

Melksham Town Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee

At Melksham Town Hall on Tuesday 23 June 2026

PRESENT: Councillor S Rabey Chair
Councillor P Aves
Councillor J Crossley
Councillor A Griffin

IN ATTENDANCE

OFFICERS Andrew Meacham Committee Clerk

PUBLIC one member of the public was present

40/26 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Stokes, who was subbed by Councillor Crossley, and from Councillor Alford.

41/26 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

42/26 Minutes

The minutes of 2 June 2026, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair Councillor.

43/26 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

44/26 Proposed Berryfields Development

Representatives from Savilles and Bellway Homes gave a presentation and members had the opportunity to ask questions.

45/26 PL/202603005

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to record no objection.

46/26 PL/2026/02966

The Chair set out the concerns raised by Melksham Without Parish Council

- The effect on the A3102
- Level and type of affordable housing provision – only 30% provision

- Absence of bungalows
- Public transport viability
- Connectivity
- Potential isolation of parts of the development
- Safety concerns over proximity to Battery Storage System at Sandridge Solar Farm
- The site is not one allocated under the Joint Melksham Neighbourhood Plan
- Further public consultation requested
- Layout constrained by overhead powerlines and proximity to the Grade II listed Blackmore House
- Access – proposed as t-junction with no separate right-turn lane. Preference is for a roundabout.
- The preferred Melksham by-pass route passes through the site.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to support the concerns of Melksham Without Parish Council.

47/26 PL/2026/02295

Members noted and concurred with comments of the Highways Department.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED not to support the application on the basis of Highways Department comments

48/26 PL/2026/02205

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED not to object to the application.

49/26 PL/2026/02752

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED not to object to the application.

50/26 PL/2026/03323

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED not to object to the application.

51/26 PL/202601093

The comments of the Conservation Officer were noted.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to record no objection to the wheelchair access ramp but support the comments of the Conservation Officer in relation to the fence.

52/26 Planning Decisions

The decisions were noted.

53/26 Temporary Road Closures

The road closures were noted.

The Committee Clerk advised that the delayed closure of part of the A3102 would now be on 1 July 2026.

54/26 Items to Note – Email from CEO to SSE

Noted.

55/26 Items to Note – Briefing Note

Noted.

56/26 School Street Pilot

Noted.

57/26 Parish Steward

Weeds are a particular problem.

Drain in King Street Carpark.

Meeting closed at:20:20

Signed

Dated