

Melksham Town Council

Minutes of the Economic Development and Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 25th May 2021

PRESENT: Councillor J Hubbard (Chair)
Councillor G Cooke (Vice-Chair)
Councillor P Aves
Councillor S Crundell
Councillor G Ellis
Councillor C Goodhind
Councillor S Mortimer
Councillor J Oatley
Councillor S Rabey

OFFICERS:	David McKnight	Economic Development Manager
	Christine Hunter	Committee Clerk
	Taylor Robinson	Business Administration Apprentice

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: No members of the public or press were present.

62/21 Apologies

No apologies.

63/21 Declarations of Interest

Councillor Ellis declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 4 planning application PL/2021/03183 Station Approach. Councillor Ellis confirmed he would leave the room for this item and abstain from voting.

Councillor Oatley declared a non-pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 4 PL/2021/03245. Councillor Oatley would be voting on the agenda item.

64/21 Minutes

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of the Economic Development and Planning Committee Meeting held on 4 May 2021, having previously been circulated, were approved as a correct record and were signed by the Town Mayor, Councillor Hubbard.

65/21 Planning Applications

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

[PL/2021/04757](#) Land East of Spa Road, Melksham, Wilts
Temporary installation of housing development marketing signs including flagpoles and totem signs.
Consultation deadline: 9 June 2021
Melksham Town Council requested a condition be added that all advertisement signs should be removed within 90 days of the last property being sold.
Agreement: Unanimous

[PL/2021/03309](#) 23 GOLDFINCH ROAD, MELKSHAM, SN12 7FL
Single storey Orangery extension to rear elevation.
Consultation deadline: 27 May 2021
Agreement: Unanimous

[PL/2021/03245](#) Melksham Forest Community Centre, The Shed, Bowmans Court, Melksham, SN12 7FF
Use of existing hardstanding for a temporary construction compound to support the installation of new sewers which will alleviate sewer flooding in the local area.
Consultation deadline: 27 May 2021
Agreement: Unanimous

[PL/2021/04513](#) Spencers Sport and Social Club Beararce Road Melksham SN12 8AG
Proposed Container For Storage & New Fencing for Bin store
Consultation deadline: 9 June 2021
Agreement: Unanimous

[PL/2021/03183](#) Station Approach, Melksham, SN12 8BN
Proposed advertising sign at the entrance to Station Approach and illuminated cafe sign at the gable end of the cafe building facing the station platform.
Consultation deadline: 2 June 2021
Councillor Ellis had declared a pecuniary interest, therefore left the room for this item and did not vote.
Agreement: Resolved

[PL/2021/04746](#) 50 PRIMROSE DRIVE, MELKSHAM, SN12 6GB
Two Storey Rear Extension
Consultation deadline: 10 June 2021

Agreement: Unanimous

[PL/2021/03860](#)

15 HAZELWOOD ROAD, MELKSHAM, SN12 6HP
Proposed garage conversion & replacement flat roof and rear conservatory.

Consultation deadline: 14 June 2021

Agreement: Unanimous

[PL/2021/04477](#)

16 BREAM CLOSE, MELKSHAM, SN12 7JX
Single storey utility extension

Consultation deadline: 7 June 2021

Agreement: Unanimous

The Council **objected** to the following planning applications:

[20/08520/FUL](#)

7 Lowbourn Melksham Wiltshire SN12 7DZ
Demolition of existing restaurant, and erection of a new two storey building for flats.

It was proposed by Councillor Hubbard, Seconded by Councillor S Crundell and

RESOLVED to object to the application on the following grounds:

- The proposed development is in a conservation area.
- The proposed development is not in keeping with the style of buildings within the area.
- The proposed development indicates there are nine parking spaces with no evidence that 7 of those 9 parking spaces will be available in the future, if and when the remaining area of the site is developed.

[PL/2021/04956](#)

5A CHURCH WALK, MELKSHAM, SN12 6LY
Yew tree – fell.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to object to the application on the following grounds:

- No clear reason for felling the tree.
- It is not clear if the tree is protected
- It could be a registered bat roost.

66/21 Planning Decisions

Members noted the following planning decisions:

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| <u>21/02351/FUL</u> | 75 Semington Road, Melksham, SN12 6DW
Proposed two storey side & rear extension.
Decision: Approved with Conditions
MTC Consultee Response: No Objection |
| <u>21/01358/ADV</u> | 12 Bank Street, Melksham, SN12 6LG
1no. part internally illuminated fascia sign & 1no. internally illuminated projecting sign.
Decision: Approved with Conditions
MTC Consultee Response: No Objections |
| <u>21/02411/FUL</u> | 30 Southbrook Road, Melksham, SN12 8DT
Proposed single storey rear extension
Decision: Approved with Conditions
MTC Consultee Response: No Objections |

67/21 CATG Issues

Antisocial Behaviour – Field next to Primrose Drive Play Area, Heather Avenue

It was proposed by Councillor Hubbard, seconded by Councillor Oatley and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to ask the Economic Development Manager to:

- contact Wiltshire Council Highways Department to obtain recommendations on the best way forward before putting to CATG.
- Contact Sgt J Twyford for suggestions on how to combat the antisocial behaviour.
- To bring responses from Wiltshire Council Highways Department and Sgt Twyford to the next Economic Development and Planning Committee meeting on 14 June 2021.

The Town Mayor, Councillor Hubbard gave an update on the bollards on Bank Street and confirmed work would commence on the bus shelters this week. The Committee asked the Economic Development Manager to review the bus shelter at Blenheim House, if work is required to bring to the next Economic Development and Planning Committee meeting.

68/21 Neighbourhood Plan

The Economic Development Manager confirmed the Neighbourhood Plan referendum date is 1 July 2021.

69/21 Traffic Regulation Orders for Consultation

The following Traffic Regulation Orders for Consultation were noted:

1. THE COUNTY OF WILTSHIRE (PATHFINDER WAY, MELKSHAM WITHOUT) (30MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2021
2. THE COUNTY OF WILTSHIRE (VARIOUS ROADS, MELKSHAM AND MELKSHAM WITHOUT) (40MPH SPEED LIMIT) ORDER 2021
3. PEDESTRIAN CROSSING – A365 WESTERN WAY, MELKSHAM AND MELKSHAM WITHOUT
4. PEDESTRIAN CROSSINGS – A365 BATH ROAD AND PATHFINDER WAY, MELKSHAM WITHOUT

The Town Mayor, Councillor Hubbard confirmed they will be implemented as advertised.

70/21 Temporary Road Closure Notifications

The following Temporary Road Closure Notifications were noted:

Temporary Closure of: Westlands Lane (Part), Melksham Without (Ref: TTRO 7287) commencing 7th June 2021.

Temporary closure of: A365 (Part), Melksham (16/06/21 - 30/06/21)

Meeting Closed at: 8.10 pm

Signed:

Dated: