

## **Melksham Town Council**

### **Minutes of the Economic Development and Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 19th November 2024**

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

**IN ATTENDANCE:**

<b>OFFICERS:</b>	Andrew Meacham	Committee Clerk
	Francheska Cunanan	Events & Community Development Assistant

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** One member of the public was present virtually.

**157/24 Apologies**

There were no apologies.

**158/24 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**159/24 Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

**160/24 Gifford Surgery, Spa Road**

This item was advanced up the agenda as a representative of Gifford Surgery was present.

Emma Fletcher of Gifford Surgery spoke about the request and confirmed that Gifford Surgery would be happy to bear the cost involved.

Members discussed the application, sought clarification on a couple of points and noted that similar signage was in place for Spa Surgery.

It was proposed by the Deputy Town Mayor Councillor Rabey, seconded by Councillor Alford and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to support the application and recommend it to LHFIG.

**161/24 Minutes**

The minutes of 29<sup>th</sup> October 2024, having previously been circulated, were approved as a correct record.

**162/24 Planning Applications**

**163/24 PL/2024/09656**

Members had concerns about access from the highway, over-development and trees.

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

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to oppose the application.

**164/24 PL/2024/09642**

It was proposed by the Deputy Town Mayor Councillor Rabey, seconded by Councillor Griffin and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to support the application.

**165/24 PL/2024/08832**

Councillor Griffin asked members to note that he had submitted a comment as a resident and neighbour.

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

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to support the application.

**166/24 PL/2024/09965**

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

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to support the application.

**167/24 PL/2024/09935**

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

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to support the application.

**168/24 PL/2024/09775**

Councillor Alford advised that he had spoken to the Planning Officer and it had been confirmed the signage would be dimmed at night. It was noted that there was a well-lit petrol station in the vicinity.

It was proposed by the Deputy Town Mayor Councillor Rabey, seconded by Councillor Stokes and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to support the application.

**169/24 PL/2024/09454**

Councillor Griffin queried the need, given that the proposed care home had not yet been approved. It was felt a substation was probably required for surrounding residences as well.

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

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to support the application.

**170/24 Planning Decisions**

**171/24 PL/2024/08345**

The decision was noted.

**172/24 PL/2024/08126**

The decision was noted.

**173/24 PL/2024/07087**

The decision was noted.

**174/24 Parish Steward**

Members had no special requests and expressed their appreciation of the work done in Melksham by the Parish Steward.

Meeting Closed at: 7.20 pm

**Signed:** .....

**Dated:**