



at George Lane. This was part of a wider public consultation exercise and informal comments were captured and more could be submitted at the planning application stage.

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### **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting of Planning Committee held 16 March 2020 were approved as a true record

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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) **19/10749/FUL** – The erection of a single dwelling; the provision of parking and turning for the existing house at 53 London Road, Marlborough for Mrs J Ward

The Town Clerk gave a verbal update to confirm that previous drainage issues had been addressed via a full report by the applicant's drainage consultant setting out various mitigation options. Whilst surface water was a legitimate concern, it was likely that a condition would be placed on any planning permission granted for a full drainage design to be submitted prior to construction.

**RESOLVED:** that Marlborough Town Council objects to this application on the grounds of overdevelopment of the site, the felling of trees and the removal of the hedgerow

- b) **20/03748/FUL** – Demolition of existing house. Build new house into the gradient of the land. The ground floor to house the bedrooms and be forwards of the living area over at Copelands, Poulton Hill, Marlborough for Miss Deborah Sheppard

During a suspension of Standing Orders, the applicant answered questions from Councillors about the proposals for the demolition of the existing bungalow and building of a new house at the site as well as queries about trees and the topographical survey.

**RESOLVED:** that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application and suggests that a landscaping plan also be drawn up

- c) **20/02974/LBC** – Undertaking external repairs and refurbishment of timber oriel windows to Museum Block, including replacing rotten mouldings where necessary, and decoration at Marlborough College, Museum Block, Bath Road, Marlborough for Mr Kurt Hudson

*Cllr Wilson took no part in the discussion and did not vote*

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

- d) **20/03251/FUL** – Change of use of former Chapel and 2 The Manse from class A1 (retail) and class C3 (residential) to class D2 (cinema and arts centre) incorporating an ancillary café/bar area plus office; the provision of a two storey extension and modifications to the rear of 2 The Manse; repairs to the fabric of the building; internal alterations and acoustic mitigation to allow for the building's conversion to a cinema; the provision of air conditioning and kitchen extraction ventilation at The Parade Cinema, The Parade, Marlborough for Image Cinemas Ltd

It was noted that there was enormous local support for the application with more than 100 letters from members of public posted on Wiltshire Council's planning portal

**RESOLVED:** that Marlborough Town Council welcomes and supports this application

- e) **20/03730/LBC** - Change of use of former Chapel and 2 The Manse from class A1 (retail) and class C3 (residential) to class D2 (cinema and arts centre) incorporating an ancillary café/bar area plus office; the provision of a two storey extension and modifications to the rear of 2 The Manse; repairs to the fabric of the building; internal alterations and acoustic mitigation to allow for the building's conversion to a cinema; the provision of air conditioning and kitchen extraction ventilation at The Parade Cinema, The Parade, Marlborough for Image Cinemas Ltd

**RESOLVED:** that Marlborough Town Council welcomes and supports this application

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### **WORK TO TREES**

**20/04023/TPO** – Weeping Willow – reduce main stems by 8ft and re-pollard at Meadowlands, London Road, Marlborough for Mr Painter

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

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

Members noted the content of an email from Cllr Mrs Bridget Wayman, Wiltshire Council Cabinet Member (Highways, Transport and Waste) about new statutory guidance issued on 9 May 2020 by the Department for Transport (DIT) in connection with reallocating road space under the Traffic Management Act 2004 in response to COVID-19. The Secretary of State for Transport had made the following statement:

*The government expects local authorities to make significant changes to their road layouts to give more space to cyclists and pedestrians. Such changes will help embed altered behaviours and demonstrate the positive effects of active travel. I'm pleased to see that many authorities have already begun to do this, and I urge you all to consider how you can begin to make use of the tools in this guidance, to make sure you do what is necessary to ensure transport networks support recovery from the COVID-19 emergency and provide a lasting legacy of greener, safer transport*

Members then considered what comments or actions to take forward for discussion with Wiltshire Council. Discussion points included:

- It was not yet clear how much money would be available from central government towards this initiative (it was thought to be in the region of £2m for the whole county)
- The emphasis would be on helping people get to work or school by cycle or on foot
- That many of the paths for pedestrians in Marlborough were narrow, including those in the High Street
- Government guidance included the use of temporary cones or barriers to widen footways as a short-term measure
- Temporary measures using barriers were already being piloted elsewhere (Devizes and Salisbury)
- Increasing space for pedestrians and cyclists would likely result in parking spaces being lost
- Members should be mindful that some measures to make the High Street as safe as possible would need to be in place by 15 June when non-essential retailers could re-open
- That it would be important to consult with local businesses and shops and work with them to promote the 'shop local' message

- That the Council's Tourism Officer had already begun consulting with local shopkeepers and gathering data
- Whether to arrange a Zoom meeting with local business owners
- Whether to seek suggestions from Transition Marlborough (TM) about sustainable transport (*Cllr. Cairns was the Town Council's appointed representative to TM*)
- That professional advice would be available from Wiltshire Council through its Integrated Transport Team.
- That it was important to have the town as COVID-19 safe as possible in the short term, but that opportunities to provide a positive lasting impact for of greener, safer transport in the medium and longer term should also be identified
- Whether to arrange a short, separate meeting to agree proposals

**RESOLVED:** to gather views from businesses to be considered at a virtual meeting to be arranged soon to be ready for when shops reopen from 15 June 2020 and to liaise with Transition Marlborough about longer term sustainable solutions

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**SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE (SID)**

Members noted the Town Clerk's report about increased speeding in the town and considered the re-installation of the Town Council's SID.

The Grounds Team was now in a position where resource was available to manage the SID and had confirmed that it could be reinstated as soon as the data had been downloaded from the previous location.

**RESOLVED:** to reinstate the SID on a rotating, 2-weekly cycle, beginning with George Lane

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**COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP (CATG)**

Members noted a report by the Town Clerk and the minutes of the CATG meeting of 12 March 2020 and considered a contribution to the proposal for a speed limit review at Frees Avenue.

It was also noted that CATG projects and meetings had been suspended to enable relevant Highways officers to concentrate on work around the initiative for the re-allocation of road space

It was confirmed by Cllr Hall that the likely outcome would be to move the speed limit signs further along Frees Avenue beyond the Cemetery entrance and that the Town Council's contribution to the review would be £625 - 25% of the estimated £2,500 cost.

**RESOLVED:** that Marlborough Town Council supports the speed limit review and the contribution of £625 towards the cost

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**NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING**

The Steering Group had been meeting via Zoom and a further meeting would take place in the next few days with Wiltshire Council and the Steering Group's consultants.

Work was ongoing to begin the Regulation 14 public consultation as soon as possible. It was likely that, after any modifications based on the result of the consultation and a further consultation by Wiltshire Council, the referendum could be held alongside local elections scheduled for May 2021.

Cllr Hall answered a question about whether Preshute Parish Council was still engaged and supportive of the plan.

The meeting closed at 7.47 pm

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

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