

Melksham Town Council

Minutes of the Economic Development and Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 5th July 2021

PRESENT: Councillor Goodhind (Deputy Town Mayor)
Councillor G Cooke (Vice-Chair)
Councillor P Aves
Councillor S Crundell
Councillor G Ellis
Councillor S Mortimer
Councillor J Oatley

OFFICERS: David McKnight Economic Development Manager
Taylor Robinson Business Administration
Apprentice

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: One member of the public and one member of the press
were present.

80/21 Apologies

Apologies were received from the Town Mayor, Councillor Hubbard and
Councillor Rabey.

81/21 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

82/21 Minutes

It was proposed by the Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Goodhind, seconded by
Councillor S Crundell and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the minutes of 14 June 2021 having previously
been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair,
Councillor Cooke.

83/21 Planning Applications

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

[PL/2021/06261](#)

48 KING STREET, MELKSHAM, SN12 6HG

Two cypress trees – Fell.

Consultation Deadline: 12/07/2021

Agreement: Unanimous

[PL/2021/05340](#)

4 WINDSOR AVENUE, MELKSHAM, SN12 6BE

Proposed Replacement Pitched Roof

Consultation Deadline: 12/07/2021

Agreement: Unanimous

[PL/2021/05032](#)

62 SANDRIDGE ROAD, MELKSHAM, SN12 7BS

Replace existing conservatory with rear single storey extension

Consultation Deadline: 14/07/2021

Agreement: Unanimous

[PL/2021/05172](#)

23 WESTBURY VIEW, MELKSHAM, SN12 7JJ

Front, rear and side extensions.

Consultation Deadline: 08/07/2021

Agreement: Unanimous

[PL/2021/05215](#)

70 LONGFORD ROAD, MELKSHAM, SN12 6AU

Proposed demolition of attached garage to habitable space of No.70 Longford Road.

Erecting proposed 2 bedroom new dwelling with associated parking for property.

Allowing for drop kerbs to existing and proposed dwelling. Parking increased to existing No.70 Longford Road to front of dwelling.

Consultation Deadline: 21/07/2021

Agreement: Resolved to additionally express concern regarding the close proximity of the north-east corner of the proposed additional dwelling to the public footpath on Conway Crescent.

Members noted the following planning decisions:

[20/11038/FUL](#)

23 SEMINGTON ROAD, MELKSHAM, SN12 6DF

Creation of a vehicular access and hardstanding to front of property.

Decision: Approved with conditions

MTC Consultee Response: No Objection

[PL/2021/03106](#)

17 THE CLOSE, MELKSHAM, SN12 6AG

Proposed demolition of rear Conservatory and erection of single storey rear extension.

Decision: Approved with conditions

MTC Consultee Response: No Objection

[21/02100/LBC](#)

1 HALFWAY FARM, BEANACRE ROAD, MELKSHAM, SN12 8BL

Replace existing crittal metal windows with slimline aluminium double glazed windows.

Decision: Approved with conditions

MTC Consultee Response: No Objection

[PL/2021/04757](#)

LAND EAST OF SPA ROAD, MELKSHAM, WILTS

Temporary installation of housing development marketing signs including flagpoles and totem signs.

Decision: Approved with conditions

MTC Consultee Response: No Objection with Conditions

[PL/2021/04513](#)

SPENCERS SPORT AND SOCIAL CLUB, BEANARCE ROAD, MELKSHAM, SN12 8AG
Proposed Container For Storage & New Fencing for Bin store to serve sports and social club

Decision: Approved with conditions

MTC Consultee Response: No Objection

[PL/2021/03007](#)

MELKSHAM HOUSE, 27 MARKET PLACE, MELKSHAM, SN12 6ES

A twin lane non turf cricket practice area. A 27m x 9.32m secure fenced area, with double gates opening up with batting practice cricket nets within. Located on an open space within a cricket ground.

Decision: Approved with conditions

MTC Consultee Response: No Objection

[PL/2021/03860](#)

15 HAZELWOOD ROAD, MELKSHAM, SN12 6HP

Proposed garage conversion & replacement flat roof and rear conservatory.

Decision: Approved with conditions

MTC Consultee Response: No Objection

[PL/2021/03382](#)

36 ROUNDPOND, MELKSHAM, SN12 8DL

Proposed two storey side extension with single storey rear extension to dwelling.

Decision: Approved with conditions

MTC Consultee Response: No Comment

[PL/2021/04956](#)

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

Decision: No Objection

MTC Consultee Response: Object - No clear reason for felling the tree, it is not clear if the tree is protected and it could be a registered bat roost

[PL/2021/03892](#)

25 CORONATION ROAD, MELKSHAM, SN12 7PE

Proposed front porch

Decision: Approved with conditions

MTC Consultee Response: No objection

[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.

Decision: Approved with conditions

MTC Consultee Response: No objection

[PL/2021/04477](#)

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

Decision: Approved with conditions

MTC Consultee Response: No objection

85/21 Community Area Transport Group (CATG) Issues

85/21.1 Highways Improvement Notice for Heather Avenue/ Dorset Crescent footway.

Members noted the Highways Improvement Notice for the footway between Heather Avenue / Dorset Crescent.

It was proposed by Councillor S Crundell, seconded by the Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Goodhind, and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to contact Wiltshire Council Highways regarding the feasibility of installing a 2 metre staggered barrier to reduce the speed of E-scooter users.

85/21.2 Highways Improvement Notice for Bowden Crescent.

Members noted the Highways Improvement Notice for Bowden Crescent.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to advise the resident to contact the Police Community Support Officer and ask the Economic Development Manager to contact Wiltshire Council Highways for advice on issues caused by obstruction of the entrance to the cul-de-sac by parked cars.

85/21.3 Murray Walk Lighting

The report of the Economic Development Manager was noted.

It was proposed by Councillor Oatley, seconded by Councillor S Crundell and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

- To contact the Parish Steward for Melksham and request that overhanging branches and foliage restricting existing light distribution be pruned back.
- To request that the light timing schedule is switched off to facilitate maximum illumination of the parks.

The efficacy of the changes made is to be reported back to the Economic Development and planning committee and consideration may be given to:

- Increasing the height of the existing lights to improve the lit area.
- The installation of Solar Lights at points of maximum darkness.

86/21 Heather Avenue Anti-Social Behaviour

It was considered that the resolution under minute 85/21.1 should address this problem.

87/21 Blenheim House Bus Shelter

The report of the Economic Development Manager was noted.

It was proposed by Councillor Cooke seconded by Councillor Aves and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to:

- Request the replacement of the current shelter with a bus stop flag and new timetable boxes be placed on bus shelters either side of the road
- Contact Melksham Transport Users Group requesting that they adopt the two bus stops.
- Contact Faresaver Buses for any statistics on how often the shelter outside Blenheim House is used.

88/21 Land East of Spa Road - Response to Planning Concerns Raised

The report of the Economic Development Manager was noted.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED

- To contact the Wildlife Crime Officer at Wiltshire Constabulary to obtain a copy of their ecology investigation findings.

89/21 Consideration of the two Planning Applications by the Western Area Planning Committee

Members noted the invitation to attend the meeting of the Western Area Planning Committee on 7 July 2021 at 3:00pm.

[20/11601/REM](#) - Land East of Spa Road, Melksham

[21/01111/REM](#) - Land East of Spa Road, Melksham

90/21 Traffic Surveys in Wiltshire Procedure

The report of the Economic Development Manager was noted.

It was proposed by Councillor Cooke, seconded by the Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor Goodhind and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to trial the new procedure for requesting traffic surveys and review the process in one year.

91/21 Parish Steward

The report of the Economic Development Manager concerning the role of the Parish Steward was noted.

92/21 Temporary Closure of Woodrow Road

Members noted the extension of the temporary closure of Woodrow Road until 23 August 2021.

93/21 Bus services Consultation

The report of the Economic Development Manager was noted.

It was **agreed** that a response to Wiltshire Council would be drafted and circulated to Committee members by Councillor Ellis. Subject to members agreement the response would be submitted to Wiltshire Council

Meeting Closed at: 9.00 pm

Signed:

Dated: