

**MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Minutes of a meeting of the **Planning Committee** which was held in **The Assembly Room, Marlborough Town Hall** on Tuesday, 31 August 2021 at 7pm

PRESENT: Councillor Nicholas Fogg
Councillor Mark Cooper
Councillor Noel Barrett-Morton
Councillor Lisa Farrell
Councillor Mervyn Hall
Councillor Donald Heath
Councillor Vanessa Hillier
Councillor Richard Allen

Chairman
Town Mayor (*ex officio*)

ALSO

PRESENT: Richard Spencer-Williams
Dawn Whitehall
Neil Goodwin
Plus 5 members of the public

Town Clerk
Administrator
Marlborough.News

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Lindsay Long on behalf of **Manton Residents Association (MRA)** and **Manton Village and Manton Hollow Residents** asked Members to reconsider submitting the Manton 5-point traffic calming scheme for the A4 as a bid for funding from Wiltshire Council's Highways Substantive Grant Scheme. The **Chairman** thanked her – this would be discussed during agenda item 9.

John Haines asked whether the Town Council could use their power of influence with National Express to ask them to reinstate their daily service through Marlborough. The **Chairman** agreed that a lot of people had depended upon this service in the past. **Councillor Allen** added that the recent award of Coach Friendly Status might be an encouragement to reinstate the service. While not a Planning matter, Members agreed to ask the Town Clerk to write to National Express on behalf of the Town Council.

ACTION: Town Clerk to draft a letter to National Express to ask them to reinstate their services through Marlborough.

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APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from **Councillors Ross, Waltham, Davies, and Thomas**.

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DECLARATIONS

Cllr. Fogg – agenda item 6(b) – planning application in Back Lane – non-pecuniary interest.

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CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Wiltshire Council had asked for any comments ahead of their plans to replace dead and dying Rowan trees adjacent to the Jubilee Centre in the High Street. There were no comments to pass back.

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MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held Monday 16 August 2021 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman

- 165/21 TOWN CLERK'S REPORT/ACTION LOG REPORT**
Members noted the report. The Town Clerk had introduced this as a regular agenda item for all Committees in order that actions could be tracked and updated.
- 166/21 PLANNING DECISION NOTICES**
Members noted the Planning Decision Notices issued by Wiltshire Council.
- 167/21 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**
- a) **PL/2021/07415** – Proposed first/floor rear en-suite/bedroom extension and ground floor internal alterations at 10 Stonebridge Close, Marlborough for Mr J Gilbey and Ms L Molloy
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- Councillor Hall took the Chair for the following item: Councillor Fogg did not vote*
- b) **PL/2021/07531** – Demolition of existing front extension and replacement with new larger extension at Norden, Back Lane, Marlborough for Mr and Mrs Haines
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- Councillor Fogg resumed the Chair*
- c) **PL/2021/07907** – Replacement garage at 86 London Road, Marlborough for Mr Sean Palmer
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- 168/21 WORK TO TREES**
PL/2021/08258 – Cherry tree – fell at The Green Triangle, High Street, Manton for Mr Nigel Weatherly, Marlborough Town Council
Members noted this application
- 169/21 COMMUNITY AREA TRANSPORT GROUP**
Members noted the Town Clerk's overview report and considered the contents and recommendations.
- Marlborough Parish requests (or associated) as described in CATG minutes were reviewed with a view to deciding whether they were still accurate, relevant or required additional actions or updates.
- a) **Frees Avenue traffic speed and pedestrian safety**
No changes were proposed.
- b) **Request for new pedestrian crossing at Marlborough High Street**
An action on the Town Council to consider the type of surface and location was discussed:
- The Highways Engineer had suggested a coloured surface
 - A cobbled surface was suggested
 - Whether a meeting could be held with a Highways representative to gain a more detailed understanding of options for surfaces and locations
 - Whether an informal crossing point with no audible signal would be of any benefit to partially sighted pedestrians
 - It was noted that the stretch of road to the side of the Town Hall was still part of the High Street although inaccurately named as Kingsbury Street in the CATG minutes
- RESOLVED:** (i) to ask the originator of the petition for their views on the current proposals, and to seek a meeting with a Highways Engineer to clarify the options available before taking any further forward

c) **Request for safety works at London Road, Marlborough**

No changes were proposed.

d) **Place a sign at the entrance to Manton Hollow advising 'No through road'**

Members noted that the current proposal for this was to move it from CATG to the signage team at Wiltshire Council, to be installed at a cost of £300 (100%) to Marlborough Town Council if it would agree to fund it.

The **Chairman** had visited the site and put forward an alternative proposal. The 'no through road' sign from the A4 into Downs Lane was quite obscure. He believed the addition of printed text signs to read 'No through road' 'No turning' rather than just a symbol might be more effective as it would prevent any vehicles entering Manton Hollow in the first place. During a brief suspension of Standing Orders there was agreement from representatives of MRA. It was agreed to discuss this alternative as a CATG proposal with a Highways Engineer and obtain costs for a decision at a future Planning Committee meeting.

ACTION: Town Clerk to arrange a meeting to discuss alternative signs with a Highways Engineer and obtain costs

e) **A346 Cadley – traffic lights on A4**

An important requirement of a proposal for traffic modelling to improve traffic flows through the town. No changes were proposed. **Councillor Hall** stated this was probably the highest priority item for Marlborough.

f) **A4 Bath Road, Manton – request for Traffic Island**

g) **A4 Bath Road, Manton – request for transverse yellow markings**

h) **A4 Bath Road, Manton – request for sign**

All the above formed part of a 5-point scheme originally put forward as a single proposal by MRA and already discussed with a Highways Engineer at Wiltshire Council, and which was referred to in Public Question Time as a request from Manton Resident Association to consolidate all 5 points back into a single scheme as a bid for a Highways Substantive Grant rather than piecemeal actions via CATG. The Highways Officers had been to site, sketches had been made along with recommendations. The Grant scheme was open to applications until 17 September 2021. If Members supported the idea, he could contact the relevant Officer the following day to express an interest and provide existing documents: there were no other schemes for Marlborough suitable for the Grant scheme.

RESOLVED: (iii) to put the Manton 5-point scheme forward for a Substantive Highways Grant

i) **Kingsbury Hill speeding**

Noted.

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TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

Members noted that Wiltshire Council had issued Orders under Section 14 of the Road Traffic Regulations Act 1984:

- a) To close temporarily to all traffic C18 (part), Preshute and Marlborough (TTRO 7485) from the entrance to property known as Manton House Farm for approximately 1,000m southeast between 08:00-17:00 from 30 September until 4 October 2021 to enable Openreach to carry out laying of new ducting and associated works
- b) To close temporarily A338 (part), Shalbourne (REF: 22E17) from its junction with Piccadilly Crossroads to its junction with Carver Hill between 08:00-16:00 from 17 August 2021 for

18 days to enable Wiltshire Council to carry out the removal of dangerous trees affected by Ash dieback disease and associated works

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NEIGHBOURHOOD PLANNING

Documentation had been submitted for assessment by Wiltshire Council under Regulation 15 of the Localism Act.

The meeting closed at 7.55pm

Signed: Date:

Chairman

