

Melksham Town Council

Minutes of the Planning Committee

At Melksham Town Hall on Tuesday 14 July 2026

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

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor E Calland
Councillor J Westbrook

OFFICERS Andrew Meacham Committee Clerk

PUBLIC no members of the public or of the press were present and one member of the public was present virtually

58/26 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Aves, who was subbed by Councillor Whitlock.

59/26 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

60/26 Minutes

The minutes of Tuesday 23 June 2026, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair Councillor Rabey.

61/26 Public Participation

There was no public participation.

62/26 Scheme of Delegation

With permission of the Chair Councillor Alford raised Wiltshire Council's Scheme of Delegation, which would limit the circumstances when a councillor could call in a planning application.

62/26 PL/2026/03551

Councillor J Westbrook spoke to the item.

It was noted that the site was allocated under the Joint Melksham Neighbourhood Plan.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to record no objection in principal to the application but with the following concerns and requests

- Trees.
 - Request protection, possibly by way of Tree Protections Orders, for the bank of mature trees facing Lowbourne and the two mature trees to the rear of the development. This would also assist with the concern of privacy.
- Privacy of overlooked properties to the rear of the development.
 - Request angled balconies,
 - Shielding on balconies
 - Additional planting of mature trees.
- Pressures on local service and area.
 - Request active travel plan,
 - Improvements to bus stops, such as shelters and real-time information updates,
 - Benches installed in surrounding area and inside the site on the grass/tree area for use as a public open space.

63/26 PL/2025/07391

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders.

While acknowledging that Councillor Harris was present as a member of the public, the Chair requested that he advise on the concerns raised at the planning meeting of Melksham Without Parish Council.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to reinstate Standing Orders.

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

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

64/26 Planning Decisions

The decisions were noted.

65/26 Traffic Regulation Order

The committee made no comment on the application.

66/26 Premises Licence Application

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to record no objection to the application.

67/26 Wiltshire Local Plan

The item was noted.

68/26 Wiltshire Council Speed Limit Policy

The item was noted.

69/26 Temporary Road Closure

The item was noted.

70/26 Parish Steward

Weeds.

Stinging nettles on path from KGV to Union Street.

Encroachment of vegetation onto path, particularly Sandridge Road.

Turn left only sign from Weavers Croft overgrown.

Meeting closed at: 19:50

Signed

Dated