

**Melksham Town Council**

**Minutes of the Economic Development & Planning Committee**

**on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April 2026**

PRESENT:	Councillor S Rabey	Chair
	Councillor R Cleary	Vice Chair
	Councillor P Aves	
	Councillor G Elson	
	Councillor A Griffin	
	Councillor C Stokes	
IN ATTENDANCE	Councillor E Calland	
	Councillor J Westbrook	
	Councillor A Whitlock	
OFFICERS	Andrew Meacham	Committee Clerk
	Dominic Rutterford (Virtual)	Comms and Marketing Officer

PUBLIC One member of the public was present virtually

**266/25 Apologies**

Apologies were received from Councillor Alford

**267/25 Declaration of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest.

**268/25 Minutes**

The minutes of 17 March 2026, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair Councillor Rabey.

**269/25 Public Participation**

There was no public participation.

**270/25 Proposed Lidl Development**

Representatives of Lidl gave a presentation on the proposal and answered members questions.

**271/25 Avonside Enterprise Park**

The chair noted that Councillor Alford had put a call in on one application.

On the understanding that existing businesses would not be affected and would continue to trade, members felt the proposals would be of benefit to the development of the area.

Members agreed to vote on these items en-bloc.

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

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to respond that Melksham Town Council has no objection to the applications.

**272/25 PL/2026/01533**

It was noted that the land was outside the town boundary.

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

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to respond that Melksham Town Council has no objection to the application.

**273/25 PL/2024/10345**

It was noted that the land was outside the town boundary and that Melksham Without Parish Council were considering the latest changes next week.

Members felt previous concerns of Melksham Town Council and Melksham Without Parish Council had not been fully addressed.

- Would like greater integration between social and private housing
- Road layout – road width, parking, lack of bends and breaks in road to act as speed restrictions.
- Joint Melksham Neighbourhood Plan calls for 40% affordable housing

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

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to submit comments as above and re-iterate support for any position taken by Melksham Without Parish Council.

**274/25 PL/2026/01884**

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

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to respond that Melksham Town Council has no objection to the application.

**275/25 PL/2026/01093**

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

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** to respond that Melksham Town Council has no objection to the application

**276/25 PL/2026/00259**

The decision was noted.

**277/25 PL/2026/01036**

The decision was noted.

**278/25 PL/2026/00528**

The decision was noted.

**279/25 PL/202509349**

The decision was noted.

**280/25 LHFIG – Millennial Walk**

This item was deferred to the next meeting at the request of Councillor Alford.

**281/25 LHFIG – Beanacre Road**

This item was deferred to the next meeting at the request of Councillor Alford.

**282/25 LHFIG – Roundponds**

This item was deferred to the next meeting at the request of Councillor Alford.

**283/25 LHFIG – Union Street Parking Survey**

Councillor J Westbrook spoke to the item

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

**UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED** that officers be delegated to undertake the survey and costs of printing be paid from LHFIG budget.

**284/25 Melksham Path 103**

The item was noted.

**285/25 Temporary Road Closure – Spa Road**

The item was noted.

**286/25 Parish Steward**

Walkway down the side of the former Factory Shop. It was noted that this was private property and not a job for the Parish Steward. An agreement was in place with the owner and the committee clerk would ask the Amenities Team.

**287/25 Notes of external Meetings – Wiltshire Enhanced Partnership Forum.**

The item was noted. The Chair expressed the hope that Melksham Town Council would be represented at future meetings.

Meeting closed at: 19:51

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