Whether parts of the south west of the High Street were too narrow to support changes
- Whether partial pedestrianisation of The Parade would negatively impact business at Rainbows hardware store
- Whether pedestrianisation generally improved footfall, and therefore trade

- That trees helped offset the effect of pollution as well as being attractive, not just in the High Street but other areas where there were high volumes of traffic such as London Road
- Whether tree roots would undermine services and/or foundations and if they could be planted in tubs
- Having a strategy with ideas ready would be useful for the future to help the next Council and to be ready to apply for funding if and when it became available
- Whether a dedicated cycle lane would present a safety risk
- That more secure cycle racks would be welcome
- Whether to make temporary changes to test the impact, e.g. moving the market to the north side of the High Street for a short period or closing an area to traffic for one day

**RESOLVED:** (iv) to add Cllr. Fogg's report to discussions about creating a long-term strategy for the town centre

## 128/20 **CATG – HIGHWAYS IMPROVEMENT REQUESTS**

Members considered two requests received from members of the public seeking support for submission to the CATG project list.

It was hoped that CATG activities would restart in September. However, with funding diverted to social distancing projects and a backlog of projects which had been already agreed, but delayed while CATG was suspended, it was unlikely that any new projects could be approved or prioritised in the current financial year.

The two highways improvement requests were:

1. Improving Safety at the access of Fleur de Lis onto London Road
2. Safety issues at A345 Granham Hill – no solution had been proposed for this issue and therefore it did not meet the criteria for acceptance at CATG.

**RESOLVED:** to thank residents for drawing these issues to the Town Council's attention but, due to the current circumstances, there is no opportunity to propose these projects to CATG at this time

## 129/20 **PLANNING FOR THE FUTURE**

Members noted a government White Paper setting out proposed reforms to radically overhaul the planning system in England. This consultation would run for 12 weeks from 6 August 2020. The paper set out important reforms which will have a direct impact on Marlborough and all Members were encouraged to read the paper in detail. Running concurrently were two other related consultations:

- **Changes to the Current Planning System** (deadline 1 October)
- **Transparency and Competition: A call for evidence on data on land control** (deadline 30 October)

All three would be considered by the Planning Committee over the coming weeks.

The Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group would be reviewing and responding to the consultations too.

## 130/20 **WILTSHIRE AREA LOCALISM AND PLANNING ALLIANCE**

Members noted a report by the Town Clerk and received a verbal update from Cllr. Cairns on a meeting held 7 August 2020.

The National Planning Policy Framework had been updated to indicate that Neighbourhood Plans which had not been updated within two years would hold less weight in the planning process. Members of the alliance were concerned that Wiltshire Council (rather than the government guidelines) appeared to be interpreting this as requiring a full review of neighbourhood plans, including public consultations and referenda, every 2 years. James Gray, MP had agreed to take up this concern on behalf of affected towns.

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**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING**

The Town Council had agreed the re-designation of the Marlborough Neighbourhood Area to include the parishes of Marlborough, Mildenhall and Savernake. Once Mildenhall and Savernake Parish Councils had also approved it, the formal application would be submitted to Wiltshire Council. This would be followed by Regulation 14 public consultation later in 2020.

The meeting closed at 8.25 pm

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

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