

Melksham Town Council
Minutes of the Economic Development and Planning Committee
on Tuesday 1st April 2025

PRESENT Councillor S Rabey (Chair)

Councillor A Griffin (Vice Chair)

Councillor P Alford

Councillor P Aves

Councillor G Ellis

Councillor C Stokes

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor J Hubbard

Councillor M Harris (Melksham Without Parish Council)

OFFICERS Andrew Meacham Committee Clerk

PUBLIC No members of the public or press were present in person or virtually.

299/24 Apologies

There were no apologies

300/24 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

301/24 Public Participation

Councillor Harris advised of an update on the Gompels warehouse planning application and on Cooper Tyres site.

302/24 Minutes

The minutes of 11th March 2025, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair Councillor Rabey.

Planning Applications

303/24 PL/2025/02375

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED not to object to the application.

304/25 PL/2025/02440

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED not to object to the application.

305/24 PL/2025/02540

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED not to object to the application.

306/24 PL/2025/02622

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED not to object to the application.

307/24 PL/2025/02810

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED not to object to the application

308/24 PL/2025/01940

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED not to object to the application.

Planning Decisions

309/24 PL/2024/11295

The decision was noted.

310/24 PL/2025/01223

The decision was noted.

311/24 PL/2025/00461

The decision was noted.

312/24 PL/2024/11529

The decision was noted.

313/24 PL/2025/00176

The decision was noted.

314/24 Premises Licence Application

Councillor Rabey read out an email from Sgt Rutter. Members were in favour of the idea but echoed the concerns of Sgt Rutter. Councillor Hubbard entered the chamber during the discussion and assisted on the nature of the application and the response.

Safety - Currently only one identified route in and out of the site. Two other proposed points of entry/exit but one is unsuitable as no lighting or hard surfacing.

Traffic management - Work to be done to ensure safe vehicle movement and to take into consideration the possibility of vehicle attack.

Traffic flow, lack of public transport and lack of parking leading to parking on nearby roads.

Near a residential area but there has been no public consultation.

Police resources will already be stretched due to the Solstice.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to object to the licence pending resolution of the technical issues and to request Councillor Nick Holder to call the application in.

315/25 Temporary Road Closure Notification

The item was noted.

316/24 Neighbourhood Plan

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders.

Councillor Harris thanked the Town Council for the positive outcome of the discussions at the Full Council meeting on 31st March 2025.

Standing Orders were re-instated.

There was nothing else to report on the Joint Melksham Neighbourhood Plan.

317/24 Parish Steward

There were no special requests.

Meeting closed at 7.26pm

Signed

Dated