

Marlborough Town Council



Planning Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held Monday, 25 September 2023
in the Court Room, Marlborough Town Hall at 7pm

PRESENT	Councillor Mervyn Hall	Chair
	Councillor Nicholas Fogg	Town Mayor (<i>ex officio</i>)
	Councillor Lisa Farrell	
	Councillor Mark Cooper	
	Councillor Kym-Marie Cleasby	
	Councillor Caroline Thomas	
	Councillor Kelvyn Shantry	
	Councillor Susannah O'Brien	
	Councillor Emily Trow	
	Richard Spencer-Williams	Town Clerk
	Dawn Whitehall	Corporate Services Officer
ALSO		
PRESENT	Neil Goodwin	Marlborough.News
	Plus 1 member of the public	

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from **Councillors Ross, Barrett-Morton, Davies and Sheppard.**

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DECLARATIONS

There were no declarations.

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CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Town Council had been notified of an urgent temporary road closure to Coldharbour Lane (part), starting 26 September for 3 days to enable Thames Water to carry out urgent leak repairs and associated works.

Apologies if attendees were finding the room cold. One of the two gas boilers in the Town Hall had broken down and, being nearly 30 years old, was irreparable. An

extra-ordinary Property Committee would follow this meeting to consider an approach to a replacement, but Members should note it was unlikely to be fixed quickly.

A warm welcome was extended to Councillor Emily Trow.

221/23 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held 4 September 2023 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair

222/23 ACTION LOG

Members noted the updated action log. Verbal updates included:

#5: High Street crossing petition – **Councillor Shantry** gave an update on the Town Centre Working Party (TCWP) proposal for a ‘painted’ or coloured brick crossing linking to Hilliers Yard, and discussions relating to pedestrianizing the stretch between the High Street and the car park. Members observed that any major change proposed to the High Street should be subject to public consultation.

#89: Safe crossing point Port Hill/Marlborough Common – Wiltshire Police had acknowledged a request to re-run enforcement action at this location. As part of the TCWP project to improve signage, the Town Clerk had noted the distance between the boundary sign on the northern A346 approach and the 30-mph zone and suggested options for traffic calming or advance warning of the change in speed limit could be incorporated. A Highways Improvement Request would be submitted.

#122: Poulton Hill street sign request: **Councillor Thomas** asked the Town Clerk to forward relevant details to her – Wiltshire Council had allocated extra budget for street signs but currently nothing in Marlborough was on the list.

#151: Community Speed Watch: a call out for volunteers had not generated any interest. **Councillor Trow** expressed interest in being involved.

223/23 PLANNING DECISION NOTICES

Members noted the decision notices issued by Wiltshire Council.

It was good news that the plans for the new workshop at Salisbury Road had been approved and that the project could now move forward.

224/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) **PL/2023/07353** – proposed front extension and associated internal alterations – proposed new side garage extension with accommodation over at Coppers End, Chopping Knife Lane, Marlborough for Mr Normal

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

b) **PL/2023/07444** – entrance porch (retrospective application) at 19A St Johns Close, Marlborough for E Stuart

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

- c) **PL/2023/07466** – garage conversion with small link extension. Garden room at Teal Cottage, High Street, Manton for Mr & Mrs Judith Sharp

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

- d) **PL/2023/07535** – addition of new greenhouse and shed in front garden at Bell Close, Cross Lane, Marlborough for Mr Keith Edwards

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

- e) **PL/2023/05892** – lower the level of the recently stopped up area in front of the property and erect railings around, cobble stopped up area in front of coach doors. Remove redundant manholes within the stopped-up area and replace steel beer drop doors with glass. Re-render brick/lime chimney replacing broken cement mortar with lime mortar & install lightning conductors on 3 chimneys at Queens Head House, 23 St Martins, Marlborough for Mr Philip Mickelborough

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

- f) **PL/2023/07626** - lower the level of the recently stopped up area in front of the property and erect railings around, cobble stopped up area in front of coach doors. Remove redundant manholes within the stopped-up area and replace steel beer drop doors with glass. Re-render brick/lime chimney replacing broken cement mortar with lime mortar & install lightning conductors on 3 chimneys at Queens Head House, 23 St Martins, Marlborough for Mr Philip Mickelborough

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

225/23 WORK TO TREES

No applications had been received.

226/23 ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE

Members noted that Wiltshire Council had added The Oddfellows, Manton onto the list of Assets of Community Value and welcomed the addition of this valuable community asset.

227/23 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES

Members noted the most recent data collected from the SID in Herd Street between 30 August and 13 September. Discussion points included:

- Pie charts now reflected the speed limit of the road
- The battery powered SID had been converted to solar

228/23 LOCAL HIGHWAY AND FOOTWAY IMPROVEMENTS (LHFIG)

Members considered a Highways Improvement Request (HIR) requesting improvements to on-street parking at the north east of Marlborough High Street. Discussion points included:

- Support for altering the section of single-yellow line parallel parking adjacent to Superdrug (135 High Street) to be replaced by an extension of the echelon/pitched parking bays
- There was no support for altering the section between the bus stop and Nationwide Building Society (130 High Street)
- Whether there was scope to incorporate an early-morning loading bay to discourage lorries parking in the narrow stretch of the High Street between Costa Coffee (143 High Street) and the Town Hall

RESOLVED: to submit a HIR to LHFIG to consider extending the free short-stay echelon/pitched parking bays to the east of the existing section of Marlborough High Street, near 135 High Street

229/23 LOCAL PLAN

Members noted the timetable for the consultation of the Local Plan Review, which would be available to read from 27 September.

230/23 TOWN CENTRE WORKING PARTY

Councillor Shantry provided a verbal update of discussions and ongoing actions following a recent meeting:

- The £20K Wiltshire Towns Programme funding for 2022-23 was being used for the upgraded town signage, and the 2023-24 funding for planters and a general spruce-up (e.g. painting railings at the A346 bridge over the Kennet adjacent to Bridge Garage, bollards and other areas in the town centre)
- The 2023-24 funding would be divided equally between “generating activity”, (e.g. planters) and “strategic” categories (e.g. Hilliers Yard pedestrianisation)
- New directional signage had been agreed and would be installed soon
- Entrance signs to the town were at the design stage

231/23 TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

Members noted :

- TTRO 9038 – Temporary closure of Coldharbour Lane, Marlborough from its junction with North View Place to its junction with St Martins from 27 November to 28 December to enable Gigaclear Limited to carry out excavation works
- TTRO 9039 – Temporary closure of Rawlingswell Lane from its junction with St Martins for its entire length from 27 November to 8 December to enable Gigaclear Limited to carry out excavation and ducting work
- Town Police Clauses Act 1847 closure of Marlborough Town Centre roads on 12 November between 10:00-11:30 for the Remembrance Sunday Parade

- Temporary closure of A4361 between A4 Beckhampton Roundabout and B4003 The Avenue Avebury on 3 October between 09:00-15:00

232/23 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

A proposal to exclude the press and public received 2 votes for with 3 votes against, therefore there was no exclusion.

Members noted the following item concerned an ongoing negotiation between two parties, one of which had requested certain elements remain confidential at this stage.

RESOLVED: to communicate to Wiltshire Council that a request to hold confidential discussions had not been carried, and seek advice on how to proceed

233/23 MARLBOROUGH COMMUNITY AND YOUTH CENTRE

The **Chair** referred to the previous resolution; discussion of this item would have to be deferred.

The meeting closed at 7.47 pm

Signed: Date:
Chair