

Melksham Town Council

Minutes of the Economic Development and Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 9th May 2023

PRESENT: Councillor G Ellis (Chair)

Councillor P Aves
Councillor S Crundell
Councillor C Goodhind
Councillor J Oatley
Councillor S Rabey

IN ATTENDANCE:

OFFICERS:	Linda Roberts	Town Clerk
	Andrew Meacham	Committee Clerk

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

392/22 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Cooke. Councillor Ellis expressed his good wishes to Councillor Cooke for his recovery.

393/22 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

394/22 Minutes

The minutes of the meeting held on 17 April 2023 and the meeting held on 24 April 2023 having previously been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by Councillor Ellis.

395/22 Planning Considerations

Members had due regard to the Melksham Joint Neighbourhood Plan, the Wiltshire Core Strategy and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) when considering the following planning applications.

396/22 Planning Applications

Members made the following comments on the planning applications listed below:

397/22 PL/2023/02986

PL/2023/02986 - Works to a Listed Building

Address: 17 CHURCH WALK, MELKSHAM, SN12 6LY

Proposal: New glazed canopy over rear door. . Changing one ground floor window to pair of double doors.. Replacing garden shed with garden room / home office.

The Town Mayor, Councillor Crundell expressed concern about the canopy being attached to bath stone wall.

Councillor Aves expressed the opinion that the committee needed to consider the balance between listed buildings and modern living.

Approved, subject to the concern regarding canopy

Proposed Councillor Aves

Seconded Councillor Rabey

Unanimously approved

398/22 PL/2023/02647

PL/2023/02647 – Householder Application

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Approved, subject to the concern regarding canopy

Proposed Councillor Aves

Seconded Councillor Rabey

Unanimously approved

399/22 PL/2023/02074

PL/2023/02074 -Householder planning permission

Single storey annexe to the rear of the house.

16 St Margarets Gardens, MELKSHAM, SN12 7BT

Councillor Crundell noted that there was nothing in Planning Law on which to base an objection. The committee expressed its concern regarding the possible commercial letting of the annex.

Approved, subject to concern re letting.

Proposed Councillor Crundell
Seconded Councillor Oatley
Unanimously approved

400/22 Planning Decisions

Members noted the following planning decisions:

401/22 PL/2023/02507

Councillor Rabey commented that she was not aware of having seen details of the application previously. Councillor Ellis advised that the committee is not notified of Lawful Development Certificate applications. The committee expressed concern on this point.

402/22 PL/2023/02499

Noted.

403/22 PL/2023/00919

Noted

404/22 PL/2023/02021

Noted.

404/22.1 PL/2023/01624

Noted.

404/22.2 PL/2022/08504

It was noted that the Joint Melksham Neighbourhood Plan was referred to in refusing this application.

405/22 Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) Issues

Councillor Aves asked for an update on Maple Close. The Town Clerk confirmed nothing had been heard and she would chase.

The Committee noted that the questions of the high pavement and waiting restrictions were ongoing.

Councillor Crundell requested that there be a chase up on redesignating the one-way in the Market Place.

406/22 Neighbourhood Plan

The Town Clerk gave a verbal report covering the following points.

Regulation 14: An extension is not likely, but on target for July.

Town Center Masterplan: A summary and action plan will be produced.

Site Allocation: Being analysed. There will be consultation when made public. It was noted that Wiltshire Council are not sharing Site Allocation details.

The Town Clerk will update members by email as and when.

Councillor Ellis stated that the work done by The Town Clerk was impressive.

407/22 Market Towns Initiative

Members noted the funding obtained and expressed their thanks to The Town Clerk for her work on the application.

Ideas for Gateway Signage were requested.

408/22 Temporary Road Closure Notifications

It was noted that there were no Temporary Road Closure Notifications.

409/22 Sparkle Team and Parish Steward

Councillor Rabey asked that the walkway at the back of the Campus and passed the Cricket Pavilion be cleared.

Councillor Aves asked that the dead leaves on Lowbourne be cleared.

Councillor Goodhind asked that the rotting leaves by the skate park be cleared.

Councillor Crundell asked if the previous two items could be dealt with by the roadsweeper.

Councillor Crundell asked if the bath stone slabs could be pressure-washed.

Councillor Oatley mentioned the grass leading to Forest Community Centre.

It was suggested that councillors take ownership of the issues they raise.

Meeting Closed at: 8.25 pm

Signed:

Dated: