

**MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Minutes of a Meeting of the **Planning Committee** which was held on **Monday, 7 October 2019** in **The Assembly Room, Town Hall, Marlborough** at 7.25 pm

PRESENT:	Councillor S. Price Councillor M. Hall Councillor B. Castle Councillor Mrs P. Dow Councillor N. Fogg Councillor A. Ross Councillor G. Loosmore Councillor N. Barrett-Morton Councillor P. Cairns Councillor M. Cooper Councillor A. Wilson	Chair Town Mayor (<i>ex officio</i>)
ALSO PRESENT:	Mrs S. Parker Mrs D. Whitehall Councillor S. Dobson Mr N. Goodwin Ms J. Corbett Plus 5 members of the public and 3 representatives from GreenSquare Homes	Town Clerk Administrator Wiltshire Councillor – Marlborough East Marlborough.News Gazette & Herald

The meeting was preceded by an open meeting with GreenSquare Homes about a proposed development at Rabley Wood View

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs. Heath and Kirk Wilson.

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DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations.

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CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

There were no announcements.

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MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the Minutes of the meeting held 23 September 2019 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair

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PLANNING DECISION NOTICES

Members noted the Planning Decision Notices that had been issued by Wiltshire Council. **Cllr. Castle** was gratified that Wiltshire Council had noted the Town Council's request concerning the protection of trees at a development in Van Diemens Close.

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PLANNING APPLICATION

19/05549/REM – Erection of 39 dwellings with associated details of access, appearance, layout, landscaping and scale (reserved matters pursuant to outline planning permission

reference 15/01052/OUT) at Land off Rabley Wood View, Marlborough for GreenSquare Homes

The Chair reminded Members that a decision by the Planning Officer was not due until early December and that Cllr. Fogg had requested that the application be called in to Wiltshire Council's Eastern Area Planning Committee for decision. Main points of discussion included:

- That the application was in a state of flux and not all details were yet available for Members to consider with some plans and reports not yet posted on Wiltshire Council's Planning Portal
- That the developers had listened to feedback from the Town Council and community, making changes where possible and had made a commitment to continue to do so
- Whether to seek the opinion of Wiltshire Council's Tree Officer about the recommendations on trees and hedges
- That the number of affordable houses had been confirmed at 16
- That more details about a proposed temporary play area were expected in the next two weeks
- That details and plans concerning the area for compensatory open space remained unclear (a point of particular concern to residents) especially regarding drainage
- That a report following work to survey the compensatory area for contamination had recently been completed and would soon be available
- No work could commence until all planning conditions had been met.

Before voting on these proposals the **Chair** reminded Members of their previous resolution when the original Reserved Matters application was considered on 8 July 2019 which was:

"RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application, subject to concerns about trees and hedges, the final affordable housing number, the proposed temporary play area and whether trees would need to be removed to accommodate it as well as issues raised by local residents about how the compensatory casual open space is to be created in the water meadow, what drainage and landscaping work will be undertaken there, what contamination and unexploded WW11 ordinance investigation will take place so that local people can be assured"

A proposal to object to the application on grounds of lack of clarity was not successful.

RESOLVED: (ii) that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application provided all planning conditions are met

The **Chair** thanked residents for their attendance and continued engagement and also GreenSquare for their continuing openness and co-operation.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

Members noted:

- a) An application for a temporary road closure between 13:00-21:00 on Friday 22 November 2019 at High Street and various adjacent roads for Marlborough's Christmas Switch-On Event

b) That Wiltshire Council had issued an order that a number of roads and streets are to be closed (save in any case of emergency) on Sunday 10 November 2019 between 10:00 and 11:30 for a Remembrance Sunday Parade

- A4 (Part) High Street: from its junction with A345 Pewsey Road to its junction with New Road/Kingsbury Street
- C18 Kingsbury Street: from its junction with High Street to its junction with The Common/Frees Avenue
- C6 Silverless Street: from its junction with Kingsbury Street to its junction with A346 Herd Street/Barn Street
- A346 Herd Street: from its junction with Silverless Street to its junction with The Common
- A346 (Part) Barn Street: from its junction with Silverless Street to its junction with A4 New Road
- A4 (Part) New Road: from its junction with High Street to its junction with London Road
- C18 The Parade: from its junction with High Street to its junction with London Road
- Oxford Street: from its junction with New Road to its junction with Barn Street
- The Green: from its junction with Barn Street to its junction with St Martin's
- A4 London Road (Part): from its junction with New Road to its junction with A346 Salisbury Road

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APPLICATION FOR MAP MODIFICATION ORDER

Members considered a response to a consultation on an application for a definitive map modification order at Manton, Marlborough under the Wildlife and Countryside Act 1981 s.53 to add a public footpath to the definitive map and statement in the parish of Preshute. The proposed footpath was not in the parish of Marlborough but was adjacent to the parish boundary.

Members noted that Preshute Parish Council was unable to support the modification as proposed. However, based on the parish council's feedback it appeared the landowner had offered a satisfactory alternative proposed route as a compromise, which Members agreed was a generous offer.

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council does not support the proposed modification but would support a compromise footpath route if offered by the landowner.

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

In line with the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF), a Working Party was now to focus on the designation of 'Local Green Space' on some identified open spaces for inclusion in the Neighbourhood Plan. Conditional on certain tests, this designation gave some limited protection to that open space. This designation could only be added with the landowner's permission and the **Town Mayor** noted that Wiltshire Council had not agreed to this designation for land it owned at Barton Park. **Cllr. Fogg** referred to a decision by the Planning Inspector to designate this land as Public Open Space in response to an application for Village Green Status and agreed to raise this with Wiltshire Council.

The meeting closed at 8.05 pm

Signed: Date:

Chair