

Marlborough Town Council



Planning Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held Monday, 5 December 2022 in the Court Room, Marlborough Town Hall at 7pm

PRESENT Councillor Nicholas Fogg Chair
Councillor Noel Barrett-Morton
Councillor Mervyn Hall
Councillor Mark Cooper
Councillor Jo Waltham
Councillor Caroline Thomas
Councillor Kelvyn Shantry

ALSO

PRESENT Richard Spencer-Williams Town Clerk
Dawn Whitehall Corporate Services Officer
Neil Goodwin Marlborough.News
Plus one member of the public

PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

Val Compton referred to a Highways Improvement Request at agenda item 9ii) and asked whether she could persuade Marlborough Town Council to give its full support to her second attempt to submit an application for an overnight residents' parking scheme in Kennet Place. The **Chair** thanked her for her question, which would be discussed at the appropriate point on the agenda.

Neil Goodwin asked what the Town Council was doing about the congestion caused at weekends by temporary traffic lights, which would impact trade and undermine a recent national newspaper article which had identified Marlborough as one of the best 10 places for independent shopping.

Councillor Thomas explained that the issue was taken up regularly by Marlborough's Wiltshire Councillors with relevant officers. Wiltshire Council was obliged to issue permits unless there was a good reason not to: they could ask for conditions around timing, for example for works to be carried out overnight, as well as apply conditions. In one example during the summer conditions had specified that an operator should monitor traffic flows and adjust traffic lights accordingly. This had not been done and enforcement action had resulted in a fine to the operator. To find out about planned

works, residents could use the one.network website to find out where and when roadworks were planned. Finally, **Councillor Thomas** was seeking to arrange an “all things road” public meeting in February 2023, to include bodies responsible for traffic, air quality etc as well as the local MP.

285/22 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence had been received from the **Town Mayor** and **Councillors Heath, Allen, Davies, Sheppard** and **Luson**. Councillor Waltham also passed on apologies on behalf of **Councillor Cleasby**.

286/22 DECLARATIONS

Councillor Cooper – non-pecuniary interests for agenda items 7(b) – Planning Application – Kennet Place, 8(a) – Work to Trees – Town Mill, 9(i) – Highways Funding Requests – Manton and 9(ii) – Highways Improvement Request – Kennet Place.

287/22 CHAIR’S ANNOUNCEMENTS

It was good news that two vehicles had been purchased for the on-demand community bus scheme. The principles of how it would operate had been agreed, with the route required by the first person to call the scheme taking priority, with others collected if the route allowed. A further meeting would take place later in the week and, once all the operating details were confirmed, it was hoped to invite a representative to attend a Town Council meeting to make a presentation.

288/22 MINUTES

RESOLVED: that the minutes of the meeting held 14 November 2022 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair

289/22 ACTION LOG

Members noted the updated action log. Verbal updates included:

#7: Manton traffic calming – an officer had provided initial designs for the scheme.

#76: Frees Avenue safety measures – white posts for the crossing point would be installed soon.

#89: Safe crossing point on A346 at Port Hill/The Common – it was not possible to erect a post for a SID at this location.

290/22 PLANNING DECISION NOTICES

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

291/22 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillor Cooper did not vote on (b)

a) **PL/2022/08582** – Change of use from Public House Store/Outbuilding and Letting Rooms to Residential Manager’s Accommodation and associated works at The Lamb Hotel, The Parade, Marlborough for Wadworth & Co Ltd

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

- b) PL/2022/07404** – Single storey open fronted wooden bin and amenity store with clad sides (resubmission of PL/2022/02293) at 1 Old Ropeworks, Kennet Place, Marlborough for Mr Mike Fernley
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- c) PL/2022/07279** – Rebuild top section of wall adjacent to car park in matching materials due to deteriorating brickwork at The Priory, High Street, Marlborough for Mrs Christina O’Brien-Noyes, Aster Group
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- d) PL/2022/08984** - Rebuild top section of wall adjacent to car park in matching materials due to deteriorating brickwork at The Priory, High Street, Marlborough for Mrs Christina O’Brien-Noyes, Aster Group
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- e) PL/2022/08286** – Demolition of existing garage and erection of new car port at 55 London Road, Marlborough for Mr Nick Fryer
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- f) PL/2022/08894** – Proposed double garage building, including the extension of the existing driveway, pedestrian and vehicular access and gate at Killycoonagh, Back Lane, Marlborough for Mr & Mrs Maxwell
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application subject to the Officer being satisfied that (i) the inclusion of a WC and basin will not be an indication of a future change of use, (ii) the very modern design and proximity of the building will be in keeping with the classical design of the main accommodation, (iii) the design being in keeping with the conservation area and (iv) there being no conflict with the designated ‘Area of Special Quality’ described in the draft Marlborough Area Neighbourhood Plan
- g) PL/2022/09135** – Single storey side extension creating ancillary accommodation at 36 Barrow Close, Marlborough for Mr Peter Harper
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- h) PL/2022/09162** – First floor rear extension over existing extension at first floor level and extension to hipped ends. Change in materials to exterior at Evergreen, Forest Dale Road, Marlborough
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council objects to this application as no applicant name, application form or any other document is available to view on the public register

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WORK TO TREES

Councillor Cooper did not vote on (a)

- a) PL/2022/08992** – Lawsonia tree – fell, at 32 Town Mill, Marlborough for Mrs Barrett, Osprey Management

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council objects to this application on the grounds that the tree appears healthy; there would be no objection to remedial

work to reduce the height of the tree

- b) PL/2022/09180** – Red Horse Chestnut tree – fell at Dancy House, Marlborough College, College Fields, Marlborough for Mrs Kerrigan, Marlborough College
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council objects to this application as the quoted ‘Certhia Consulting Tree Survey Report’ is not available to read on the public register

Members also expressed concern that this tree was one of a row of trees, and would like to request sight of Marlborough College’s plans for tree planting.

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LOCAL HIGHWAY AND FOOTWAY IMPROVEMENT GROUP

Members considered a report containing three requests for funding towards LHFIG projects, and whether to support two Highways Improvement Requests to be submitted to LHFIG for consideration.

LHFIG Funding Requests

Members considered whether to make 25% contributions towards three schemes.

Councillor Cooper did not vote on the following item

RESOLVED: (i) that Marlborough Town Council agrees to a contribution of £1,697 (of a total cost £6,790) towards a scheme of works for Manton traffic calming phase 1, and £425 (of a total cost £1,700) towards a scheme of works for Manton traffic calming phase 2

Frees Avenue Safety - Members felt there was no benefit to Marlborough residents and users of Marlborough Common and/or Marlborough Cemetery in the LHFIG proposal to extend the 40MPH speed limit out towards Rockley. It was believed neighbours in the other parishes also felt there was little benefit in this proposal. To protect users of Marlborough Common and Cemetery, Members would support a 40MPH speed limit being extended out to the far boundary of Marlborough Common.

RESOLVED: (ii) that Marlborough Town Council supports a contribution of £1,125 towards advertising and implementation of a speed limit extension but only if the speed limit extension was to the boundary of The Common.

Highways Improvement Requests

Councillor Cooper did not vote on the following item

RESOLVED: (iii) that Marlborough Town Council strongly supports a request for an overnight residents’ parking scheme for Kennet Place to be submitted to LHFIG for consideration

Members noted that residents parking schemes existed in other Wiltshire towns and hoped that this one could be a trial for other areas of Marlborough. They also expressed their disappointment that this application was before them for a second time, having previously been accepted within Wiltshire Council prior to the Coronavirus pandemic.

Mrs Compton left the meeting

RESOLVED: (iv) that Marlborough Town Council does not consider the request for a street sign for Poulton Hill should be submitted to LHFIG for consideration; but that the request should be forwarded directly to the appropriate team at Wiltshire Council for response

Comments included that the Town Council would be obliged to pay 25% of the cost if this went through LHFIG. Poulton Hill was listed as a 'formal' street name by the Royal Mail. As street name signs were the responsibility of the highways authority, Members agreed that the request should be forwarded to the appropriate team at Wiltshire Council for response.

ACTION: forward request for Poulton Hill street sign to Wiltshire Council Highways

294/22 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES

Members noted the most recent data reports downloaded from the Town Council's Speed Indicator Devices.

295/22 TOWN CENTRE WORKING PARTY

Members noted the Town Clerk's report and most recent progress of the working party. The **Town Clerk** reminded members that the Town Signage Plan was a Full Town Council project, while the Working Party reported to the Planning Committee. A proposal to delegate authority to progress the signage plan to the working party to take timely advantage of funding opportunities from the Wiltshire Towns Programme would therefore require the agreement of both bodies.

RESOLVED: to ask Full Town Council to delegate authority for progressing the Town Signage Plan to the Town Centre Working Party

296/22 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Members noted the Town Clerk's update report about the draft Marlborough Area Neighbourhood Plan.

297/22 TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

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

Cold Harbour Lane (part) (TTRO 8402) from its junction with C6 to its junction with Laineys Close to enable Thames Water to carry out customer connection and associated works from 9 January 2023 for 4 days

C6 (part), Mildenhall (TTRO 8404) from the property known as The Old Forge for a distance of approx. 20m in an easterly direction to enable Thames Water to carry out sewer repairs from 16 to 27 January 2023 between 08:00-17:00

The meeting closed at 7.59 pm

Signed:
Chair

Date: