

Melksham Town Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee

Held at the Melksham Town Hall on Tuesday 2 June 2026

PRESENT: Councillor S Rabey Chair
Councillor C Stokes Vice Chair
Councillor P Alford
Councillor P Aves
Councillor A Griffin

IN ATTENDANCE

OFFICERS Hayley Bell CEO

PUBLIC One member of the public was present and one member of the public was present virtually

26/26 Apologies

There were no apologies.

27/26 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

28/26 Minutes

The minutes of 19 May 2026, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair Councillor.

29/26 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

30/26 PL/2026/02835

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

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

31/26 PL/2026/01809

Members wished to make it clear that they did not want permission to establish a precedent for multiple events. It was noted that noise from last year's event travelled some distance. Concerns that Friday opening and parking may affect the school and the pathway from the school were noted.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to record that Melksham Town Council notes that the application is for a single event only, although the application form has not itself been amended and supports permission for a single event in 2026. Melksham Town Council requests that the applicants engage with the school regarding Friday event hours and that residents further afield be given contact details regarding possible noise issues.

32/26 PL/2026/02740

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to support with concerns about the location affecting trees and visibility and to request any action be sympathetic to the trees.

33/26 PL/2026/02889

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to record that Melksham Town Council supports but has concerns about the lack of allocated parking. Melksham Town Council asks that planning be mindful of pressure on parking in the area and raise this with the applicant.

34/26 PL/2025/06105

Standing Orders were suspended to allow Councillor Harris to informally advise on the discussions of Melksham Without Parish Council.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to comment as follows

- The application is speculative and does not accord with the Joint Melksham Neighbourhood Plan, Core Strategy or the intentions of the withdrawn local plan.
- Concerns about access, traffic and speeding. There are proposed developments in the area which will result in a number of new turnings, junctions etc with no controls on traffic or speeding. A holistic approach is needed by planning. Should the application be granted the s106 agreement should include a sum for speed management measures.
- Support the position of Melksham Without Parish Council.

35/26 Planning Considerations - Updates

Under the agenda heading of Planning Considerations the CEO read out a statement from Melksham Without Parish Council on the proposed Lime Down Development.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED that the CEO was authorised to issue a statement from Melksham Town Council.

The CEO advised Melksham Town Council had not been given prior notice of work on the Semington Road roundabout.

The CEO advised that she had written to Wiltshire Council about A-frame advertising restricting access in the town. Will also be writing to local businesses about keeping the pavements clean and clear.

36/26 PL/2026/01884

The decision was noted.

37/26 Community Bus Information

The item was noted.

38/26 Road Safety Update

The item was noted.

Councillor Griffin advised the committee that traffic access and parking restrictions in St Michaels Road have been confirmed.

Councillor Stokes asked if contact could be made with contractors working on care home in Longleaze about problems with parking.

38/26 Wiltshire Local Plan

Councillor Alford requested that Wiltshire Council be asked for a timeframe on the new local plan and housing allocation numbers for Melksham.

The item was noted.

39/26 Parish Steward

Weeds.

King Street Carpark drains

Drain in pathway besides Factory Shop

Pavements overgrown with foliage. Wiltshire Council machine.

Ask MIN to remind residents to cut back hedges.

Utility Street Furniture. Permission requested for Melksham Town Council to repaint. CEO to chase.

Meeting closed at: 19:32

Signed

Dated