

Melksham Town Council

Minutes of the Economic Development and Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 14th May 2024

PRESENT: Councillor S Rabey (Chair)

Councillor P Alford
Councillor P Aves
Councillor G Ellis
Councillor A Griffin
Councillor C Stokes
Councillor J Westbrook

IN ATTENDANCE:

OFFICERS: Andrew Meacham Committee Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Two members of the public were present virtually.

728/23 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Cooke and Councillor Oatley.

729/23 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

730/23 Minutes

The minutes of 23rd April 2024, having previously been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by Councillor Rabey.

731/23 Planning Applications

732/23 PL/2024/03424

Members felt that the chimneys should be retained.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to object to the application.

733/23 PL/2024/03376

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to support the application.

734/23 PL/2024/03868

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to support the application.

735/23 PL/2024/03975

Concerns were raised about the timing of the work and the nesting season.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to support the application, subject to raising concerns about the timing of the work.

736/23 Planning Decisions

737/23 PL/2024/01704

The decision was noted.

738/23 Lime Down Battery Storage

Councillor Westbrook said that everyone she had spoken to about the project was opposed.

Councillor Alford outlined what he felt were the main issues and referred to the comments of Melksham Without Parish Council and Community Action Whitley & Shaw.

It was agreed that the committee clerk would draft a response based on the points raised and circulate for comment.

739/23 Neighbourhood Plan

The date of the next meeting was noted.

740/23 Parish Steward

Councillor Alford asked if the Parish Steward could keep an eye on overgrowing grass on Beanacre Road. Other than that there were no specific requests, only the usual general requests for weeding and general maintenance. It was noted that Melksham Town Council Amenities team had been doing a lot of work recently to keep the town tidy.

741/23 Matter raised for information, not on the agenda.

Councillor Alford mentioned the rubbish on the privately owned land off Farmer's roundabout between the electricity sub-station and the A350. He advised that a planning enforcement notice had been put in place and action was being taken.

There was also discussion of ownership of the former Pelican pub and the issue of broken glass. This had been referred to the Locum Clerk.

Meeting Closed at: 7.30 pm

Signed:

Dated: