

Melksham Town Council

Minutes of the Economic Development & Planning Committee

on Tuesday 22nd April 2025

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

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor M Harris of Melksham Without Parish Council was present to observe

OFFICERS Andrew Meacham Committee Clerk

PUBLIC: No members of the public or press were present

318/24 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Alford

319/24 Declaration of Interest

Councillor Cooke declared a disclosable pecuniary interest in relation to agenda item 8 in respect of Wiltshire Throwback Festival because he was involved in the festival. Councillor Cooke remained in meeting during discussion of this item as a member of the public to make a representation on behalf of the applicants. Councillor Cooke did not take part in discussions and did not vote on the item.

320/24 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

321/24 Minutes

The minutes of 1st April 2025, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair Councillor Rabey.

Planning Applications

322/24 PL/2025/01306

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED not to object to the application.

323/24 PL/2025/03222

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED not to object to the application.

324/24 PL/202503427

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED not to object to the application.

325/24 PL/2025/03491

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED not to object to the application.

326/24 PL/2025/02791

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED not to object to the application.

Planning Decisions

327/24 PL/2025/00927

The decision was noted.

328/24 PL/2025/00979

The decision was noted.

329/24 PL/2024/09656

The decision was noted.

330/24 PL/2025/00283

The decision was noted.

331/24 PL/2025/01836

The decision was noted.

332/24 Update on Wiltshire Throwback Festival

The representative of the applicants explained how the organisers were addressing the concerns raised.

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

RESOLVED that Melksham Town Council wish their concerns to stand but subject to the Wiltshire Council Licencing Committee being happy that the organisers have put in place measures to deal with the concerns raised, Melksham Town Council is happy to support the application.

333/24 LHFIG- Fullers Road

Standing Orders were suspended to allow Councillor Harris to speak. He advised that there were a number of proposed yellow line projects. Any new requests would go on a new list and there would be considerable delay.

Standing Orders were re-instated.

The committee suggested the applicant should also contact their local Wiltshire Councillor. The committee expressed support in principle for the request.

334/24 LHFIG – Epping Drive

It was proposed by Councillor Rabey, seconded by Councillor and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to support the creation of a disabled parking space.

335/24 Joint Melksham Neighbourhood Plan

The Committee Clerk gave a verbal update. There was a positive outcome by the inspector, and a final report and decision notice statement will be issued in about a month. It is anticipated that the referendum will be mid-end June

336/24 Temporary Road Closure Notifications

The temporary road closures were noted.

337/24 Parish Steward

There was a query on responsibility for Bus Shelters.

Walkway from Factory Shop to carpark. General tidying. Confirmed this is privately owned.

Snowberry Lane and Eastern Way entry ways onto the estate. Weeding if possible.

338/24 Discretionary Gully Service

Members identified sites.

339/24 Speed Indicators

No reports were available due to a temporary software issue. It was noted that the Amenities Manager was looking at quotes for replacement batteries

Meeting closed at: 7:55pm

Signed

Dated