

Melksham Town Council
Minutes of the Committee
on Tuesday 10th June 2025

PRESENT: Councillor S Rabey Chair
Councillor P Alford
Councillor P Aves
Councillor R Cleary
Councillor A Griffin
Councillor C Stokes

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor Mark Harris, Melksham Without Parish Council (for general interest)
Councillor Nick Holder, Wiltshire Council (to speak on an item)

OFFICERS Andrew Meacham Committee Clerk

PUBLIC: two members of the public were present on behalf of Jarboom Ltd

21/25 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor G Elson.

22/25 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

23/25 Public Participation

Councillor Holder spoke regarding application PL/2025/04158, expressing his concerns that the timeline does not allow the correct planning procedure to be followed or give adequate opportunity for residents to comment.

One of the representatives of Jarboom Ltd spoke about the changes that had been put in place. Members of the committee asked questions and expressed their concerns.

24/25 PL/2025/04158

This item was advanced up the agenda.

Members were not opposed to the idea of the festival but had concerns on the timescale of the application, residents having to have permission to drive to their own homes and powers to impose restrictions on unadopted road. A view was expressed that if a housing planning application had similar issues with the timescale the decision would likely be to object.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders to allow the 2nd representative of Jarboom to speak.

The representative addressed members concerns.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to re-instate Standing Orders.

There was discussion on whether a comment should be submitted.

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

RESOLVED to object to the application based on the lateness of the application and time constraints not allowing for an informed decision.

25/25 Minutes

The minutes of 20th May 2025 having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair the Town Mayor Councillor Rabey.

26/25 Vice Chair

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to appoint Councillor Cleary as Vice Chair of Economic Development & Planning.

27/25 PL/2025/04086

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED not to object to the application.

28/25 PL/2025/04387

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED not to object to the application.

29/25 PL/2025/04422

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to object to the application on the basis of size, scale and impact on neighbours and that there is potential for the building to be used as a permanent dwelling.

30/25 PL/2025/04454

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED not to object to the application.

31/25 PL/2025/04473

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED not to object to the application.

32/25 PL/2024/07097

The application was noted. No comment was required.

33/25 PL/2025/03214

The decision was noted.

34/25 PL/2025/03491

The decision was noted.

35/25 PL/2023/11188

The decision was noted.

36/25 PL/2025/01306

The decision was noted.

37/25 PL/2025/02791

The decision was noted.

38/25 PL/2025/02622

The decision was noted.

39/25 PL/2025/02810

The decision was noted.

40/25 Joint Melksham Neighbourhood Plan

The item was noted.

41/25 Parish steward

Councillor Aves asked if grass growing over roads could be dealt with.

Committee Clerk updated on Town Bridge graffiti and bus shelters.

Meeting closed at: 20:25

Signed

Dated