

Melksham Town Council

Minutes of the Economic Development and Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 6th March 2023

PRESENT:

Councillor G Cooke (Vice-Chair)
Councillor P Aves
Councillor S Crundell
Councillor S Rabey
Councillor S Mortimer

IN ATTENDANCE: Unitary Councillor Mike Sankey

Linda Roberts – Town Clerk

OFFICERS:

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION: One member of the public was present virtually.

358/22 Apologies

In the absence of the Chair, the Vice Chair Councillor Cooke assumed the chair.

Apologies were received from Councillors Ellis (Chair) and Goodhind. Councillor Goodhind was substituted by Councillor Mortimer.

359/22 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

360/22 Minutes

The minutes of 13th February 2023, having previously been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Vice Chairman Councillor Cooke.

361/22 Planning Considerations

362/22 Planning Applications

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

[PL/2023/00919](#)

19 UNION STREET, MELKSHAM, SN12 7PR

Proposed demolition of partial rear single storey extension and erecting new single storey rear extension, along with new rear dormer.

Consultation deadline: 17 March 2023

Members **UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to support Planning Application PL/2023/00919.

The Committee **objected** to the following planning application:

[PL/2023/00478](#)

LAND OFF ANGELICA AVENUE, MELKSHAM, SN12 6QJ

Outline application for up to 11 units with associated access road (All Matters Reserved).

Consultation deadline: 17 March 2023

It was proposed by the Town Mayor, Councillor S Crundell, seconded by the Vice Chair, Councillor Cooke and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to suspend standing orders in order to allow Unitary Councillor Mike Sankey to address the Committee on application **PL/2023/00478**.

Unitary Councillor Mike Sankey advised members present that he had called into Committee this application adding that he was concerned about the impact the proposed development would have on the East of Melksham Community Hall.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to object strongly to this application for the following reasons:

- Over development of the site
- Detrimental impact on the proposed East of Melksham Community Hall
- Coalescence to neighbouring development
- NPPF polices 119 through to 125

363/22 Planning Decisions

Members noted the following planning decisions:

<u>PL/2022/09803</u>	EBENEZER CHAPEL, UNION STREET, MELKSHAM, SN12 7PR Removal of internal timber lobby and installation of new glazed timber double doors. Decision: Approve with conditions MTC decision: Support
<u>PL/2022/09797</u>	21 ADDISON ROAD, MELKSHAM, SN12 8DP 2 storey side extension following demolition of existing outbuilding with cosmetic alterations to existing conservatory. Decision: Approve with conditions MTC decision: Support
<u>PL/2021/11498</u>	FORMER COUNTRYWIDE STORE SITE, BRADFORD ROAD, MELKSHAM, SN12 8LQ Erection of 1 No. commercial building (Builder's Merchant) and associated access, landscaping and drainage works Decision: Approve with conditions MTC decision: Approve with conditions

364/22 Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) Issues

365/22 Woodrow Road

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to refer the request to the Local Highways and Footways Group requesting them to consider a reduction of on road parking through double yellow lines.

366/22 Parking Reviews

The following roads were suggested for consideration of double yellow lines:

- Union Street – it is used as a cut through so it was suggested that double yellow lines on alternate sides to create a chicane effect would reduce speeding traffic and split the parking.
- The Almshouses by the City – should be parking for residents only
- Cranesbill road – restrictions at least around pick up and drop off times at the school
- Skylark

- Waverly and Woodstock

367/22 Neighbourhood Plan

The Clerk reported that a comprehensive response to the NPPF consultation had been submitted combining the comments from the Town Council, Melksham Without Parish Council and the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group.

The response had been previously circulated to members.

Councillor Aves asked that it be recorded how much she had enjoyed going through the consultation with the Town Clerk and the 2.5 hours had been a very useful exercise.

Meeting Closed at: 7.30 pm

Signed:

Dated: