

Melksham Town Council

Minutes of the Economic Development and Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 16th July 2024

PRESENT: Councillor S Rabey (Chair)
Councillor A Griffin (Vice-Chair)
Councillor P Aves
Councillor G Ellis
Councillor C Stokes

IN ATTENDANCE:

OFFICERS: Andrew Meacham Committee Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: One member of the public was present and one member of the public was present virtually. Councillor Mike Sankey was present to speak on Hunters Wood

38/24 Apologies

There were no apologies.

39/24 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

40/24 Public Participation

Mike Sankey. Spoke in support of the LHF IG request for Hunters Wood Estate and introduced Rob Barbara who was in attendance with his children.

Rob Barbara. As a resident of Hunters Wood he was concerned about the proposed 40mph speed limit on the new access road. Children would be using the road regularly and it is too close to a residential area to be a 40mph limit. There are two crossings but nothing to serve the football and rugby stadium. The chairman of Melksham Football Club supports the residents view.

A 30mph limit would increase travel time by about 30 seconds but would increase the chance of a child surviving a collision from 10% to 50%.

Rob's children presented the chair, Councillor Rabey with a petition from the residents of Acorns and Hunters Wood Estates. It was agreed to pass this on to the relevant person at Wiltshire Council.

41/24 Minutes

The minutes of 25th June 2024, having previously been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by Councillor Rabey.

42/24 Planning Applications

43/24 PL/2024/05662

It was proposed by Councillor Rabey, seconded by Councillor Stokes and
UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to support the application.

44/24 PL/2024/03660

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45/24 PL/2024/05912

It was proposed by Councillor Aves, seconded by Councillor Rabey and
UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to support the application.

46/24 PL/2024/06220

It was proposed by Councillor Rabey, seconded by Councillor Stokes and
UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to support the application.

47/24 Planning Decisions

48/24 PL/2024/05683

The decision was noted.

49/24 PL/2024/04061

The decision was noted.

50/24 PL/2022/08155

The decision was noted.

51/24 Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) Issues

52/24 Request for Review of Parking in Hunters Wood Estate

Councillor Stokes spoke to the request.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to support the request and submit it to LHFIG for consideration.

53/24 Temporary Road Closure Notifications

The Temporary Road Closure Notification was noted.

54/24 Parish Steward

Members noted the usual requests for weeds, leaves and general tidying.

The Committee Clerk advised that the Parish Steward would not be in Melksham in August and read an email from the Parish Steward about work done in July.

The Committee Clerk reported a discussion with the Parish Steward about weeding and that there was a limit to what he could do about weed control without spraying.

The Committee Clerk suggested the use of what3words to help pin point requests for action in specific locations.

Meeting Closed at: 7.25 pm

Signed:

Dated: