

187/23 ACTION LOG

Members noted the updated action log. Verbal updates included:

#1: Traffic survey – **Councillor Thomas** had made enquiries to ask why the cost for traffic modelling had increased and was awaiting a reply.

#68: Handrail at Cherry Orchard – The **Town Clerk** had been advised that this would be installed on 6 November

#163: Parking issues in Silverless Street – an increase in enforcement patrols had generated emails to Councillors. **Councillor Thomas** commented on the 30-minute free parking area near Superdrug in the High Street, questioning whether there was an opportunity to increase the parking provision by redesigning the bays: a possible topic for a future agenda.

188/23 PLANNING DECISION NOTICES

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

The **Town Mayor** found the extract from the Officer's report very helpful to understand the reasoning behind decisions: he was concerned that members of the public did not always get such a detailed response when they had raised objections, and he was liaising with **Councillor Davies** to see whether the communication process could be improved.

189/23 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

a) **PL/2023/03305** – Demolition of existing buildings and construction of 33 (*amended to 28 in new plans*) affordable homes together with associated parking, access and landscaping at York Place, St Martins, Marlborough for Mr P Backhouse, Aster Communities

Discussion points included:

- The application had been called in to be discussed at a Wiltshire Council Committee meeting once the Officer had made their recommendation. This would provide an opportunity for Members and residents to attend and put forward their comments
- The main changes in the amended plans appeared to be changes of design and style to be more in keeping with the existing street scene and did little to address the Town Council's original reasons for objection
- 16 parking spaces for 28 properties was inadequate
- Concern that the lack of parking provision would lead to increased pressure on already-congested surrounding streets with on-street parking (e.g. St Martins, The Green, Blowhorn Street, Silverless Street) creating permanent difficulties for existing residents
- York Place had provided social housing. The new development did not provide any social housing and Members would expect Aster to protect a percentage of the replacement accommodation as social housing
- The potential impact of the demolition and construction in a confined space in a residential area. Whilst Conditions would likely dictate days/times of operation, for such a large scheme in a sensitive area Members would like to

understand more about the proposed approach to the work

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council objects to this application on the grounds that there is inadequate parking provision, the lack of social housing provision and lack of construction plan

b) PL/2023/06595 – Replacement of existing four-lane cricket nets with nine-lane cricket nets including framework and winter, seasonal cover over three of the lanes at Marlborough College, Bath Road for Mr Andy Barnes

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

c) PL/2023/07130 – Demolition of existing garage and sunroom and replace with new detached dwelling (resubmission of PL/2023/03730) at 10 St Margarets Mead, Marlborough for Mrs Susan Bailey

A proposal of no objection did not receive a seconder.

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council objects to this application on the grounds of overdevelopment and the loss of a front garden resulting in biodiversity loss, not accounted for within the application

d) PL/2023/06549 – Single storey extension to rear elevation at 41 Jennings Road, Marlborough for Peter McCall

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

e) PL/2023/07126 – Re-roof existing side extension. Replace garage with two storey side extension. Rear extension at 37 River Park, Marlborough for Mr Chris Rogers

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

f) PL/2023/06059 – Erection of a rear part two storey extension. Installation of aluminium framed windows to rear elevation (resubmission of PL/2023/03205) at 39 Herd Street, Marlborough for Mr Hiscock

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

g) PL/2023/06488 - Erection of a rear part two storey extension. Installation of aluminium framed windows to rear elevation (resubmission of PL/2023/03205) at 39 Herd Street, Marlborough for Mr Hiscock

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council objects to this application on the grounds that aluminium windows are not in keeping with this listed building, and in support of the comments already made by the Conservation Officer

h) PL/2023/06635 – Replace the existing hardwood front door and frame with a custom made Sapele hardwood door and frame at 76 High Street, Marlborough for Mr Paul Crerand

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

190/23 WORKS TO TREES

PL/2023/06712 – Beech tree (T1 of TPO E355) – reduce to good growth points and crown thin by up to 30% at 36 River Park, Marlborough for Mr David Gillett

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

191/23 LICENCE APPLICATION

Members considered a new premises application under the Licensing Act 2003 for the supply of alcohol at Units 8, 9 Hughenden Yard, Marlborough.

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council welcomes this application

192/23 SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES

Members noted the most recent data report of speeds recorded between 4-29 August 2023 in Herd Street. Comments included:

- A trend of increasing outgoing speeds was noted
- Whether the average speed would preclude the proposal to include Herd Street in the 20MPH zone
- Whether the pie chart could be changed to reflect the speed limit in force

193/23 LOCAL HIGHWAY AND FOOTWAY IMPROVEMENTS (LHFIG)

Members considered two Highway Improvement Requests, and whether to support their submission to the Wiltshire Council Area Board LHFIG for further consideration:

a) A4 at Manton

- *To have a cycle lane marked on the road from Bridge Lane to Downs Lane*
- *To change the positioning of the 40 and 60 mph signs so that every part of the roads within Manton/Marlborough are within the 40mph speed limit*
- *To start the slowing down markings on the road as you approach Manton on the A4 much earlier and have large signs saying SLOW*
- *In an ideal world, the entire A4 would be 30mph (20mph in the High Street) until vehicles have left the Marlborough/Manton boundaries*

Discussion points included:

- Most of the requests, except for the request for a cycle lane, would be addressed by the Manton Residents Association (MRA) 5-point scheme, going forward for a Substantive Highways Bid
- It was unlikely that Wiltshire Council Highways would consider any additional changes to this stretch of the A4 until after the works in the 5-point scheme had been completed
- Whether a cycle lane would gain support at LHFIG when there was already an alternative cycle route between Manton and Marlborough

RESOLVED: (i) that Marlborough Town Council does not support this request being forwarded to LHFIG for consideration due to conflicts with the MRA substantive bid

ACTION: Town Clerk to reply to the applicant explaining the content of the MRA substantive bid and the comments made at the meeting

b) A4 Bath Road

- *A reduction on the speed limit on the Bath Road of 30mph, starting from the zebra crossing towards Manton but at least from Golding Avenue*
- *A safe pathway to houses*
- *Smell of gas*
- *Road sign blocking visibility*
- *The drainage issues to be desilted or maintained to combat the flooding on the road*
- *Chicane by the thatched cottages*
- *Potential zebra crossing in the same area*
- *Digging drains out to hold more water*
- *Regularly maintaining all the verges*
- *Redoing the concrete pavement and making it wider*
- *Mirrors on the blind spots (two driveways mentioned)*
- *Monitoring of speed*
- *Average speed cameras in the area*

Discussion points included:

- The HIR contained a lot of requests
- Many issues mentioned related to Highways maintenance, not Highways Improvements
- Bath Road was one of the regular locations for the Town Council's Speed Indicator Device
- Issues with drainage could be raised directly with Wiltshire Council Highways
- WC policy was that verges were cut once annually early in the season; verges/splays could be cut back after that upon request
- Whether some issues could be addressed by the Parish Steward
- That the Town Council had objected to the planning application to construct one of the houses mentioned in the HIR on the grounds of highways safety and access
- That the sign mentioned (Manton ahead), and being asked to be moved, was probably in position before the construction of the house – the request to move the sign was a possible candidate for LHFIG to consider

RESOLVED: (ii) that Marlborough Town Council supports the request for improvements to/widening of the pavement alongside the A4 between Marlborough College and Manton Hollow to be considered at LHFIG

ACTION: Town Clerk to follow up individual points with relevant teams at Wiltshire Council and reply to the applicant also highlighting the MRA substantive bid

194/23 AIR QUALITY CONSULTATION

Members considered a consultation on Wiltshire Council’s draft Air Quality Action Plan (AQAP) and Air Quality Supplementary Planning Document (SPD), and whether to make a corporate response. Discussion points included:

- Marlborough was highlighted in the report as one of the Air Quality Management Areas (AQMA)
- There were no meaningful proposals in the plan to improve the air quality in Marlborough
- Whether the air quality in Marlborough was being measured properly
- Whether to submit a request asking for a new report of air quality and suggested improvements

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council does not consider that the AQAP makes any contribution towards improving air quality in Marlborough

195/23 LOCAL PLAN REVIEW

Members noted the timetable for the Wiltshire Council consultation on the Local Plan.

ACTION: add to future agendas

196/23 TOWN CENTRE WORKING PARTY

Members noted that the next meeting of the Working Party was 13 September.

197/23 TEMPORARY TRAFFIC REGULATION ORDERS

Members noted that Wiltshire Council had issued Order TTRO 8993 for the temporary closure of Kingsbury Street (part), southbound, from its junction with A4 High Street to its junction with Silverless Street between 17 October and 12 December 2023 to enable repairs to the frontage of property 1 Kingsbury Street

The meeting closed at 8.08pm

Signed:
Chair

Date: