

Marlborough Town Council



Planning Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held Monday, 14 August 2023 in the Court Room, Marlborough Town Hall at 7pm

PRESENT	Councillor James Sheppard	Chair
	Councillor Nicholas Fogg	Town Mayor (<i>ex officio</i>)
	Councillor Lisa Farrell	
	Councillor Mervyn Hall	Vice Chair
	Councillor Mark Cooper	
	Councillor Kelvyn Shantry	
	Councillor Susannah O'Brien	
ALSO		
PRESENT	Richard Spencer-Williams	Town Clerk
	Dawn Whitehall	Corporate Services Officer
	Alice Gregory	Town Council Intern
	Plus 2 members of the public	

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

A resident asked Members to consider supporting objections to a proposed extension at 19 Manton Hollow and explained concerns including overdevelopment, out of keeping appearance and inadequate parking provision along with issues from excessive vehicle movement and blocking of access. **Councillors** asked questions for clarification, and the **Chair** confirmed all points would be considered at the appropriate agenda item.

- 168/23 APOLOGIES**
Apologies for absence were received from **Councillors Ross, Barrett-Morton, Cleasby, Davies and Thomas.**
- 169/23 DECLARATIONS**
The Town Mayor – agenda item 8(d) – Works to Trees at St Mary's Church; **Councillor Shantry** – agenda item 12 – Marleberg Grange.
- 170/23 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS**
There were no announcements.
- 171/23 MINUTES**

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held 24 July 2023 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair

172/23 ACTION LOG

Members noted the updated action log.

173/23 PLANNING DECISION NOTICES

Members noted the planning decisions that had been issued by Wiltshire Council.

174/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) **PL/2023/05917** – first floor rear extension at 19 Manton Hollow, Marlborough for Mr & Mrs S V Crighton

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council objects to this development on the grounds of overdevelopment and out-of-scale visual appearance/design

b) **PL/2023/06123** – single storey rear extension at 11 St Johns Close, Marlborough for Miss Rosie Cripps

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

c) **PL/2023/06143** – proposed single storey rear extension at 3 St Margarets Mead, Marlborough for Mr & Mrs Cross

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

175/23 WORKS TO TREES

a) **PL/2023/06196** – Hawthorn tree – fell at 50A High Street, Marlborough for Mr Folliard

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

b) **PL/2023/06432** – Ash (T1) – fell to ground level at The Oddfellows, 71 High Street, Manton for Wadworth Limited

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council objects to this application on the grounds that insufficient information is provided on the application to decide whether there is good reason for felling

c) **PL/2023/06433** – Conifer (T1) – fell to ground level at The Old Pound, Bridge Street, Manton for Mr Whant

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council objects to this application on the grounds that insufficient information is provided on the application to decide whether there is good reason for felling

d) **PL/2023/06457** – Yew tree – overall reduction of 6ft-10ft to reshape and rebalance at St Marys Church, Kingsbury Street, Marlborough for Rev Smith

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

e) **PL/2023/06165** – 2 x Ash trees – fell at Coopers Meadow, Marlborough for Mr Nigel Weatherly, Marlborough Town Council

Members noted this application

- f) **PL/2023/06658** – 1 x Ash tree – fell; 3 x Lime trees – fell at Coopers Meadow, Marlborough for Mr Nigel Weatherly, Marlborough Town Council
Members noted this application

176/23 AIR QUALITY CONSULTATION

Members considered a Wiltshire Council public consultation on its draft Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) and Air Quality Supplementary Planning Document (SPD).

Discussion points included:

- Marlborough was one of 8 areas noted as suffering from poor air quality (Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA))
- A desire to support actions to improve Marlborough's AQMA
- Welcoming the development of planning, transport and other policies that will take account of environment and climate impact
- Whether any specific actions were planned to address the need to improve air quality in the short term
- Whether updated air monitoring data was available or could be collected for Marlborough
- The benefits of cleaner vehicles
- The closing date of the consultation was 4 September, which was the date of the next Planning Committee meeting
- Whether to request an extension of one day to enable the Town Council to comment
- Whether each member should email individual responses
- Whether to form a small working party to prepare a Town Council response

ACTION: Councillor Shantry to prepare a one-page summary and circulate to members

ACTION: Town Clerk to request a one-day extension and, if granted, to add to the agenda for 4 September

177/23 DRAFT WILTSHIRE DESIGN GUIDE

Members considered whether to make a corporate response to the draft Wiltshire Design Guide. Discussion points included:

- The document was well received by Members
- Support for the inclusion of 'swift bricks'
- Upon adoption by Wiltshire Council, the Marlborough Area Neighbourhood Plan should be updated to align with it
- Whether the guide would be helpful for the Town Centre Working Party
- Whether to reply to Wiltshire Council to express support

RESOLVED: to respond to the consultation stating that Marlborough Town Council fully supports the design guide

178/23 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES (SID)

Members noted the data collected from the SID in Herd Street between 27 June–3 August 2023, and considered options for upgrading the Town Council’s battery powered SID:

- The batteries for the portable SID had reached the end of their life
- Whether to replace the batteries or convert the SID to solar
- There were operational benefits from the solar option
- The solar option would support the Town Council’s Environment and Climate Protection Policy Statement
- There was no budget line for SIDs
- Whether to approach the Finance & Policy Committee to request funds from the Highways Ear Marked Reserve

RESOLVED: the preferred option is solar conversion at £626.52+VAT

179/23

LOCAL HIGHWAY AND FOOTWAY IMPROVEMENTS GROUP

Members considered two Highways Improvement Requests (HIR) and a request from residents of Marleberg Grange.

Highways Improvements

- i) A request for improvements to surfacing and a resolution to parking issues in Silverless Street. Members noted this was aligned with similar HIRs supported at the meeting on 24 July
- ii) A request for a scheme to provide preferential parking for residents of Lower Prospect

RESOLVED: (i) to support the submission of Highways Improvement Requests for Silverless Street and Lower Prospect to LHFIFG for consideration

Councillor Shantry did not vote on the following item

Marleberg Grange

Residents had asked for support from the Town Council to encourage the developer of Marleberg Grange to complete its obligations to finish roads to a standard that would allow Wiltshire Council to adopt them.

RESOLVED: (i) that the Town Council will write to Redrow to reference the relevant sections of the original planning documents, decision and conditions, and request that roads within the Marleberg Grange development be finished as soon as possible

RESOLVED: (ii) to send a copy of the letter to Wiltshire Council (Development Management/Planning Enforcement) to make Officers aware of residents’ concerns

180/23

SEALED TRAFFIC ORDER

Members noted that an amended Order had been issued adding a provision allowing vehicles displaying a valid blue badge to be entitled to one extra hour of free parking in addition to the time permitted following payment of the appropriate charge within relevant pay and display car parks across Wiltshire.

181/23 TOWN CENTRE WORKING PARTY

The next meeting was at 4pm on 13 September 2023.

182/23 TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURE

Members noted that Wiltshire Council had issued Order TTRO 8936 to close temporarily:

- Oxford Street (part) Marlborough, from its junction with A4 to its junction with The Green
- For one day on 17 October 2023
- To enable Openreach to carry out renew frame and cover associated works

The meeting closed at 7.53 pm

Signed:

Chair

Date: