

Marlborough Town Council



Planning Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held Monday, 27 June 2022 in the Court Room, Marlborough Town Hall at 7pm

PRESENT	Councillor James Sheppard	Chair
	Councillor Nicholas Fogg	
	Councillor Andrew Ross	
	Councillor Mervyn Hall	
	Councillor Mark Cooper	
	Councillor Donald Heath	
	Councillor Jo Waltham	
	Councillor Richard Allen	
	Councillor Kymee Cleasby	
	Councillor Caroline Thomas	
	Councillor Kelvyn Shantry	
ALSO		
PRESENT	Richard Spencer-Williams	Town Clerk
	Dawn Whitehall	Corporate Services Officer
	Susan Round	Marlborough.News
	Plus 1 member of the public	

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Joel Cunnane, Resident introduced himself as a Town Planning Consultant. He had drawn up some ideas for the regeneration and improvement of the town centre which he had shared with **Wiltshire Councillors Davies** and **Thomas** with a request for them to share the proposals with the Planning Committee and with Wiltshire Council. He asked whether Members would consider his ideas.

The **Chair** thanked Mr Cunnane. He would receive a reply once his proposals had been shared with Councillors.

Councillor Thomas explained she had had a few conversations with Mr Cunnane but with the Neighbourhood Plan about to go to referendum didn't feel that now was the right time. Some of Mr Cunnane's ideas might be relevant for the Wiltshire Towns Programme (agenda item 10), and she would elaborate at that point in the meeting.

ACTION POINT: **Councillor Thomas** to send Mr Cunnane's documents to the **Town Clerk** for distribution to Members

75/22 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from **Councillors Barrett-Morton, Davies** and the **Town Mayor**.

76/22 DECLARATIONS

Councillor Hall – agenda items 7(a) and 7(b) – planning applications at 134-135 High Street, Marlborough - pecuniary interest. **Councillors Ross** and **Sheppard** - agenda items 7(a) and 7(b) – planning applications at 134-135 High Street, Marlborough – non-pecuniary interest.

77/22 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Chair thanked **Councillor Fogg** for chairing the previous meeting and for his kind words of condolence.

78/22 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held 6 June 2022 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair

79/22 ACTION LOG

Members noted the updated action log.

80/22 PLANNING DECISION NOTICES

Members noted the Planning Decision Notices that had been issued by Wiltshire Council.

81/22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillors Ross, Hall and Sheppard did not discuss or vote for the following two items

a) PL/2022/04173 – Works to facilitate the refurbishment of Flats 134A and 134B including replacement windows (front and rear) and replacement entrance at ground floor at 134-135 High Street, Marlborough for CPP Marlborough Limited
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application

b) PL/2022/04567 – Works to facilitate the refurbishment of Flats 134A and 134B including replacement windows (front and rear) and replacement entrance at ground floor at 134-135 High Street, Marlborough for CPP Marlborough Limited
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application

c) PL/2022/04194 – Proposed single storey rear extension with associated internal alterations and timber garden building at 87 London Road, Marlborough for Mr & Mrs Barter

There were no documents available to view on the Public Register. Members **RESOLVED:** to ask the Officer to extend the deadline to allow the public an opportunity to see the application details

- d) **PL/2022/04204** – Amendments to hard landscaping to the rear garden, in addition to proposed soft landscaping for planting in rear garden at Rose House, Cold Harbour Lane, Marlborough for Mrs Nikki Burton
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application

82/22

WORK TO TREES

- a) **PL/2022/04322** – 2 x Silver Birch trees – fell at 18 River Park, Marlborough for Mr Ray
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- b) **PL/2022/04675** – T1 Sycamore – Fell; T2 Ash – Fell; T3 Ash – Fell; T4 Sycamore – crown lifting 25% and thinning 30% at 73 High Street, Manton for Mr David Lewis
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council objects to the felling of T1 Sycamore as the tree appears healthy; the Town Council has no objection to proposals for T2, T3 and T4

83/22

PROPOSED TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDER – MARLBOROUGH AND MALMESBURY

Members noted the proposed Traffic Regulations Orders released for consultation by Wiltshire Council:

Order 1: To amend the County of Wiltshire (Marlborough) (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting, Taxi Rank Clearways and On Street Parking) Consolidation Order 2010 (as amended) to change the on street pay and display parking charges available in High Street, Marlborough to 30mins - £0.60, 1hr - £1.00 and 2hrs - £2.30

Comments included:

- Whether there was any intention to introduce charges for blue badge holders; objections had previously been expressed to Wiltshire Council about proposed charges for blue badge holders in off-street pay and display car parks
- Pay and Display machines in the High Street were frequently out of order or unable to accept coins. It would be helpful if the machines could be better maintained for the convenience of motorists
- Whether a programme of parking meter renewals, to offer contactless payment as well as cash, would improve the experience for motorists

RESOLVED: that the consultation was noted, and to reply with comments raised, including an objection to any introduction of charges for blue badge holders

84/22

WILTSHIRE TOWNS PROGRAMME

Members noted Wiltshire Council's update report on the Wiltshire Towns Programme and considered how to maximise the opportunity for Marlborough. Discussion points included:

- Whether opportunities were limited to the High Street itself
- Whether to identify opportunities in the short term for which £20K had been made available, as well as identify longer term aspirations which could be delivered in stages as and when further funds become available

- Wiltshire Council had indicated it would provide funding to support the preparation of costed long term plans ready for implementation in future if more Government funds were made available
- Wiltshire Council Officers would offer advice on how to approach the preparation of plans
- Whether to incorporate Mr Cunnane's proposals as mentioned in Public Question Time
- Whether to consult with others, e.g. local MP, businesses, residents
- Whether there was a time limit on the availability of funds
- Whether the funds could be used for the agreed traffic survey/modelling to be conducted by Atkins
- Whether to form a Working Party to discuss ideas
- Members were asked to let the Town Clerk know if they would like to join the Working Party

The **Town Clerk** was attending a Wiltshire Towns Programme workshop on 6 July where he would raise Members' questions and provide an update report.

RESOLVED: to create a Working Party to consider ideas for the Wiltshire Towns Programme

Members who expressed interest in joining the Working Party were **Councillors Fogg, Waltham, Thomas and Shantry**. It was understood that **Councillor Davies** would also want to take part.

85/22 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE

Members noted the latest data downloaded from the Speed Indicator Device (SID) which had been located in Bath Road between 30 May and 21 June. Comments included:

- Whether future reports could include the speed limit for the location of the SID (members were not clear whether it had been in a 30 or 40 mph zone)
- Whether there was sufficient evidence to request a metro count for Bath Road
- Whether Wiltshire Council would revisit its decision to remove speed cameras across the county now that digital cameras were available
- The PCC had made a commitment to increase the number of Police speed camera mobile units

RESOLVED: to request a metro count in Bath Road

86/22 MARLBOROUGH AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Members noted the update report on the Neighbourhood Plan, where a timetable had been confirmed leading to a referendum on 11 August. There would be opportunities to engage with the public at formal meetings (in person and online) as well as other engagement events, and all Councillors were encouraged to do their best to attend and actively support the Plan.

87/22 TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Members noted that Wiltshire Council had issued Order TTRO 8199 to temporarily close to all traffic:

- Coldharbour Lane (part) from the property known as White Gables for a distance of approximately 40m in a south easterly direction
- To enable: Thames Water to carry out installation of pressure management point and associated works
- 22 August between 08:00-18:00 for 3 days

The meeting closed at 8.01 pm

Signed: Date:
Chair