

Melksham Town Council

Minutes of the Economic Development and Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 4th April 2022

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

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor J Crundell
Councillor C Houghton (arrived at 19.52)
Councillor C Forgacs (arrived at 19.56)
Adrian Hampton – Head of Operations– Wiltshire Council Highways

OFFICERS:	Linda Roberts	Town Clerk
	Christine Hunter	Committee Clerk
	Patsy Clover	Deputy Town Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: One member of the press and three members of the public were present. Three members of the public were present virtually.

218/22 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Oatley, Mortimer and Rabey.

219/22 Planning Application PL/2022/01483

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, Councillor Hubbard, seconded by Councillor Cook and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders.

Standing Orders were suspended to allow public participation.

<u>PL/2022/01483</u>	Land at 14 SHERWOOD AVENUE, MELKSHAM SN12 7HU Proposed Single Storey 2 Bedroom Bungalow Consultation deadline: 20/04/2022
--------------------------------------	--

The following concerns were raised by residents:

- the lack of parking in the road.
- access issues to the bungalow.
- the loss of two car parking spaces.
- the resulting impact on parking on the street.
- restricted access for emergency vehicles.

- proximity to adjacent properties.
- lack of light to neighbour's conservatory.
- invasion of privacy.

Standing Orders reinstated.

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

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

- over development of the site.
- inadequate parking – there will be no allocated parking for the existing property once the development has taken place, car parking spaces will be lost and cars will be forced to park on the pavement
- inadequate vehicular access
- proximity to and impact on neighbouring properties.

It was requested that Councillor Oatley be asked to call-in the application at Wiltshire Council and that consideration be given to the Local Plan/Core Strategy regarding infill.

220/22 Electric Vehicle Charging

Adrian Hampton, Head of Operations- Wiltshire Council, Highways explained that Wiltshire Council have a three-year strategy covering the use and facilitation of electric vehicle charging points and it will also form part of the Local Transport Plan, in 2024. The main areas of focus are:

- residential charging
- destination charging
- conversion of Wiltshire Council sites to enable charging.
- feasibility studies for
 - charging hubs
 - workplace charging
 - public transport charging.
- sustainable travel facilities

Current sources of Government funding and Wiltshire Council funding were explained and information provided regarding available methods of operation and schemes used by other local councils. The limitations caused by sites and available power plus the impact of parking restrictions and traffic regulations were also mentioned.

Adrian confirmed that the replacement electrical charging points (44kw) in King Street car park should be in place by the Autumn. The three charging points in the Campus would be at the lower output of 7kw. It was confirmed that the incoming

power supply to the Campus was not sufficient to run higher capacity charging points.

The Town Mayor, Councillor Hubbard, asked what provisions were being built into the emerging local plan to ensure there is sufficient infrastructure to support the new technology? Adrian confirmed that he would be liaising with Spatial Planning.

221/22 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

222/22 Minutes

The minutes of 14 March 2022 having previously been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Town Mayor, Councillor Hubbard.

223/22 Planning Applications

Members had **no objection** to the following planning applications:

[PL/2022/02117](#)

54 SANDRIDGE ROAD, MELKSHAM SN12 7BP
Proposed Single Storey Extensions & Alterations
Consultation deadline: 14/04/2022

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to support the application

[PL/2022/01227](#)

MELKSHAM HUB, STATION APPROACH, MELKSHAM SN12 8BN
Proposed Sign
Consultation deadline: 14/04/2022

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to support the application

[PL/2022/01197](#)

3 LOWBOURNE, MELKSHAM SN12 7DZ
Removal/variation of conditions
Variation of condition 19 of [13/07076/FUL](#) (Demolition of
existing building and erection of 17 flats and associated works)
to allow for an amended building footprint.
Consultation deadline: 15/04/2022

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, Councillor Hubbard,
seconded by Councillor Aves

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to support the application.

224/22 Planning Decisions

The following planning decision was noted.

PL/2022/00453 8 KENILWORTH GARDENS, MELKSHAM, SN12 6AE
Single storey rear extension to enlarge the kitchen.
Decision: Approve with Conditions.
MTC Response: No Objection.

225/22 Community Area Transport Group (CATG) Issues

225/22.1 Highways Improvement Form Chestnut Mews, Melksham

Following discussion, it was agreed that the Town Mayor, Councillor Hubbard, would visit the applicant to ascertain if there is a public right of way, whether there is vehicular access/allocated parking spaces, and who owns the car park.

225/22.2 Highways Improvement Form Chapel Close, Church Lane, Melksham

It was agreed to organise a site meeting with Mark Stansby, Wiltshire Council Highways, also extending an invitation to ward councillors from and to bring suggestions to the next Economic Development and Planning Committee meeting scheduled for 25 April 2022.

Meeting Closed at: 8.25 pm

Signed:

Dated: