

# Marlborough Town Council



## Planning Committee

Minutes of a meeting of the Planning Committee held Monday, 20 May 2024  
in the Court Room, Marlborough Town Hall at 7pm

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<b>PRESENT</b>	Councillor James Sheppard	Chair
	Councillor Kym-Marie Cleasby	Town Mayor ( <i>ex officio</i> )
	Councillor Mervyn Hall	
	Councillor Mark Cooper	
	Councillor Caroline Thomas	
	Councillor Kelvyn Shantry	
	Councillor Susannah O'Brien	
	Councillor Emily Trow	
	Councillor Caroline Sadler	
	Richard Spencer-Williams	Town Clerk
	Dawn Whitehall	Corporate Services Officer
<b>ALSO</b>		
<b>PRESENT</b>	Neil Goodwin	Marlborough.News
	Two members of the public	

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### **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME**

**Mrs Compton** (resident) referred to the Wiltshire Council consultation about implementing a residents' parking scheme in Kennet Place. She noted that there had been objections (but did not know how many or the reasons for objection) and that the consultation had been referred to the Cabinet Member for a recommendation. She felt that the objections received clearly showed that people wanted to be able to use Kennet Place as a free car park which strengthened the case for the residents' scheme, and asked whether this could be conveyed to the Cabinet Member.

*One member of the public left the meeting*

### **11/24 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence had been received from **Councillors Fogg, Ross, Farrell, Davies, Luson** and **Kohrt**

## 12/24 DECLARATIONS

There were no declarations of interest.

## 13/24 CHAIR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

Two consultation letters had been received for applications already reviewed by the Committee which had recently been updated with amended plans. The comments date would expire before the next Planning meeting. Members could review them and comment online individually if they were so minded. The applications were:

PL/2024/02729 – D'Arenberg House, Chandlers Yard, High Street, Marlborough. The Town Council had objected to this application at the last meeting on 7 May (*Min. No. 561/23 (g)*). The Chair had reviewed the updated plans and felt there was no material difference to the original.

PL/2024/02834 – Rosslyn, 42 London Road, Marlborough. The Committee had voted 'no objection' at the meeting held 8 April (*Min. No. 307/23 (d)*).

*Councillor O'Brien joined the meeting*

## 14/24 MINUTES

**RESOLVED:** that the minutes of the meeting held 7 May 2024 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chair

## 15/24 ACTION LOG

Members noted the updated action log. Verbal updates included:

#1: Traffic survey – **Councillor Sadler** referred to the minutes of the last meeting and noted a modelling run would include the removal of parking spaces in Pewsey Road. Declaring an interest, she raised concerns that residents of the High Street with no parking used these spaces and were very likely to object to their removal, and wondered whether the light-controlled crossing points at Marlborough College were a greater cause of congestion. **Councillor Hall** explained that it was felt that 3 spaces caused significant congestion at times; the results of the modelling would show whether this was fact. The **Chair** suggested that **Councillor Sadler** should be able to see the model. **Councillor Thomas** explained that the purpose of the modelling process was to be able to make evidence-led decisions. She personally would not like to see any parking spaces removed anywhere, but the model would show whether parked cars caused real issues to traffic flows. The pedestrian crossings had also been included in the modelling. At the end of the process should there be any proposed changes to road layout, then Wiltshire Council's procedures included a mandatory public consultation so that residents, road users and others could have their say.

#7: Manton traffic calming scheme: **Councillor Thomas** reported that the bid for funding had been successful, and it was good news that the improvements to the road would now be in the pipeline for an estimated completion within 12-18 months. The **Town Clerk** noted that the Town Council had not received any formal notification from Wiltshire Council about this.

#76: Frees Avenue speed reduction – objections had been received to Wiltshire Council’s consultation about extending the 40mph zone to Rockley. At the last LHFIG (Local Highway and Footway Improvements Group) meeting the Highway Engineer had indicated that his report to Cabinet would recommend extending the 40mph zone beyond the entrance to the Cemetery and close to the boundary of the Common, which was much closer to the Town Council’s original request than the proposal under consultation and recommended by Atkins.

#220: check planning status for illuminated signs at High Street premises – the **Town Clerk** had received a reply from Wiltshire Council which advised that:

- Advertising consent was required for illuminated signs; if the location was a listed building, this consent would also be required
- Applications would be considered against criteria within Core Policies 51 and 57 and the AONB plan for dark skies
- It was not possible for Wiltshire Council to provide a list of consents already granted, but these could be searched online on the Planning and Building Control Public Register
- Any premises with signs that were believed not to be compliant could be reported to Wiltshire Council for investigation and potential enforcement

It was not clear whether the above also applied to illuminated screens (with moving images) mounted inside shop windows, which were becoming more common.

**Councillor Sheppard** offered to enquire whether there was any proposed legislation to cover illuminated screens.

## 16/24 **PLANNING DECISIONS**

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

## 17/24 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

a) **PL/2024/04021** – Loft conversion with rear box dormer window at 11 Macneice Drive, Marlborough, for Mr & Mrs Fran Carpenter

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

b) **PL/2024/01825** – Conversion of garage into an exclusive home office, replace single skin rear wall with patio sliding doors. The street view of the garage from the front and side will remain the same, and no noticeable difference from public street view or to neighbours at 7 Betjeman Road, Marlborough for Mr Lewis Fackrell

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

## 18/24 **WORKS TO TREES**

No applications had been received.

## 19/24 **SPEED INDICATOR DEVICES (SID)**

Members noted the data report for 2 April to 13 May downloaded from the SID at Herd Street. It was generally felt that the SIDs had achieved their aim in bringing down average speeds, and the **Chair** suggested it may be useful to find other locations to add to the rotation plan.

**20/24 TOWN CENTRE WORKING PARTY**

The next meeting would take place in a few days' time.

**Councillor Shantry** had received positive comments from residents about the new planters, trees and repainting of street furniture, and was looking forward to seeing the new finger posts installed. Painting of the railings at the river bridges could not begin until the Bridge Team at Wiltshire Council (which owned the railings) had given its permission. The **Deputy Town Clerk** was in contact with them, and the Town Clerk would ask her to chase up a response so that the team could start work. If there was still no reply, he hoped that **Wiltshire Councillors** might be able to help by following up internally.

**21/24 TEMPORARY ROAD CLOSURES**

Members noted temporary road closure orders issued by Wiltshire Council:

- To close temporarily to all traffic Cross Lane (part), Marlborough from outside the property known as Long Summers for a distance of approximately 20m in a northerly direction between 08:00 and 16:30 for 5 days starting 8 July to enable Scottish and Southern Power Distribution to carry out joint hole in carriageway, 1 meter trench in carriageway, to facilitate a new electrical supply, back fill and reinstate
- To close temporarily to all traffic The Parade (part), Marlborough from its junction with A4 New Road to outside the property known as No 8 The Parade on Saturday 15 June between 08:00 and 23:30 for the Parade Family Festival

The meeting closed at 7.26 pm

Signed: .....

Chair

Date: .....