

Melksham Town Council

Minutes of the Economic Development and Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 30th May 2023

PRESENT: Councillor S Rabey (Chair)

Councillor P Aves
Councillor G Ellis
Councillor S Mortimer

IN ATTENDANCE: Two members of the public were present, and one member of the public was present virtually. Councillor Goodhind was present as a guest.

OFFICERS:	Linda Roberts	Town Clerk
	Andrew Meacham	Committee Clerk

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chair invited members of the public to address the committee

Annie Benham-Taylor asked if the bowser purchased with money from Sainsburys was still in use. The Town Clerk will check with Head of Operations as to its whereabouts.

Annie Benham-Taylor and Councillor Goodhind raised the matter of planting and maintenance in the campus. It was agreed that the Town Clerk would follow up with Wiltshire Council.

410/23 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Oatley and Councillor Cooke.

411/23 Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

412/23 Minutes

The minutes of 9th May 2023, having previously been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by Councillor Rabey, the chair.

413/23 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.

414/23 Planning Applications

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

415/23 PL/2023/03807

PL/2023/03807 - Householder application.
Address: 2 Martigny Road, Melksham, SN12 7PG
Proposal: 2 storey side extension
Respond By 12/06/2023

Approved., and the committee noted and agreed with the Highway Department's comments.

Proposed Councillor Aves
Seconded Councillor Ellis
Unanimously approved.

416/23 Planning Decisions

Members expressed concern that they were not getting notification of some applications. Clerk to check with Wiltshire Council.

417/23 PL/2023/01859

Noted.

418/23 PL/2023/02537

Noted.

418/23.1 PL/2023/01919

Noted.

419/23 PL/2023/01854

Noted.

420/23 PL/2023/03284

Noted.

421/23 PL/2023/01721

Noted.

422/23 PL/2023/02519

Noted.

423/23 Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) Issues

Maple Close. The Town Clerk advised the legals were nearly finalised and there was some tree work that needed to be done. Hoped to have more information for the next meeting.

Market Place. The Town Clerk advised this had not been followed up yet.

Pedestrian Crossing. The Town Clerk will check the situation.

424/23 Neighbourhood Plan

The Town Clerk advised that the next meeting of the Steering Group was Wednesday 6th June and it was hoped the first draft plan would be ready for approval at the meeting.

425/23 Temporary Road Closure Notifications

The Temporary Road Closure Notification for A350 (part), Melksham; from its junction with Avon Road to its junction with A350 Lackham College to Lackham Roundabout was noted.

426/23 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 Rabey asked that the area around the Unicorn pub and Cooper Tyres be cleared.

Councillor Mortimer asked that the nettles on the walkway from Union Street to the park be cleared.

Councillor Ellis asked that tree debris in Orchard Gardens be cleared.

Councillor Aves asked that Lowbourne be tidied.

Councillor Rabey suggested that a list of regular requests be compiled to be put on the agenda as permanent items. Councillors to submit their suggestions to her or the Town Clerk.

It was proposed by Councillor Rabey, seconded by Councillor Mortimer and

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that Standing Orders be suspended to allow Joe Reece to address the committee on the subject of street cleaning.

After a brief discussion it was agreed that the proposal details would be forwarded to the Town Clerk and the matter put on the agenda for the next meeting on 20 June 2023.

Meeting Closed at: 7.30 pm

Signed:

Dated: 20 June 2023