

Melksham Town Council

Minutes of the Economic Development and Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 10th December 2024

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor Ellis virtually

OFFICERS:	Andrew Meacham	Committee Clerk
	Francheska Cunanan	Events & Community Development Assistant

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

175/24 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Ellis.

176/24 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Oatley declared a potential non-pecuniary interest in item 6.1 as Chair of Forest Community Centre and his intention to abstain from the vote.

177/24 Public Participation

There was no public participation. Mike Sankey was present to listen to the discussion.

178/24 Minutes

The minutes of 19th November 2024, having previously been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by Councillor Rabey.

179/24 Planning Applications

180/24 PL/2024/04833

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

RESOLVED to support the application.

181/24 PL/2024/10636

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to support the application.

182/24 PL/2024/10575

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to support the application so long as the structures cannot be used as permanent dwellings.

183/24 PL/2024/10702

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to support the application.

184/24 PL/2023/11188

Members felt that there is no material change in the application and it does not address previous concerns. Issues of access, suitability of existing road and infrastructure have not been addressed. Extra traffic caused by this development would cause problems across the whole of the Melksham area. Conflicts with Local Plan and Joint Melksham Neighbourhood Plan.

Members re-iterated previously submitted objections and asked that they be repeated in the new submission.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to object to the application.

185/24 Planning Decisions

186/24 PL/2024/07506

The decision was noted.

187/24 PL/2024/08960

The decision was noted.

188/24 PL/2024/06462

The decision was noted.

189/24 PL/2024/06907

The decision was noted.

190/24 PL/2024/06974

The decision was noted.

191/24 PL/2024/09282

The decision was noted.

192/24 PL/2024/09235

The decision was noted.

193/24 PL/2024/07573

The decision was noted.

194/24 PL/2024/09278

The decision was noted.

195/24 Speed Limit Order

The Hunters Wood decision was noted.

Councillor Alford spoke to Snowberry Lane.

There was discussion of the merits of the request. Standing Orders were suspended to allow Councillor Mike Sankey to speak.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to submit a request to LHFIG for a Speed Limit Review and a Weight Limit Review with a view to reducing the speed limit to 30mph and imposing a weight limit on the road from the roundabout with Rosemary Lane to the junction with the Melksham East Relief Road.

196/24 Tree Preservation Order

The item was noted.

197/24 Wiltshire Council Local Transport Plan Consultation

The consultation was noted. Members were encouraged to respond.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders.

Councillor Ellis spoke on the consultation. It was agreed that The committee clerk would meet with Councillor Ellis to look at a response to be put to the next meeting for approval.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to re-instate Standing Orders.

198/24 East Melksham Community Hall

Members discussed the question of Community Centre and felt that two medium sized halls, one inside Melksham East (Melksham Town Council) and one outside of Melksham East (Melksham Without Parish Council). It was noted that over £500000 was held for a community centre project within Melksham Town boundaries and it was hoped that Melksham Without Parish Council would be able to find land and funding for a second community centre.

199/24 Parish Steward

Graffiti on bus shelter in Blackmore Road.

Cleaning bus shelter at Avonside.

Councillor Alford said he had asked the Deputy Clerk to find out what type of paint BT used on their cabinets and ask for permission for the Amenities team to use it to cover graffiti as and when required.

200/24 Speed Indicator Devices

The reports were noted. Members asked if in future the individual camera reports could be more easily identified and could the reports show under 30mph and between 30-40mph.

Meeting Closed at: 8.00 pm

Signed:

Dated: