

**MINUTES OF THE DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE MEETING
OF MELKSHAM TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT MELKSHAM TOWN HALL
ON MONDAY 1 SEPTEMBER 2009**

Present: Ms Sarah Cardy (Chair) Mr Vic Oakman
Mr Simon Bridgford-Whittick Mrs Louise Smith
Mr Mark Griffiths Mrs Sheila Wilkinson
Mr Chris Petty Mr Richard Wiltshire (ex officio)

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118. Apologies

There were no apologies.

119. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

120. Public Participation

Ian Cardy, Watsons Court attended the meeting regarding Mr Richard White's (contractor responsible for maintenance/landscaping etc) response following a site visit to Sainsburys in July to look at the condition of the riverside walk running adjacent to their store.

Mr Cardy raised a point regarding the review of litter bin and bench provision. He explained that the bins along this walk were provided by the former district council and cleared by them and subsequently Wiltshire Council. However, he felt that as these bins were on private land they should be cleared by the land owner ie Sainsburys. With regard to the benches he felt permission would need to be sought from the Environment Agency.

He noted with regard to the condition of the footpath – it is planned to relay the footpath and enhance its immediate environment as part of Sainsburys planning application. Mr Cardy stated clarification needs to be sought as to whether this refers to a new planning application or the one submitted earlier in the year to extend the store and relocate the petrol station.

121. Matters arising

RESOLVED: To note the comments when considering Mr White's report later in the meeting.

122. Correspondence

a) Wiltshire Council: Planning Decisions

These were on the table for perusal.

b) Richard White, Sainsburys Plc – report regarding Sainsbury's site visit on 6 July 2009

A report had been received from Mr Richard White (contractor responsible for maintenance/landscaping) in response to a site visit to Sainsburys in July, to look at the condition of the riverside walk running adjacent to their store and the problem with litter.

On the whole it was felt the letter was very positive, but raised concern at the ambiguous tone of the letter regarding the provision of bins, benches, improvement to footpath etc being part of a planning application. Councillors felt clarification was needed whether this was the one recently submitted regarding the extension to the store and the relocation of the petrol station (which the Town Council objected to) or a new application.

RESOLVED: It was agreed to write a letter to Mr White welcoming his comments and thanking him for visiting the site and the positive response he made to councillors on the visit.

However, the Town Council noted that any improvements seem to be associated with the success of the planning application and were concerned at what would happen if the planning application were unsuccessful, would any of the suggestions for improvements made in the letter and at the site visit be forthcoming. Other concerns that need to be addressed:

1. There is a legal duty on Sainsburys to maintain the site and keep it litter free. Currently the bins/litter picking is being carried out by Wiltshire Council, however it was felt as this is private land these should be the responsibility of the landowner.
2. The relaying of the footpath - is this a condition of the current planning application being successful or is this part of a new planning application and will the path be relayed if the application is not successful?
3. With regard to the provision of new benches planning permission may need to be sought from the Environment Agency.

c) Wiltshire Council Re Road Traffic Order – A365 (Waiting Restrictions)

A letter had been received from Wiltshire Council regarding proposed waiting restrictions on the A365 near to the new George Ward School.

It was noted the order and map referred to Bath Road and not Devizes Road.

RESOLVED: It was agreed to ask Wiltshire Council to send a correct order and map before the Town Council would make any comments.

d) Wiltshire Council Re Road Traffic order/Pedestrian Crossings – A365 Devizes Road, A365 Spa Road and B3112 Spa Road Melksham and Melksham Without

A letter had been received from Wiltshire Council regarding proposed new crossings on the route to the new George Ward School.

RESOLVED: To make no objection to this proposal.

123. Payments for approval

RESOLVED: Payments were approved.

124. Planning Applications:

- The Town Council had no objections to the following planning applications:

09/02173: Single storey conservatory to rear. 65 Sandridge Road, Melksham. (Full Plan) – applicants Mr and Mrs P Llewellyn

09/02267: Single storey rear extension. 47 Sandridge Road, Melksham. (Full Plan) – applicant Mr Wiltshire

09/02351: Retrospective application for alterations to approved car park entrance access (07/02676). Lidl UK Ltd, Bath Road, Melksham (Full Plan) – applicant Mrs Nicola Richford

09/02353: Proposed replacement plant and freezer enclosure. Co-op Welcome. 19 Pembroke Road, Melksham (Full Plan) – applicant The Co-operative Group