

**MARLBOROUGH TOWN COUNCIL
PLANNING COMMITTEE MONDAY 1 FEBRUARY 2021**

**Planning Decision Notices issued by Wiltshire Council for the period
2 to 22 January 2020**

- a) **20/09823/LBC** – 40 Kingsbury Street, Marlborough
Structural repairs and minor alterations to fabric of gable wall
Decision: Approve with conditions **MTC:** No objection

- b) **20/09602/FUL** – Twiglees, 9 Bergamot Close, Manton
Material changes to rear elevation. Addition of dormer & velux windows. Interior re-modelling
Decision: Approve with conditions **MTC:** No objection

- c) **20/09762/FUL** – 82 White Horse Road, Marlborough
Side extension to existing boundary wall
Decision: Approve with conditions **MTC:** No objection

- d) **20/06425/FUL** – Felkins, Back Lane, Marlborough
Widening of vehicular entrance off Back Lane with new gate piers and gates. Construction of a retaining brick wall. Replacement of existing porch. Extension of existing Beech hedgerow behind brick wall
Decision: Approve with conditions **MTC:** No objection

Street Trading Licence Application

Summary – This report asks Councillors to consider whether to make any representations about an application for street trading consent at George Lane Car Park for Jimmy’s Kebabs.

1. Background

The Town Council has been asked if it has any representations on the application from Jimmy’s Kebabs for street trading consent for a kebab van in George Lane Car Park. The background papers are at **Appendix 1**.

2. Previous (similar) Street Trading Applications

An application for Jason’s Kebabs for a kebab van in George Lane Car Park was made in mid-2018. The Town Council and the police made representations against this. However, Wiltshire Council’s Licensing Committee allowed a licence on appeal albeit a temporary one to 31 July 2019. However, it was only seen on site on 1-2 occasions. At the time, there were strong objections to the application from local residents.

The Town Council also received a similar application which was discussed at the Planning meeting of 1 September. An extract from the minutes is as follows:

147/20 STREET TRADING LICENCE APPLICATION

Members considered whether to make representations to an application for street trading consent at George Lane car park for Jimmy’s Kebabs:

- The Town Council and police had made strong representations against a similar application in 2018
- A temporary licence had been granted but there were only two occasions when the applicant traded at that location so no monitoring had been possible
- Previous concerns – the avoidance of nuisance behaviour, known strong objections of close neighbours, and the close proximity to the school walking route still applied
- The proposed location next to the pay meter also gave rise to concerns
- Eleven parking spaces had been temporarily removed from the High Street to facilitate safe social distancing and Members did not want to reduce parking capacity any further
- The local economy was already struggling, and this trader may impact existing, established takeaway businesses in the town
- Whether to ask the local policing team to comment.

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council objects to this application on the grounds of avoidance of nuisance, proximity to schools and colleges and poor choice of location

3. Financial Implications

There are no financial implications for the Town Council.

Town Clerk’s Recommendation

The Town Clerk recommends that Members consider whether to make representations about this application for street trading consent.

Town Clerk

27 January 2021

Speed Indicator Device (SID)

Summary - To note an update on Town Council SID

Current Situation

The SID is deployed in the following locations on a rotational basis:

- **Bath Road**
- **George Lane**
- **London Road**

Data from each deployment is downloaded and retained in report form for future use. Data is collected from incoming vehicles (those travelling towards the SID) and outgoing vehicles. A full report is generated which includes the following statistics:

- **Average speeds**
- **Maximum Speeds**
- **Number of vehicles per hour**
- **Speed Percentiles**
- **Full Breakdown** in 30 min blocks stating number of vehicles, average and maximum speeds.

Further to traffic/speeding concerns raised by residents in other areas of town, attempts have been made to find suitable columns to accommodate a SID on both Kingsbury Street and Herd Street.



When initial surveys took place, no suitable columns were found on Kingsbury Street that met street lighting criteria and as such a request was made to Wiltshire Council to quote for the installation of a new column on a grass verge towards the top of Kingsbury Street (to include a bend ahead sign attached to the column). The quotation received was in the region of £2200.00. Traffic management and labour costs made up almost $\frac{3}{4}$ of the total cost (and almost as much as the purchase of the SID itself). The Assistant Town Clerk is now looking at other more affordable options.

On a more positive note, a suitable 'new' lighting column was installed on Herd St/The Green (back in Sept 2020 – some time after our initial survey of locations). Permission was given by the street lighting team on its suitability for use and our SID was deployed in this location, just before Christmas. I have since been informed that another lighting column is being replaced further up Herd St and that this work should take place in the coming weeks, so we will have another potential location for deployment, which is good news for residents.

Wiltshire Council's LED street lighting project is currently being rolled out across the county (anticipated to reach Marlborough in June 2021), which will see the old style sodium lights replaced with LED's which are far more energy efficient, have a much lower carbon footprint and are kinder to the environment. Columns that are in poor condition and/or damaged will be replaced during this process which may see more locations become available for the deployment of the SID. Dependent on the outcome of this programme, members may decide to purchase another unit to increase coverage. The Town Council may consider applying to the Area Board for funding should this be the case, however consideration will need be given to match funding as each SID costs in the region of £2,500.

Recommendation

Members are requested to note this report and make a decision on the purchase of another SID going forward.

Residents Parking

Summary – This report asks Members to note the current situation with the possibility residents parking schemes for Marlborough

1. Background

Members are aware that the Town Council has been waiting for a review of areas for a residents' parking scheme in Wiltshire. Kennet Place had been one of a small number for review by Wiltshire Council in 2019/20. A resident in Kennet Place has helpfully, over a number of years, put together research for such a scheme in that area. More recently, a resident in Culvermead Close raised this issue too. There are also a number of other areas where this scheme might be appropriate (e.g., Kelham Gardens, The Green, St Martins and Kingsbury Street).

The Town Clerk and Assistant Town Clerk met with the WC officer on 21 January 2021 and the notes from this meeting are at **Appendix 1**.

2. Key Points about Residents Parking Schemes

The following are important points (provided by WC) to note towards the implementation of the schemes:

Conditions of Residents Parking Schemes

- Due to the cost of administering and enforcing a scheme it is necessary to apply an annual charge for each residential permit:
£50 for the first permit and £70 for the second permit (at the same address) in limited waiting zones where permit holders are exempt from the time limit; and
£80 for the first permit and £100 for the second permit (at the same address) in residents' only zones.
- The number of permits available to households may be limited dependent on available kerb space and opportunity for off road parking
- Having a permit would not guarantee a space outside your house or within the zone
- Schemes can reduce the amount of parking available as additional controls (yellow lines) may be required to protect junctions, access or visibility
- Enforcement of the area will be undertaken
- Consideration of any scheme for progression will be dependent, on a minimum of 50% of responses from households within a zone.

3. Summary

A key reason behind the delay in Wiltshire Council following through on this scheme in Marlborough (a situation which applies to all towns in the county) is that staff have been redeployed to other duties since the start of the pandemic and resources are just not available to follow it through. The provision of residents parking schemes is not a statutory duty of Wiltshire Council. However, WC officers hope to be in a position to re-visit the possibility of schemes in Marlborough in 2022. (This applies to requests for waiting and parking restrictions also.)

Town Clerk's Recommendation

The Town Clerk recommends that Members note this report and the reasons for the delay in WC being able to follow up on a possible residents parking schemes in Marlborough and agree that this is revisited early by the next council. The main points of the scheme should be sent to those who make enquiries with the suggestion that evidence of need is gathered with confirmation that at least 50% of those living in that area are in support of applying for the scheme.

Wiltshire Area Localism and Planning Group (WALPA)

Summary – This report gives an update from WALPA and asks them to consider a draft letter to the local Member of Parliament about the impact changes in legislation are having on planning and localism.

1. Background

Marlborough is part of the Wiltshire Area Localism and Planning Group (WALPA). Over 30 town and parish councils across Wiltshire have followed up an appeal for help from Wiltshire Council and Wiltshire's five MPs to protect the future of Neighbourhood Planning in Wiltshire. An update is attached at **Appendix 1**. A draft letter from Marlborough Town Council to Danny Kruger, MP is at **Appendix 2**.

The Town Council's representative to WALPA, Councillor Peter Cairns, will give a verbal update at the meeting.

Town Clerk's Recommendation

The Town Clerk recommends that Members consider whether a letter from the Town Council should be sent to Danny Kruger, MP asking for his support.

Town Clerk

21 January 2021

Climate Emergency Working Party

Summary – This report asks Members to note the minutes of the recent meeting of the Climate Emergency Working Party and consider various recommendations.

1. Background

At the Full Council meeting of 7 September, it was agreed that a Climate Emergency Working Party should be formed. The resolution was:

RESOLVED: that Marlborough Town Council will declare a climate emergency and follow up to create an action plan via either a standing agenda item or a working party, taking guidance from the approach of similar town councils such as Bradford-on-Avon.

Update – Since then the Working Party has met twice and Planning Committee ratified the Terms of Reference on 7 December. The most recent Working Party minutes from the meeting are at **Appendix 1**. These make the following recommendations:

The following actions/recommendations were agreed by the group:

- i) To agree a name for this group at the next meeting
- ii) To invite agreed representatives to attend the next meeting, to allow for introductions and discussions around their existing initiatives.
- iii) To write to Wiltshire Council street lighting team regarding the potential for a lighting curfew.
- iv) To write to Wiltshire Council seeking clarification on the material considerations placed on planning applications in terms of climate and environmental impacts.
- v) To contact Wiltshire Council regarding potential funding for electric charging points, seeking clarification as to whether the infrastructure is already in place in the High St to support any future installations.
- vi) To contact the BoA Climate Emergency group to see if they would be willing to come and talk to the group about some of their initiatives.
- vii) Investigate Zero Carbon tools for the purposes of carrying out an internal audit.
- viii) Write to Danny Kruger MP seeking his support with the work of this group and requesting clarification on local initiatives.
- ix) Recommend to the A&OS Committee that they consider re-opening discussion on the completion of the cycleway to the north of the town and access the associated CIL funding generated by the development of the Savernake View residential home.
- x) Recommend to the Staffing Committee that consideration is given to the recruitment of a Climate Emergency Officer (potentially on a fixed term contract) to support the work of this working group and that provision is made in the 2022/23 budget to facilitate this.
- xi) Recommend to the A&OS and Property Committee that full consideration is given to the development of the new workshop in terms of making it a carbon neutral and energy efficient project.
- xii) Recommend to the A&OS Committee that when a decision is made to commission an ecological survey of the Common (in association with the proposal for a third pitch) that consideration is given to expanding this work to include all Town Council open spaces, budgets/funding permitting.

2. Financial Implications

There is no budget specifically for climate emergency work, but it is expected that relevant committees will absorb the impact of work to combat climate change in projects and the day to day running of the council.

Working Party Recommendations

The Working Party recommends that Members consider recommendations listed at i) – xii) above.

Assistant Town Clerk/Town Clerk

27 January 2021

Wiltshire Council**Section 14(1) of the Road Traffic Regulation Act 1984**

Temporary Closure of: A4 (Part), Savernake, Mildenhall and Little Bedwyn (Ref: TTRO 6990)

Notice is hereby given that the Wiltshire Council has made an Order to close temporarily to all traffic:

A4 (Part), Savernake, Mildenhall and Little Bedwyn; from its junction with Maurice Way to its junction with C74.

To enable: Wiltshire Council to carry out carry out carriageway resurfacing and associated works.

Alternative route: via A4 (unaffected length) – A338 - A346 and vice versa.

Alternative route for HGV: via A4 (unaffected length) – B4192 – A419 – A346 and vice versa.

The closure and diversion route will be clearly indicated by traffic signs.

This Order will come into operation on 23 February 2021 and the closure will be required between the hours of 19:00 and 06:00 until 10 March 2021. It is anticipated that the works will take the stated duration to complete depending upon weather conditions. Access will be maintained for residents and businesses where possible, although delays are likely due to the nature of the works. The Order will have a maximum duration of 18 months.

For further information please contact Jon Moss of Wiltshire Council on 01225 730360.

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18 February 2021

Indicative Plan : A4, Savernake Forest

