

## **Melksham Town Council**

### **Minutes of the Economic Development and Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 12th March 2024**

**PRESENT:** Councillor S Rabey (Chair)  
Councillor J Oatley (Vice-Chair)  
Councillor P Alford  
Councillor P Aves  
Councillor A Griffin  
Councillor J Westbrook

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

**OFFICERS:** Hugh Davies Head of Operations

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** no members of the public were present.

**671/23 Apologises**

Apologies were received from Councillor Ellis and Councillor Stokes.

**672/23 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**673/23 Minutes**

The minutes of Tuesday 20 February 2024 having previously been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the chair, Councillor Rabey.

**674/23 Planning Applications**

**675/23 PL/2024/01555**

It was noted that this was considered at the meeting on 20 February 2024

**676/23 PL/2024/01934**

It was noted that there was no comment from the Tree Preservation Officer. It was also noted that the applicant was also the agent and was a tree surgeon.

It was proposed by Councillor Rabey, seconded by Councillor Griffin and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to comment that Melksham Town Council would expect the Tree Preservation Officer to look at the tree before any action is taken and that the council would support any action suggested by the Tree Preservation Officer.

**677/23 PL/2024/01688**

It was proposed by Councillor Rabey, seconded by Councillor Alford and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that a comment of no objection be submitted.

**678/23 Planning Decisions**

Members noted the following planning decisions

**679/23 PL/2024/00327**

The decision was noted.

**680/23 PL/2024/00497**

The decision was noted.

**681/23 PL/2024/00336**

The decision was noted.

**682/23 Avon War Memorial**

There was discussion of the costs involved, storage and new location. The question of heritage funding was raised. Councillor Aves suggested that the priority at this time was to secure the memorial and other discussions were for later down the line, but she felt the memorial should be returned to its original site once developed.

It was proposed by Councillor Alford, seconded by Councillor Rabey and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to approve the payment of £890.00 + VAT to move the Avon War Memorial from the Economic Development budget.

**683/23 Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) Issues**

**684/23 Roundponds**

Councillor Alford spoke to the request.

It was proposed by Councillor Alford and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to submit a request to LHFIG to consider a 20 mph speed limit in Roundponds, Southbrook Road, Addison Road and Dunch Lane.

**685/23 Neighbourhood Plan**

Councillor Aves gave an update. The comments are still being collated and the Steering Group is working towards consultation.

**686/23 Sparkle Team and Parish Steward**

Members asked if the following could be looked at

- Clean up of the underpass
- Dead leaves on Lowbourne.
- Cleaning of street signs.

Meeting Closed at: 7.34 pm

**Signed:** .....

**Dated:**