

Melksham Town Council

Minutes of the Economic Development and Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 25th June 2024

PRESENT:

Councillor A Griffin (Vice-Chair)
Councillor P Aves
Councillor G Cooke
Councillor G Ellis
Councillor J Oatley
Councillor C Stokes

IN ATTENDANCE:

OFFICERS: Andrew Meacham Committee Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: Councillor Sankey was present to express the views of East Melksham residents. One member of the public was present virtually.

19/24 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Rabey.

20/24 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

21/24 Public Participation

Mike Sankey, Unitary member for Melksham East spoke on the Proposed Traffic Regulation Order.

Residents welcome the proposed 20mph limit but have concerns about the proposed 40mph limit. There are numerous properties close to the road with children playing in the streets and concerns have been expressed about a child running into the road. Residents feel there should be a 30mph limit from the t-junction where vehicles currently turn right all the way along to the end of Snowberry Lane where it joins Spa Road. Additionally residents feel there should be a 3ton gross vehicle weight limit. Delivery vehicles, buses etc would still be able to use the road for access but it would divert commercial traffic onto the new section of road. The new footpath from Melksham Oak will increase footfall and it would be better for the bulk of traffic to be encountered on the new section of road where there will be a formal crossing, rather than on Snowberry Lane.

Councillor Sankey also noted that the 40mph signs had already been erected.

Residents have also raised the issue of parking and Councillor Sankey asked if the Town Council would consider a request to LHFIFG for a review to consider white lines and double-yellow lines where appropriate.

Councillor Sankey mentioned weeds in the gutters and that the Parish Steward appeared to have a new machine to deal with these.

22/24 Minutes

The minutes of 4th June 2024, having previously been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by Councillor Griffin.

23/24 Planning Applications

24/24 PL/2024/05338

It was noted that the application had been withdrawn.

25/24 Planning Decisions

26/24 PL/2024/03318

The decision was noted.

27/24 PL/2024/03868

The decision was noted.

28/24 PL/2024/04426

The decision was noted.

29/24 PL/2024/02352

The decision was noted.

30/24 PL/2024/03376

The decision was noted.

31/24 PL/2024/03975

The decision was noted.

32/24 PL/2024/05338

The decision was noted.

33/24 Application under the Licensing Act 2003

A concern was raised that there was no separation of external seating and the car park. Other than this, members had no objection to the application.

34/24 Proposed Traffic Regulation Order

Members were supportive of the position set out by Mike Sankey. Members also made the following requests.

- (i) For some sort of physical barrier to stop children running on the road
- (ii) That the new 20mph signs be clearly visible and sited away from shrubbery so that they don't get overgrown
- (iii) A request be put to LHFIG to review parking. Councillor Stokes agreed to complete the relevant form for submission.

Concern was expressed that the 40mph speed limit signs had already been erected and that a decision had therefore already been taken. It was requested that this concern be included in the Town Council's response to the consultation.

35/24 Housing Land Supply and Housing Delivery Test Briefing Note No. 24-13

The item was noted.

36/24 Neighbourhood Plan

The item was noted.

37/24 Parish Steward

There was a request for weeds to be cleared from guttering on Eastern Way, Primrose Drive and Daisy Close.

There was a request to know when the Parish Steward was in Melksham. The Committee Clerk said he would try to remember to put it on future agendas.

Meeting Closed at: 7.32 pm

Signed:

Dated: