

Melksham Town Council

Minutes of the Economic Development & Planning Committee

on Tuesday 22nd July 2025

PRESENT: Councillor S Rabey Chair
Councillor R Cleary Vice Chair
Councillor P Alford
Councillor P Aves
Councillor E Calland, as sub for Councillor C Stokes
Councillor G Elson
Councillor A Griffin

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor J Crossley
Councillor M Drewett
Councillor A Westbrook
Councillor J Westbrook

OFFICERS Hayley Bell Acting CEO/Town Clerk
Andrew Meacham Committee Clerk

Councillor M Harris, Councillor D Pafford and Teresa Strange, Clerk, were present from Melksham Without Parish Council for the Place Studio Presentation

PUBLIC: No members of the public or press were present

54/25 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Stokes

55/25 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

56/25 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

57/25 Minutes

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

58/25 Place Studios Presentation

Vaughan Thompson of Place Studios spoke about the contents and the effect of the Joint Melksham Neighbourhood Plan and answered members questions. Interest was expressed about the possibility of a training session for councillors in the practical use of the Joint Melksham Neighbourhood Plan

59/25 Fairtrade in Wiltshire

Stan Woods of Wiltshire Fairtrade gave a presentation. Fairtrade would be overseen by a Steering Group with support from the Town Council.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to recommend to Full Council that Melksham Town Council, preferably in partnership with Melksham Without Parish Council, become a Fairtrade Town.

60/25 PL/2025/03269

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to record that Melksham Town Council has no objection to the application.

61/25 PL/2025/05589

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to record that Melksham Town Council has no objection to the application.

62/25 PL/2025/05429

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to record that Melksham Town Council has no objection to the application.

63/25 PL/2025/05841

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to record that Melksham Town Council has no objection to the application.

64/25 PL/2025/03705

The decision was noted.

65/25 PL/2025/03671

The decision was noted.

66/25 PL/2025/02440

The decision was noted.

67/25 PL/2025/03222

The decision was noted.

68/25 PL/2024/11307

The decision was noted.

69/25 Local Highways and Footpaths Improvements Group (LHFIG) Issues.

Councillor Griffin had no update. Matter had been discussed with traffic officer who planned a site visit.

Councillor Aves advised that work to widen the pavement at Maple Close has finished.

Councillor Alford advised that a 20mph limit had been imposed in the Dunch Lane/Addison Road area. Signs are up and roundels will be painted on road shortly.

70/25 Traffic Survey

Members discussed the request and measures that might be put in place to deal with traffic issues in the area. Officers advised that a vote today could only be taken on the traffic survey.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to support the request for a traffic survey.

71/25 Temporary Road Closure Notification

The closure was noted.

72/25 Proposed Developments

Committee Clerk advised he had been unable to get a response regarding the proposed Aldi development but had arranged for presentation on the proposed Lowbourne development.

73/25 Dead Dying or Dangerous Tree

The decision was noted.

74/25 Parish Steward

Clear drains in Martigny Road blocked.

Usual general tidying, leaves, weeds etc.

Walkway beside The Factory Shop. Not Parish Steward but could Amenities Team tidy and trim if have capacity?

Meeting closed at: 20:35

Signed

Dated