

Melksham Town Council
Minutes of the Planning Committee
on Tuesday 25 August 2026

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

IN ATTENDANCE Councillor J Westbrook

OFFICERS Amelie Huxtable Accounts Administration Officer

PUBLIC one member of the public was present.

93/26 Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Alford.

94/26 Declaration of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

95/26 Minutes

The minutes of 4 August 2026, having been previously circulated, were approved as a correct record and signed by the Chair Councillor Rabey.

96/26 Public Participation

A request was made to consider a seating area around the cherry blossom tree on the left as you approach Melksham Campus. It was suggested that this may be appropriate to include in the next round of Wiltshire Town Programme.

97/26 PL/2026/04796

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED not to object to the application.

98/26 PL/2026/04807

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED not to object to the application.

99/26 PL/2026/02205

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED not to object to the application.

100/26 PL/2026/04624

There were concerns that canopy No 3 would over shadow adjacent solar panels

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED not to object to the application, but to ask planning to note the concern of the solar panels.

101/26 PL/2026/04955

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED not to object to the application.

102/26 PL/2026/04747

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED not to object to the application.

103/26 PL/2026/02835

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED not to object to the application.

104/26 PL/2026/02889

The decision was noted.

105/26 PL/2026/03765

The decision was noted.

106/26 Union Street Parking

Councillor J Westbrook spoke to the item.

Strong representation from consultation that there is an issue with parking.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to suspend Standing Orders to allow a resident to talk.

Suggested that overnight parking the main issue and Waitrose rent out spaces.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to reinstate Standing Orders.

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

UNANIMOUSLY RESOLVED to

- (i) issue a statement to LHFIG that, while acknowledging that the consultation had a less than 50% response rate, the replies that were received clearly show that residents feel there is a problem with parking. Melksham Town Council is fully supportive of action being taken to deal with this issue and is open to later discussions regarding a contribution to funding.
- (ii) To request the CEO/Town Clerk to make initial approaches regarding the possible use of Waitrose's Car Park for residents parking outside of business hours.

107/26 Temporary Road Closures

The items were noted.

108/26 Blue Pool

The transfer was noted.

109/26 Gypsies and Travellers Development Plan

The item was noted.

110/26 Parish Steward

Weeds by the A350 subway.

Leaves.

Meeting closed at: 19:31

Signed

Dated