Melksham Town Council

Minutes of the Economic Development and Planning Committee meeting held on Monday 27th March 2023

PRESENT: Councillor S Rabey (Chair)

Councillor P Aves Councillor S Crundell Councillor J Oatley Councillor S Mortimer

IN ATTENDANCE:

OFFICERS: Linda Roberts Town Clerk

Sandy Evans

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

368/22 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillors Ellis and Cooke. Councillor Goodhind was substituted by Councillor Mortimer.

In the absence of the Chair and the Vice Chair, it was resolved to appoint Councillor Rabey as Chair for this meeting.

369/22 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

370/22 Minutes

The minutes of 6th March 2023, having previously been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair, Councillor S Rabey.

371/22 Planning Considerations

372/22 Planning Applications

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

PL/2023/01721 23 HORNBEAM CRESCENT, MELKSHAM, SN12 6JF

Proposed - Councillor J Oatley Seconded - Councillor P Aves Unanimous approval.

PL/2023/01624 28 SOUTHBROOK ROAD, MELKSHAM, SN12 8DT

Proposed – Councillor J Oatley Seconded – Councillor P Aves

Unanimous approval.

PL/2023/01622 54 LONGFORD ROAD, MELKSHAM, SN12 6AU

A discussion on the parking for the above application took place, with concerns as per the Highways comments.

Proposed – Councillor S Crundell Seconded – Councillor J Oatley

Support.

373/22 Planning Decisions

Members noted the following planning decisions:

PL/2022/09523 1 MARTIGNY ROAD, MELKSHAM, SN12 7PG

Conversion of a 2-storey dwelling into 2 flats

Decision: Approve with Conditions

MTC decision: No Objection

PL/2022/08913 64 LOWBOURNE, MELKSHAM, SN12 7ED

Proposed Ancillary Accommodation Extension

Decision: Approve with Conditions

MTC decision: No Objection

PL/2022/01197 3 LOWBOURNE, MELKSHAM, SN12 7DZ

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

Decision: Approve with Conditions

MTC decision: No Objection

PL/2022/09709 67 SEMINGTON ROAD, MELKSHAM, SN12 6D

Proposed Replacement Single Storey Rear Extension

Decision: Approve with Conditions

MTC decision: No Objection

PL/2023/00456 100 DUNCH LANE, MELKSHAM, SN12 8DX

Single storey rear extension

Decision: Approve with Conditions

MTC decision No Objection

374/22 Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) Issues

Sandrige Common – Lopes Close

A discussion took place. Public rights of way need to be discussed and resolved at at the initial planning application stage of development. The Committee supported the potential extension of the pavement.

Town Clerk to discuss CIL funding with Melksham Without Parish Council Clerk.

375/22 Neighbourhood Plan

The notes of the Neighbourhood Plan Steering Group meeting held on 22 February 2023 were received.

376/22 Sparkle Team and Parish Steward

The Sparkle Team is returning. It was agreed that the weeds in the town centre (kerb stones) should be cleared. The leaves down Lowbourne in front of the bus stop to be removed; as a health and safety hazard. Top of the list is cleaning up the recreation area in Bath Road car park.

A bus shelter audit is to be carried out, several are in a poor state, especially the ones at the entrance to the town, this should be a priority.

Meeting Closed at: 7.25 pm			
Signed:		Dated:	