



2026

MELKSHAM TOWN COUNCIL



Economic Development & Planning Agenda

Tuesday 17th March 2026



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Tuesday 10th March 2026

Dear Councillors S Rabey, R Cleary, P Alford, P Aves, G Elson, A Griffin and C Stokes,

You are summoned in accordance with the Local Government Act (LGA) 1972, Sch 12, paras 10 (2)(b) to a meeting of Economic Development & Planning Committee of Melksham Town Council for the transaction of the business shown on the agenda below.

Tuesday 17th March **2026**, to be held at 19.00 in the Council Chamber, Melksham Town Hall, Market Place, Melksham, SN12 7ES.

The quorum for Economic Development & Planning is 4.

Public Participation.

Members of the public and the press may attend this meeting in person or join the meeting on teams via the following link <https://tinyurl.com/54hfn9jb> . Public participation will take place near the start of the meeting.

Each speaker is limited to three minutes, with a total public session of 20 minutes. Members of the public are requested to send their question to CEO@melksham-tc.gov.uk by noon on the working day before the meeting. You should still attend the meeting, in person or online, to ask your question.

No decisions will be made on matters not already on the agenda. The Council may ask the public and press to leave if confidential matters need to be discussed.

The Seven Principles of Public Life.

All members are reminded of their duty under the code of conduct to uphold the Seven Principles of Public Life: selflessness, integrity, objectivity, accountability, openness, honesty, and leadership.

Yours sincerely,

Miss Hayley Bell – CEO

Economic Development & Planning Committee

The Committee will meet to consider all planning applications in the town.

Comments will be sent to Wiltshire Council as part of their consultation procedure. The aim is to use guidance contained in the National Planning Policy Framework, the Joint Melksham Neighbourhood Plan, planning legislation, Wiltshire Council's Core Strategy and Local Plan, Policy and Periodic Planning Guidance notes to preserve and enhance the town's character, whilst encouraging its commercial and social vitality. It will also consider the contents and desires laid out in the Neighbourhood Plan and Local Plan.

Where appropriate, planning applications submitted in the Parish of Melksham Without may also be discussed and commented on if relevant to the Town Council.

Highway issues raised for the Local Highways and Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG), Emergency Planning and Flood Plans will also be managed by this Committee.

1. Membership: Seven elected members.

- 1.1. Invited officers relevant to planning and economic development, who will have no voting rights.
- 1.2. No business may be transacted at a meeting unless at least 50% of the whole number of members of the Committee, rounded up, are present.
- 1.3. Substitution of Members - Substitutes should be nominated by the Member of the Committee planning to be absent and notified to the Proper Officer in writing by 3pm on the day of the meeting.

2. Delegated Business: The Committee has delegated authority to deal with the following matters on an ongoing basis or to conclusion:

Planning

- 2.1 At meetings to consider all planning applications sent for consultation by Wiltshire Council.
- 2.2 To comment on behalf of the Town Council on planning applications having due regard to Town Council policy.
- 2.3 To delegate the power to the Town Clerk in discussion with the Town Mayor or Deputy Town Mayor, to make recommendations to Wiltshire Council on minor revisions to applications for which there is insufficient time to call a planning committee meeting. The exercise of this power should be consistent with established practice and policy of the committee, where defined, and shall be reported to the next planning committee meeting.
- 2.4 To deal with requests for street naming.
- 2.5 To deal with consultation requests for street trading licences.



- 2.6 To deal with any matters pertaining to the Licensing Act 2003.
- 2.7 To refer all highway Issues through the relevant portal for the Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG).
- 2.8 To develop and manage all Emergency Plans.
- 2.9 To deal with Rights of Way, Bridle Ways, and Footpath matters.
- 2.10 To prepare draft comments for any consultations received by the Council.
- 2.11 To engage in pre-application consultations with developers.
- 2.12 To manage equipment within the area of its responsibilities and not under the control of any other committee.
- 2.13 To receive petitions and deputations from the public or any organisation.

Economic Development

- 2.14 To be responsible for recommending to Council key decisions and actions required in relation to the economic development of the town.
- 2.15 Approving and overseeing the delivery of any relevant service strategies which affect:
 - economic development;
 - investment in the town centre;
 - to oversee and implement the Town Centre Master Plan;
 - the establishment of external partnerships where they are relevant to the economic development of the town.
- 2.16 Approving and monitoring funding sources and mechanisms to assist with various initiatives, projects and actions within the remit of economic development.

Budget

- 2.17 To prepare, scrutinise and monitor the budget for the committee.
- 2.18 To approve expenditure within budget and to refer any requests for expenditure over budget to Full Council.
- 2.19 To approve expenditure within Ear Marked Reserves available to relevant projects for this committee.

3. Referred Business: To consider and make recommendations to the Town Council on the following matters:

- 3.1 Any other matters referred to the Committee by the Town Council.
- 3.2 All planning applications of a major strategic nature.
- 3.3 Consultations on any strategic plans produced by the Principal Authority, Wiltshire Council, such as Boundary Reviews, Local Development Framework, Local Plans or any such documents relevant to the town.
- 3.4 Budget estimates, to be prepared no later than October each year and submitted to the Finance, Administration and Performance Committee.



AGENDA

Economic Development & Planning

1. Apologies.

To receive and consider acceptance for apologies and absences

(Local Government Act, 1972 s.85)

2. Declaration of interests.

To declare an interest relating to the business of the meeting.

(Melksham Town Council Code of Conduct)

3. Minutes

To approve the minutes of the previous meeting, Tuesday 24th February 2026.

(Local Government Act 1972, s. 12)

4. Public participation

To allow public participation, 3 minutes per person, 20 minutes allocation.

(Local Government Act 1972, s. 12)

5. Proposed Lidl Development

To receive a presentation on behalf of Lidl.

Please note attendance had not been confirmed at time of publication.

6. Planning Considerations

Planning Considerations Members to note that when responding to planning applications consideration should be given to the Melksham Joint Neighbourhood Plan, the Wiltshire Core Strategy and the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF).



7. Planning Applications

To comment on the following planning applications

7.1 PL/2026/01036

[PL/2026/01036](#) - Prior notification: Demolition

Address: Avonside Enterprise Park, New Broughton Road, Melksham, SN12 8AD

Proposal: Demolition of Block G and an existing free-standing building known as Scouts Hut / Scotts Gym at Avonside Enterprise Park, Melksham

Respond By: Notification only. No public consultation

7.2 PL/2026/01088

[PL/2026/01088](#) - Householder planning permission

Address: 20 St Margarets Gardens, Melksham, SN12 7BT

Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension, two storey side extension, pitched roof over existing attached garage, new porch and driveway enlargement.

Respond By: 27 March 2026

7.3 PL/2025/07044

[PL/2025/07044](#) - Full planning permission

Address: Former Countrywide Site, Bradford Road, Melksham

Proposal: The construction of a new discount foodstore, car parking, access and landscaping on land at Bradford Road, Melksham

Respond By: 23 March 2026

7.4 PL/2025/09766

[PL/2025/09766](#) - Householder planning permission

Address: Old Stable House, 12A High Street, Melksham, SN12 6JU

Proposal: Erection of pair of hinged steel gates across private driveway by attachment to wall of adjacent / neighbouring building

Respond By: 23 March 2026

7.5 PL/2025/09634

[PL/2025/09634](#) - Listed building consent (Alt/Ext)

Address: Old Stable House, 12A High Street, Melksham, SN12 6JU

Proposal: Erection of pair of hinged steel gates across private driveway by attachment to wall of adjacent / neighbouring building

Respond By: 23 March 2026

7.6 PL/2025/07391

[PL/2025/07391](#) - Approval of reserved matters

Address: Land South of Western Way, Melksham, Wiltshire

Proposal: Reserved Matters (appearance, landscaping, layout and scale) for 210 residential dwellings (Use Class C3), along with associated open space, landscaping, and parking, pursuant to Condition 2 of Outline Planning Permission ref. PL/2022/08504.

Respond By: 24 March 2026

7.7 PL/2026/01530

[PL/2026/01530](#) - Prior notification: Demolition

Site Address: St Damians Block, Melksham Community Hospital, Spa Road, Melksham, SN12 7NZ

Proposal: Demolition of St Damian's Block, Melksham Community Hospital.

Respond By: 20 March 2025

8. Planning Decisions

To note the following planning decisions

8.1 PL/2025/09561

[PL/2025/09561](#) - Full planning permission

Address: Antico Cafe, 6a Littlebrook Centre, Bath Road, Melksham, SN12 6LP

Proposal: Retrospective application for the erection of an open covered platform for outdoor seating area

Decision Date: 20 February 2026

Decision: Approve with Conditions

MTC Decision: No objection.

8.2 PL/2025/08141

[PL/2025/08141](#) - Full planning permission

Address: 22 West End, Melksham, SN12 6HJ

Proposal: Division of Dwelling into Residential and Parish use

Decision Date: 19 February 2026

Decision: Approve with Conditions

MTC Decision: No objection.



8.3 PL/2026/00500

[PL/2026/00500](#) - Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area

Site Location: 9 Church Walk, Melksham, SN12 6LY

Proposal: T1 Cherry - Reduce by 1/1.5m to suitable pruning points. T2 Fig - Reduce by 1/1.5m to suitable pruning points.

Decision Date: 4 March 2026

Decision: No Objection

MTC Decision: No objection

8.4 PL/2026/00501

[PL/2026/00501](#) - Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area

Site Location: 7 Church Walk, MELKSHAM, SN12 6LY

Proposal: T1 Hazel - Coppice at 3m ABL. T2 Cherry - Reduce by 1/1.5m to suitable pruning points.

Decision Date: 4 March 2026

Decision: No Objection

MTC Decision: No objection

9. Local Highways and Footpaths Improvement Group (LHFIG) Issues

9.1 Funding

To discuss changes to the budget and criteria for support

9.2 Station Approach

To note the response of Wiltshire Council.

9.3 Union Street Parking Survey

For discussion

10. Emergency Resilience Funding

To discuss cuts to funding.

11. Application for a premises licence to be granted under the Licensing Act 2003

For comment. Consultation deadline 23rd March 2026.



12. Renaming of Section of Eastern Way.

To note. Following the resolution of 24th February 2026, a request to consider renaming was submitted to Wiltshire Council. They have advised that their records show this section is already known as Snowberry Lane.

13. Temporary Road Closure

13.1 Dunch Lane (Part)

14. Lime Down

For discussion.

15. Parish Steward

To note response from Wiltshire Council.

To consider jobs for the Parish Steward

