

It is being handled by the Road Safety Team at Wiltshire Council. Police speed watch activity had also been undertaken.

Cllr. Farrell added that Community Speed Watch group had done as much as they could in the London Road area. However, there were other areas that the group would like to monitor but were unable to do so due to lack of the necessary insurance.

469/19 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held 3 February 2020 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair.

Cllr. Castle expressed that whilst not disputing the accuracy of the minutes, he was disappointed that concerns raised by residents of Town Mill had not been discussed during the debate (**Min. 444/19 (a)**). These points (the impact on residents of Town Mill in terms of overlooking and loss of privacy) were listed in a previous resolution made on 13 January 2020 (**Min. 401/19 (a)**). He had been unable to contribute to the discussion due to declaring an interest on the agenda item. The **Town Clerk** agreed to ask the Planning Officer about how Town Mill residents' concerns were being addressed.

470/19 PLANNING DECISION NOTICES

No planning decision notices had been issued.

471/19 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) **20/00639/LBC** – Proposed internal alterations to the ground and first floor. Replace kitchen windows with French doors at 40 London Road, Marlborough for Mr & Mrs Bates
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application

b) **20/00328/FUL** – Erection of a two storey side extension at 10 Priorsfield, Marlborough for Mr M Cowan
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application

c) **20/00623/FUL** – Re-development involving demolition, change of use and erection of 6, one and two bedroom dwellings and associated works (resubmission of 19/07124/FUL) at Brunel Court, Elcot Lane, Marlborough for Amcar Homes Ltd

The discussion included:

- That there had been no objection to the original submission but the Town Council had asked for the inclusion of swift bricks; the application had subsequently been withdrawn
- Disappointment that the development would not address social housing needs for local families
- That the development would meet a need in providing starter homes for single people or couples
- Whether nearby property owners had been notified about the revised plans
- That no business buyers had come forward for this site which had been empty for some time, hence the proposed change of use from employment to residential
- That in principle the change of use was supported
- Whether 6 homes was an overdevelopment of the site

During a suspension of Standing Orders, **Mrs Pamela Bethwaite** referred to a letter of objection which had been copied to the Town Council. The revised plans moved the development closer to Willow Cottage which would be severely impacted and would also put pressure on parking in Elcot Lane.

A proposal of no objection failed.

RESOLVED: In principle, Marlborough Town Council agrees to a change of use at the site, but objects to the application for 6, one and two bedroom dwellings on the grounds of overdevelopment

472/19

WORK TO TREES

52 George Lane, Marlborough – work to 2 x Lime trees subject to a TPO for Mr G Snape

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

473/19

COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP (CATG)

Members considered whether any recommendations should be made to CATG based on results of recent metro count surveys in Cherry Orchard and Orchard Road, and also considered a Highways Improvement Request for Oxford Street.

Orchard Road/Cherry Orchard metro counts

At the Planning meeting of 18 November 2019 Members supported metro counts in areas close to a school with heavy pedestrian use. The results of the metro count had now been received and the data showed speeds were too low to support any further action. Members agreed that the issue was mainly during school run times and discussed whether St John's Academy could be approached to ask for help in making student drivers aware of the concerns.

RESOLVED: (i) to respond to the member of the public that no further action was recommended as a result of the metro counts and to pass on the data report

Oxford Street

A request had been received for improvements to Oxford Street/The Green, which was being used as a shortcut putting children and residents at risk. Suggested improvements included introducing a one-way system, closing one end or enforcing the 30mph speed limit. Members discussed:

- The road was actually within the 20mph area, although the only sign there was no official signage in place
- Wiltshire Council's Highways Engineer had been consulted and believed a one-way system from Barn Street to New Road might help reduce the level of traffic, effectively becoming access only for residents
- Whether closing one end was practical as there was very little space for vehicles to turn around
- Whether speed bumps could be introduced
- Whether the request was likely to be prioritised by CATG

RESOLVED: (ii) to forward the request to CATG

474/19

EMERGENCY PLAN

Members noted the plan drafted by members of the Emergency Plan Working Party.

A Community Resilience evening held on 29 January had been well organised by Communities Prepared and had been attended by interested participants, organisations and other parishes. Some attendees had expressed an interest in becoming Community Emergency Volunteers (CEVs). This was now the focus for the Working Party. Whilst the Town Council Grounds Team would do all they could as in previous periods of heavy snowfall (gritting and clearing snow in priority areas), it would be difficult to execute the plan with so few participants. **Cllr. Farrell** thanked everyone for their work to get to this stage and asked

whether the plan would include provision for homeless people. The **Chair** confirmed that would be part of the plan as it evolved.

475/19 FREE PARKING ALLOCATION FOR EVENTS (1 January to 31 October 2020)

Members noted the free event parking allocated to Marlborough by Wiltshire Council together with its associated policy and considered setting aside free parking for events in 2020.

Members discussed:

- Whether Free Parking Saturdays were a good idea given that the town was usually very busy on Saturdays with traffic congestion often arising
- Whether a Free Parking day should also benefit retail/hospitality workers
- Whether to approach businesses to determine their preference – in previous years they had suggested Saturdays from 9.30 am
- That the Town Clerk was already liaising with event organisers

RESOLVED: (i) to allocate free parking for Mop Fair Fridays, Britain/South West In Bloom judges, Dark Skies Festival and the Puppet Festival

RESOLVED: (ii) to delegate to the Town Clerk to liaise with event organisers as they come forward

RESOLVED: (iii) that any balance remaining should be used for a Free Parking shopping day later in the year

476/19 FUTURE OF FORMER POLICE STATION – COMMUNITY ENGAGEMENT EVENT

Members noted that Town Councillors were invited to attend a presentation to gauge views on the future of the former police station in George Lane on Thursday, 19 March at 19:00. All were encouraged to attend. The same invitation had been issued to members of the Marlborough Area Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

A public community engagement drop-in session would also take place between 14:30-18:30 on the same day.

477/19 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

The Steering Group was close to issuing a plan, having met earlier in the day to review the Conservation Area document and the draft Plan. It was likely that a formal Regulation 14 consultation could take place after Easter 2020.

The meeting closed at 7.42 pm

Signed: Date:
Chair