

Melksham Town Council

Minutes of the Economic Development and Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 27th April 2021

PRESENT: Councillor A Westbrook (Chair)
Councillor T Watts (Vice-Chair)
Councillor G Mitcham
Councillor M Sankey

**IN
ATTENDANCE:** Councillor P Aves

OFFICERS: David McKnight Economic Development Manager
Christine Hunter Committee Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: No members of the public but one member of the press was present.

47/21 Apologies

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Illman.

48/21 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

49/21 Minutes

The minutes of 30 March 2021 having previously been circulated, were approved as a correct record. It was agreed that these would be signed at a later date by the Vice Chair Councillor Watts.

50/21 Planning Applications

The Council had **no objection** to the following planning applications:

[21/02411/FUL](#) 30 Southbrook Road Melksham SN12 8DT
Proposed single storey rear extension
Consultation deadline : 28/04/2021
Agreement: Unanimous

[21/02490/FUL](#) 37 Conway Crescent Melksham SN12 6BD
Proposed single storey rear extension

Consultation deadline : 04/05/2021

Agreement: Unanimous

[PL/2021/03028](#)

7 Craybourn Road Melksham SN12 7DH

Proposed single storey rear extension

Consultation deadline : 13/05/2021

Agreement: Unanimous

The following two planning applications were for information only and not open for consultee comments. Members requested the Economic Development Manager to:

- Contact the planning officer regarding the outstanding issues on this site, ask for an update and circulate response to Committee members.
- Obtain confirmation from the planning officer that the two non-material amendments are not altering the number of social housing units available on the site.

21/02192/FUL

Land East of Spa Road, Melksham

Consent for a Non-Material Amendment

Non-Material Amendment for 18/04644/REM to allow a change in house types from HL-2 to Archford house type on plots 270, 271, 293, 294, 304, 305, 318, 319, 432, 433, 437, 438

Consultation deadline: 05/05/21

21/02195/FUL

Land East of Spa Road, Melksham

Consent for a Non-Material Amendment

NMA for 18/04644/REM to allow for changes and amendments to house types on plots 73, 74, 98, 100, 173, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 212

Consultation deadline: 05/05/21

51/21 Planning Decisions

Members noted the following planning decisions:

21/01118/FUL

43 Littlejohn Avenue, Melksham, Wilts, SN12 7AW

Construction of new double garage with rear studio area.

Decision: Approve with Conditions

MTC Consultee Response: No Objection

21/01415/CLP

30 Rosemary Way, Melksham, SN12 7FS

Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension

Decision: Approved

MTC Consultee Response: No Objection

21/01076/FUL	<p>18 Saxifrage Bank, Melksham, SN12 6FU Erection of a single-storey extension to replace existing conservatory & internal garage conversion to create home office.</p> <p>Decision: Approve with Conditions MTC Consultee Response: No Objection</p>
21/02042/FUL	<p>24 Sarum Avenue, Melksham, SN12 6BN Proposed single-storey extension.</p> <p>Decision: Approve with Conditions MTC Consultee Response: No Objection</p>
21/01713/FUL	<p>34 Sandridge Road, Melksham, SN12 6BN Proposed single-storey extension.</p> <p>Decision: Approve with Conditions MTC Consultee Response: No Objection</p>
21/01816/FUL	<p>15 Mallory Place Melksham, SN12 6YB An extension to the residential curtilage and the provision of a detached, single storey, garden studio with integral open sided covered patio area.</p> <p>Decision: Approve with Conditions MTC Consultee Response: No Objection</p>

52/21 Traffic Regulation Orders for Consultation

The Economic Development Manager confirmed the Traffic Regulation Orders required a response to Wiltshire Council by 3 May 2021.

It was proposed by Councillor Sankey, seconded by Councillor Westbrook and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to request the Economic Development Manager to respond Wiltshire Council by 3 May 2021 stating that Melksham Town Council supports the traffic regulation orders and welcomed improvement to the local infrastructure.

53/21 Speeding on Forest Road

The report from the Economic Development Manager in respect of speeding on Forest Road was received.

The Economic Development Manager confirmed Faresaver Buses had been helpful in providing telematics data, which currently shows no speeding by buses on Forest Road. Wiltshire Council had asked Mr Grant to keep a log recording times and dates of the buses causing issues, to tightly identify specific concerns, and allow further investigation.

It was

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Economic Development Manager be requested to contact Mr Grant asking him to keep a log to provide more detailed information to forward to Faresaver Buses for further investigation.

54/21 CATG Issues

The report from the Economic Development Manager in respect of traffic management on Union Street, signage to the Littlebrook Centre and the status of the approach road to Melksham Railway Station was received.

Traffic Management in Union Street

The Economic Development Manager confirmed Mark Stansby had reviewed previous records regarding this issue. Wiltshire Council Highways team believe that enforcement of 'Access Only' restrictions will be a major difficulty and a clear and substantial majority of residents and business in the Union Street area would have to be willing to support this Access only request. A Metro Count had been requested but not carried out currently due to the backlog of requests.

It was proposed by Councillor Watts, seconded by Councillor Sankey and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that upon receipt of the Metro Count results the Economic Development Manager will contact Wiltshire Council Highways department to request an affordable, deliverable solution to the problem which Highways are happy to implement, and which can then be forwarded to residents and businesses to consult with them and seek their views on deployment.

Signage to the Littlebrook Centre

Following discussion Councillors agreed on-site signage was a self-help situation for the Littlebrook Centre businesses to resolve together, with input from the Economic Development Manager. This is because the Centre is on private land and not under Highways jurisdiction. Councillor Aves agreed to forward contact details of the landlord to the Economic Development Manager.

It was proposed by Councillor Westbrook, seconded by Councillor Watts and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Economic Development Manager investigate the costs of providing a finger post signs on the highway, to the Littlebrook Centre, as proposed, from next year's CATG budget and use his mediation services to work with tenants of Littlebrook Centre regarding opportunities on the privately owned land of the centre itself.

The status of the approach road to Melksham Railway Station.

The Economic Development Manager confirmed his information that the station approach road is owned by Wiltshire Council but not an adopted public highway. The unregulated status of the road was causing parking issues and the requestor asked for the Council to support his request for Wiltshire Council to adopt the road as a public highway.

It was proposed by Councillor Sankey, seconded by Councillor Watts and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the Economic Development Manager be requested to contact Wiltshire Council on behalf of the Committee, following the Elections on 6th May 2021, requesting that the station approach road be adopted as a public highway.

Meeting Closed at: 7.55 pm

Signed:

Dated: