



Marlborough Town Council Planning Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the **Planning Committee** which was held on **Monday, 25 October 2021** in the Assembly Room, Marlborough Town Hall at 7pm

PRESENT: Councillor Mervyn Hall Chairman
Councillor Mark Cooper Town Mayor (*ex officio*)
Councillor Andrew Ross
Councillor Noel Barrett-Morton
Councillor Donald Heath
Councillor Jo Waltham
Councillor Kymee Cleasby
Councillor Caroline Thomas

ALSO

PRESENT: Richard Spencer-Williams Town Clerk
Dawn Whitehall Administrator
Geoff Baker Gazette & Herald
Neil Goodwin Marlborough.News
Plus 3 members of the public

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Malcolm Exeter referred to the Highways Improvement Request discussed at the previous meeting (*Min. No. 209/21, Planning Committee Meeting held 4 October 2021*). He stated that a number of residents and users believed it didn't go far enough and listed many examples of concern, including:

- Road safety concerns associated with responses to planning application PL/2021/04663
- Pedestrians, in particular parents with pushchairs or small children at risk from narrow pavements coupled with a low kerb that traffic can easily mount
- Lack of safety barriers

And asked whether there was an opportunity to take a broader approach to safety requirements at Poulton Hill and to ask Wiltshire Council Highways for a full road upgrade between St Martins and the speed limit change zone?

The **Chairman** acknowledged that this was complex and would need the involvement of Wiltshire Council Highways. Mr Exeter was welcome to put forward a Highways Improvement Request¹ to the Town Council to feed into the Wiltshire Council Area Board Community Area Transport Group (CATG), although he also believed that there was less than £10,000 remaining in the budget for the current financial year. As the request was for a major piece of work it might be difficult to

¹ <https://www.marlborough-tc.gov.uk/news/2043-requests-for-highways-improvements>

fund, but by all means make a formal request through the Town Clerk for consideration.

Martin Stevenson read out a letter previously submitted to the Town Clerk and referring to a Highways Improvement Request which had also been considered at the previous meeting for Marlborough High Street north of St Peters Church (**Min. No. 209/21, Planning Committee Meeting held 4 October 2021**), and welcomed the proposals already set out. He asked the Committee to also consider the placing of a row of plant tubs at right angles to the pavement and to the width of the parking space in the road adjacent to The Marlborough pub to discourage drivers from entering at speed, continuing to allow access and improving the appearance of the road. The **Chairman** sympathised with residents but explained that it was not legal to place planters on the public highway. The issue seemed to be more one of a lack of enforcement and/or drivers ignoring signs, and suggested that any breaches should be reported to the police.

The **Town Clerk** read out a question submitted by **Joel Cunnane**, who was unable to attend the meeting in person: "I am a chartered town planning consultant and a resident of the town and believe I can contribute constructively to the regeneration of the town which is badly needed. I have created a 'plan' which I think could help develop the conversation about the Town Centre and would be happy to contribute this as an interested resident. Would the Planning Committee like to see my Town Centre Plan?" The **Town Clerk** added that both he and **Councillor Fogg** had recently met with Mr and/or Mrs Cunnane to gain insight into the work they had done along with their offer to contribute their expertise. The **Chairman** noted that the Planning Committee was currently focusing on a Traffic Plan, and did not believe the time was right for the Planning Committee to consider the proposal. It was hoped that a working party would be formed to look at a Town Centre plan and it would be desirable to include experts and interested residents, and that Mr Cunnane could be invited to present to such a working party if or when it is formed. In the meantime, some Members expressed interest in arranging a separate meeting with Mr Cunnane to learn more about the proposals.

ACTION POINT: Town Clerk to respond to Mr Cunnane accordingly, and Councillor Thomas offered to facilitate an informal meeting with interested Councillors

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from **Councillors Fogg, Loosmore, Farrell, Hillier and Allen.**

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DECLARATIONS

There were no declarations of interest.

235/21 CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members were reminded that the Marlborough Dark Skies Fest events were taking place 25 to 31 October and encouraged people to attend. Any volunteers able to help would also be gratefully accepted.

236/21 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held 4 October 2021 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman

237/21 TOWN CLERK'S ACTION LOG

The Town Clerk's Action Log was noted.

Councillor Thomas had followed up an action with the Environmental Health team at Wiltshire Council who had confirmed that they were working with local businesses and noted that any pest problem was likely to be common to several premises; it was taking an approach to avoid disrupting trade on the High Street.

238/21 PLANNING DECISION NOTICES

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

239/21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) PL/2021/07892 – Listed building consent (Alt/Ext)

Repairs to box gutter on rear extension and rotting timber subframe, repairs to internal rainwater damaged ceilings and replacement of degraded pitched roof light at Castle and Ball, High Street, Marlborough for Greene King Brewing & Retailing Ltd

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

b) PL/2021/09296 – Householder planning permission

Ground floor extensions to the front and rear of the property and internal alterations at 48 George Lane, Marlborough for Mrs Robyn Moncrieff

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

c) PL/2021/09323 – Householder planning application

Proposed front and rear dormer extensions, and extend to provide a conservatory at the side/rear at The Owls Nest, Cold Harbour Lane, Marlborough for Mr & Mrs Christie

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

d) PL/2021/09325 – Householder planning application

First floor extension, front dormer over existing garage and velux windows at 3 Van Diemens Close, Marlborough for Mr A McDowall

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

e) PL/2021/09352 – Householder planning application

Rear extension and addition of first floor with change of materials at Sunnyside, Tin Pit, Marlborough for Mr Steven Cox

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

f) **PL/2021/09627** – Householder planning application

Two storey rear extension and enlarged parking area to the front at 21 High Street, Manton for Mrs Meg Cable

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

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WORK TO TREES

a) **PL/2021/09714** – Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area

Liquid Amber tree – fell at 32 River Park, Marlborough for Mr S Sellars

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

b) **PL/2021/09693** – Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area

6 x Leylandii trees – fell at 4 School Lane, Manton for Mr Neil Whiting

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

c) **PL/2021/09594** – Consent under Tree Preservation Orders

Fell Mature lime Tree (TPO E/257) as taking all the light from new trees which are now maturing at 15 Kelham Gardens, Marlborough

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council objects to this application on the grounds that (i) the application form appears to be incorrectly completed and lacks enough detail to identify the tree and (ii) the reason given is not an acceptable reason to fell a tree subject to a Tree Preservation Order. The Town Council would have no objection to pollarding to be consistent with other similar trees at the location

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PLANNING APPEAL

Members noted a planning appeal APP/Y3940/D/21/3282149 against refusal of a retrospective application; there were no comments.

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LICENSING APPLICATION

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council supports the application for a New Premises Licence for Franklins Bistro, 46 Kingsbury Street, Marlborough

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COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP

Members considered a Highways Improvement Request submitted by **Councillor Thomas** on behalf of residents to make small changes to waiting and parking restrictions (double yellow lines) in Elcot Lane to improve the flow of traffic and prevent access points being blocked.

The **Chairman** believed that yellow lines had previously been handled as a separate, annual process rather than going through CATG, although it would still require the support of the Town Council. The **Town Clerk** had already made contact with officers at Wiltshire Council to clarify the best route and would confirm the correct process to consider this request.

ACTION POINT: Town Clerk to confirm the proper process to consider requests for changes to waiting and parking restrictions

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HIGH STREET PROPOSALS

Members considered proposals for Marlborough High Street as outlined in **Councillor Fogg's** report dated 14 July 2020 and noted the report. Discussion points arising included:

- The **Chairman** asked whether it would be more appropriate for the proposals to be considered by a future group to be formed to draw together proposals for a Town Centre Plan
- **Councillor Thomas** noted there were parallels between the report and the request raised in Public Question Time
- **Councillor Heath** suggested that individual points from the report, such as addressing pollution and the provision of cycle racks could be appropriate for consideration by the Climate Working Party

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SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES

Members noted a report by the **Assistant Town Clerk** and **Councillor Thomas** outlining the background to and new recommendations for the deployment of Speed Indicator Device(s) (SID) in Marlborough.

It was felt that more information was required before some recommendations could be taken forward, and the **Town Clerk** agreed to investigate.

ACTION POINT: the Town Clerk to check whether digital data could be downloaded from the SID and whether it (or other formats containing technical data) can be provided for the next Planning Committee meeting; also to investigate costs for portable/new SID options plus wider community involvement, and whether police permission would be required.

RESOLVED: (i) to prepare and share a SID location plan

RESOLVED: (ii) to review the deployment of the SID in January 2022

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

Members noted that Wiltshire Council had issued an order under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to close temporarily to all traffic:

C18 (part), Preshute and Marlborough (TTRO 7676) from the entrance to the property known as Manton House Farm for approximately 1,000m south east between 08:00-17:00 from 8 to 10 November to enable Openreach to carry out laying of new ducting and associated works

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

The Regulation 16 consultation was still live. An examiner would soon be appointed to conduct Regulation 17 scrutiny prior to a public referendum.

The meeting closed at 7.49 pm

Signed:

Date:

Chairman