

#1: Traffic Survey: **Councillor Thomas** had contacted Wiltshire Council to follow up questions raised at the previous meeting however no replies had yet been received due to the summer holiday period

#21: Investigate costs for portable/new Speed Indicator Device: a second device had now been ordered.

#76: Safety measures at Frees Avenue: following collaboration between Councillors and Wiltshire Council's Highways Officer, the **Town Clerk** passed around a diagram showing agreed changes including new signage and street furniture that could be implemented by the Town Council at a cost of £520. In addition, the diagram showed agreed changes that could be submitted via a request to the Local Highways & Footpath Improvement Group (LHFIG) to move the speed limit sign and amend road markings if this was supported by Members.

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council supports the safety signage plan for Frees Avenue to be submitted to LHFIG

#89: Safe crossing point between Port Hill and Marlborough Common: **Councillor Sheppard** had written to all parties, including the Police & Crime Commissioner, to provide details of this request originating from a petition received in November 2020 and urging that swift action be taken to progress the speed checks, as well as to seek an explanation for the delays.

#102: preservation of school bell and commemorative stones at the former St Peter's School: it was good news that these important heritage items had been included within the agreed plans.

151/22 **PLANNING DECISION NOTICES**

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

152/22 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

a) **PL/2022/05997** – Kitchen extension to existing clubhouse at The Clubhouse, Frees Avenue, Marlborough for Mr Mark Thomas

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application subject to agreement being obtained from DEFRA to build on Common land

b) **PL/2022/05784** – Installation of 3 no. air conditioning units on exterior south facing wall of the building at Mill House, Hilliers Yard, Marlborough for Neptune

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application subject to the Officer being satisfied that there will be no noise nuisance to adjoining properties

c) **PL/2022/03291** – Single storey rear extension. Loft conversion at Beech Cottage, Golding Avenue, Marlborough for Ms Kelli Sweeney

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection subject to satisfactory conditions to address concerns raised by neighbours concerning

overlooking and loss of privacy

- d) PL/2022/06141** – Two storey side and rear extensions, extra parking space, internal alterations at Rivendell, Elcot Lane, Marlborough for Mr & Mrs Julian Hattea
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application

Councillors Sheppard and Hall did not vote on the following item

- e) PL/2022/06013** – Structural repairs to the main staircase and to two fireplaces in The Panelled Room at The Merchants House, 132 High Street, Marlborough for Mr A Bumphrey
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application and has every confidence that the Trustees in consultation with the Conservation Officer and English Heritage will find the best possible solution
- f) PL/2022/05308** – Repair and improve three rooves: roof 1 replacing EPDM, torch on and felt with lead, roof 2 replacing felt with EPDM, roof 3 replacing concrete tiles with handmade clay tiles. Raise windowsill by 1 brick course to reduce rain splash. Change of new internal wall from consented stud work to block work at The Queen’s Head, St Martins, Marlborough for Philip Mickelborough
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application
- g) PL/2022/06282** – Proposed signage comprising hanging signs, lightbox, vinyl and snapframe at 143 High Street, Marlborough for Geraldine Dukoff-Gordon, Costa Coffee
RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council has no objection to this application

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SPEED INDICATOR DEVICE (SID)

Members noted the most recent data report collected by the SID in London Road between 2-19 August 2022. Maps had recently been produced to show the current SID locations and all possible SID locations: these were circulated in hard copy at the meeting. Discussion points and actions arising included:

- To amend future standing agenda items to note and review the data
- Whether the SID location plans and data reports should be made available via the Town Council web site (data reports were currently included with agendas)
- Whether graphs showing incoming/outgoing referred to the SID position or the town boundaries
- Whether pie charts could show <30MPH in 30MPH streets rather than <40MPH
- Whether speed cameras could be reintroduced
- To update the location plan to move the location of the London Road SID to another possible location, closer to the junction with Chopping Knife Lane

ACTION POINT: to add the opportunity to review data to future agendas, and to add SID data reports and location maps to the Town Council web site

154/22 TRAFFIC ORDERS ISSUED BY WILTSHIRE COUNCIL

Members noted a proposed traffic regulation order for The Parade, and that the road markings had already been changed.

Members also noted changes applicable from 1 September 2022 in a Sealed Traffic Order issued by Wiltshire Council for Off Street Parking Places.

Members noted the disparity between parking rates and season ticket prices in different market towns and, while understanding this was the result of historical inflationary increases on rates set many years ago, queried whether it was fair. For example, a 12-month season ticket for Castle Grounds Car Park, Devizes was £627 while the same period in George Lane Car Park, Marlborough was £892. This gave rise to a number of questions and observations:

- Whether there was a reason why parking in Marlborough was expensive in comparison with other towns
- Whether any review had been conducted, or process established, to create a more equitable rate across the county
- Whether there was a risk of other towns being charged more if rates were 'levelled up' across the county
- Whether season tickets issued for specified car parks could be used in any car park
- Whether the number of season tickets issued matched, or was lower than, the number of spaces available
- Whether season ticket holders were guaranteed a parking space
- That in some cases it was less expensive to purchase twelve 1-month season tickets rather than one 12-month season ticket
- That there had been no increase in the previous four years and would not be another for four more years
- Concerns that the policy to charge blue badge holders to park in off-road car parks but not on-street parking could disadvantage the disabled, as off-street car parks were generally more protected environments once people had left their vehicles

RESOLVED: to write to the Cabinet Member for Highways to seek an explanation for the wide variation in rates across the county and express Members' desire for a fairer process to be adopted

155/22 MARLBOROUGH AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

It would likely be some time before a court date for a judicial review would be known.

156/22 TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES

Members noted forthcoming temporary road closures to allow for works to surfaces in St Margaret's Mead Estate.

Councillor Thomas updated Members that there were ongoing conversations between Wiltshire Council and Gigaclear, in an attempt to minimise the impact that a planned new phase of work would have on traffic flows through the town.

The meeting closed at 7.49 pm

Signed:
Chair

Date: