

Melksham Town Council

Minutes of the Economic Development & Planning Committee

on Tuesday 13th January 2026

PRESENT: Councillor S Rabey
Councillor P Alford
Councillor P Aves
Councillor G Elson
Councillor A Griffin
Councillor C Stokes

IN ATTENDANCE

OFFICERS Andrew Meacham Committee Clerk

PUBLIC 5 members of the public were present and 1 member of the public was present virtually

The meeting was late starting due to members being involved in other meetings that started at 18:00.

218/25 Apologies

There were no apologies

219/25 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

220/25 Minutes

The minutes of 16th December 2025, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair Councillor Rabey.

221/25 Public Participation

Members of the public spoke on the history and issues that they wished the committee to take into account when considering items 8.1 and 8.2. giving some history and commenting on the current situation, including increased car ownership, use of the road and resident parking fees.

222/25 LHFIG Union Street (Parking)

This item was advanced up the agenda. Standing Orders were suspended to allow a resident to speak and then reinstated.

It was agreed, with the agreement of the requestor Councillor J Westbrook, to extend the request to include those residential properties on Lowbourne that do not have access to off-street parking.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to support the request and refer it to LHFIG.

223/25 LHFIG Union Street (Speed Review)

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to support the request and refer it to LHFIG.

224/25 Proposed Extinguishment of Footpath MELK103

Standing Orders were suspended to allow the applicant to speak and then reinstated.

It was the view of the meeting that there were alternative, safer routes and the footpath was no longer needed. There was some concern about how and by who the area would be maintained if the footpath is extinguished.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED not to object to the application for the reasons stated.

225/25 PL/2025/07083

It was noted that there had been an increase in planting.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to make no further comment.

226/25 PL/2025/08689

The decision was noted.

227/25 PL/2025/08849

The decision was noted.

228/25 PL/2025/08584

The decision was noted.

229/25 PL/2025/08572

The decision was noted.

230/25 PL/2025/08573

The decision was noted.

231/25 LHFIG Market Place and Crown House

It was agreed, with the agreement of the requestor Councillor Griffin, that items 5 & 6 be removed from the proposal.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to support the request and refer it to LHFIG.

232/25 Temporary Road Closures

The closures were noted.

233/25 Appeal Against Planning Decision in PL/2024/10674

The date and venue was noted.

234/25 Parish Steward

A350 underpass.

Councillor Stokes raised the issue of empty Salt Bins.

Meeting closed at: 20:30

Signed

Dated