

## **Melksham Town Council**

### **Minutes of the Economic Development and Planning Committee meeting held on Tuesday 5th December 2023**

**PRESENT:** Councillor S Rabey (Chair)

Councillor P Alford  
Councillor P Aves  
Councillor Stokes  
Councillor J Westbrook

**OFFICERS:** Andrew Meacham Committee Clerk

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:** No members of the public or press were present and two members of the public were present virtually.

**581/23 Apologises**

Apologies were received from Councillor Ellis.

**582/23 Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**583/23 Minutes**

The minutes of 14 November 2023, having previously been circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by Councillor Rabey.

**584/23 Planning Considerations**

**585/23 Planning Applications**

**586/23 PL/2023/09560**

It was proposed by Councillor Alford, seconded by Councillor Aves and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to support the application.

**587/23 PL/2023/09789**

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

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to support the application.

**588/23 PL/2023/09560**

It was noted that this was a duplicate of item 5.1.

**589/23 PL/2023/09269**

It was proposed by Councillor Aves, seconded by Councillor Westbrook and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to support the application.

**590/23 PL/2023/09840**

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

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to support the application.

**591/23 PL/2023/09715**

It was proposed by Councillor Aves, seconded by Councillor Westbrook and

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to support the application.

**592/23 Planning Decisions**

Members noted the following planning decisions

**593/23 PL/2023/07646**

Noted.

**594/23 PL/2023/07185**

Noted.

**595/23 PL/2023/08677**

Noted.

**596/23 PL/2023/08679**

Noted.

**597/23 PL/2023/07903**

Noted.

**598/23 Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) Issues**

**599/23 Burnet Close**

Members were concerned about setting a precedent, resources for enforcement and installing h-bars on both sides of the road.

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

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to suspend Standing Orders.

Mrs Escott gave details of the situation and why they were making the request. Members explained the problems and suggested Mr & Mrs Escott contact their Ward Councillor and Wiltshire Councillor, Councillor Hubbard, with a copy of the application. He would then be able to either report back to Melksham Town Council or contact the Highways Officer.

Standing Orders were reinstated.

**600/23 Littlejohn Avenue**

Members discussed the request. It was noted that consultation with Highways would be required. Concerns were raised that the proposal would not solve the problem and would result in the view of drivers turning into Littlejohn Avenue being blocked

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

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to contact the applicant suggesting they contact Councillor Oatley to look at the site and liaise with Highways Department.

**601/23 A350 Underpass**

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

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** not to pursue the request.

**602/23 PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER FOR CONSULTATION**

Noted.

**603/23 Local Cycling and Walking Plan (LCWIP) for Melksham,**

Members felt this would be better considered by full council on 18<sup>th</sup> December 2023.

**604/23 Neighbourhood Plan**

Noted.

**605/23 Sparkle Team and Parish Steward**

Members asked for leaves to be cleared and general tidying up.

Meeting Closed at: 7.40 pm

**Signed:** .....

**Dated:**