

Marlborough Town Council



Planning Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held Monday, 12 June 2023 in the Court Room, Marlborough Town Hall at 7pm

PRESENT Councillor Mervyn Hall Chair
Councillor Nicholas Fogg Town Mayor (*ex officio*)
Councillor Andrew Ross
Councillor Noel Barrett-Morton
Councillor Mark Cooper
Councillor Kym-Marie Cleasby
Councillor Caroline Thomas
Councillor Susannah O'Brien

ALSO

PRESENT Richard Spencer-Williams Town Clerk
Dawn Whitehall Corporate Services Officer

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no members of the public present.

46/23 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from **Cllrs Farrell, Davies, Sheppard, Luson and Shantry.**

47/23 DECLARATIONS

There were no declarations of interest or requests for dispensation.

48/23 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Members should be aware that there were issues with the BT broadband line at the offices – staff could use email but it would take a couple of days to fix.

49/23 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held 22 May 2023 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair

50/23 ACTION LOG

Members noted the updated action log. Verbal updates included:

#89: Safe Crossing Point from Port Hill to The Common: **Cllr Thomas** to follow up with Wiltshire Police to check the exact location of recent enforcement action

#143: 20MPH zone review – a working party met on 8 June to name additional streets in the town centre to put forward for assessment

#151: Community Speed Watch – volunteers were currently being recruited

51/23 PLANNING DECISION NOTICES

Members noted the planning decision notices issued by Wiltshire Council.

52/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) **PL/2023/03730** – Demolition of existing garage and sunroom and replace with new detached dwelling at 10 St Margarets Mead, Marlborough for Mrs Susan Bailey

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council objects to this application on the grounds of overdevelopment and the loss of a front garden resulting in biodiversity loss, not accounted for within the application

b) **PL/2023/03299** – Installation of a disabled stairlift from the basement to the auditorium of the Memorial Hall at Marlborough College, Bath Road, Marlborough for Marlborough College

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application

c) **PL/2023/04080** – Demolition of existing side extension and garage, new extensions and garage, alterations to entrance driveway and associated landscaping works at Bell Close, Cross Lane, Marlborough for Mr Keith Edwards

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application

d) **PL/2023/03811** – Retrospective permission to install an electric sliding fence across the drive, and to replace a wooden fence along the front of our property and also a post and wire fence around part of the garden overlooking the junction between the Bath Road and Golding Avenue at Upcott Cottage, Bath Road, Marlborough for Mrs Emma van Gijn

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application

e) **PL/2023/04283** – Two storey and single storey rear and side extensions, garden room at 7 Dando Drive, Marlborough for Mr & Mrs Rachel Dowdell

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application

f) **PL/2023/01922** – Non material amendment in relation to play area on land west of Salisbury Road, Marlborough for Redrow

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application

53/23 WORK TO TREES

a) **PL/2023/03789** – G1 – Lime trees – re-pollard to previous points at The Priory, High Street, Marlborough for Mr Dominic Ridley, Bourne VP Ltd

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application

b) PL/2023/04370 – Silver Birch – Fell at 52A High Street, Marlborough for Mrs Elizabeth Michael

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application subject to a condition that a smaller replacement tree is planted to compensate for the loss

53/23

PREMISES LICENCE

Members considered a variation to licence application for Ramsbury Brewing Ltd to extend market stall trading to include Saturdays.

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application

ACTION: Town Clerk to attend an unrelated licence hearing w/c 19 June to represent the Town Council

54/23

SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES

Members noted the Town Clerk's report and discussed whether to make future budget provision to cover maintenance/replacement of SIDs.

55/23

LOCAL HIGHWAY AND FOOTWAY IMPROVEMENTS GROUP (LHFIG)

Members considered two Highways Improvement Requests:

a) A4 London Road near Chopping Knife Lane

Several suggestions were considered to combat speeding at this location:

- Additional 30mph signs as well as on the tarmac: spacing of 30mph signs was defined within Highways rules and so requesting more was unlikely to be successful. Members agreed that adding painted roundels to the carriageway might be effective.
- Metro Count – unlikely to result in a measurement leading to a reduction in the speed limit: if average speeds were higher it could result in the maximum speed limit being increased
- Permanent SID – the location was included in the SID rotation plan, and this would continue
- Community Speed Watch Team – the location was already approved for CSW and as soon as volunteers were trained by Wiltshire Police CSW could take place

RESOLVED: (i) to submit the request for painting '30' roundels on the carriageway at London Road to LHFIG for consideration

b) London Road Pedestrian Crossings

RESOLVED: (ii) to submit the request for 'halo' lamps for the belisha beacons at both crossings, and for road markings to reduce the width of the carriageway at the 7 London Road crossing, and consider parking restrictions on the eastbound side approaching the 47 London Road crossing to LHFIG for consideration

56/23 COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH

The Town Clerk provided a verbal update:

- An appeal for volunteers had gone live on 7 June on the Town Council website and social media
- Contact had been made with Wiltshire Police
- Once volunteers were recruited, they would be referred to Wiltshire Police who would conduct CSW training

57/23 TOWN CENTRE WORKING PARTY

Councillor Thomas provided a verbal update: the current focus was on refining and delivering the town signage plan. A recent ‘walk around’ had been very helpful and variations to the plan were now being carried forward.

58/23 WILTSHIRE COUNCIL PLANNING PEER REVIEW

The Corporate Services Officer had attended a peer review meeting on 23 May, chaired by 3 independent (non-Wiltshire) Councillors. Representatives from parish and town councils had provided structured feedback on Wiltshire Council’s planning processes. A report would be available in 5-6 months.

59/23 ORDER – STOPPING UP OF HIGHWAY

Members noted an Order issued regarding the stopping up of highway adjacent to the former Queens Head, St Martins, Marlborough and that the Highway record would now be updated.

60/23 WILTSHIRE COUNCIL BRIEFING NOTE 23-15

Members noted a briefing note providing an update on Wiltshire Council’s housing land supply position.

61/23 TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Members noted that Wiltshire Council had issued Order TTRO 8742 under Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984 to close temporarily:

B3052 George Lane (part) from its junction with A346 for approximately 175m in a south westerly direction on 31 July 2023 for 3 days to enable Thames Water to carry out service pipe repairs and associated works

The meeting closed at 7.51 pm

Signed:

Date:

Chair