

**MINUTES OF THE DEVELOPMENT CONTROL (PLANNING) MEETING
HELD AT MELKSHAM TOWN HALL
ON MONDAY 5 JANUARY 2009**

Present: Mr Simon Bridgford-Whittick (Chair) Mr Vic Oakman
Mr Rod Eaton (ex officio) Mrs Louise Smith
Mr Mark Griffiths Mrs Pam Wiltshire
Mr Jon Hubbard Mr Richard Wiltshire (ex officio)

Also in attendance Mr Simon White for item 5.

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1. Apologies

Apologies were received by Councillors Sarah Cardy, Mark Griffiths and Chris Petty. Councillors Jon Hubbard and Pam Wiltshire substituted for Councillors Petty and Griffiths respectively.

2. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3. Public Participation

There were no members of public present.

4. Matters arising therefrom

Therefore there were no matters arising.

5. Item referred to this committee following the Town Council meeting on 15 December 2008.

“That any future housing developments in Melksham should be accompanied by an agreement to provide allotments under a Section 106 agreement”.

This item was placed on the agenda following the decision to defer it from the planning meeting on 22 December.

Councillor Simon White explained that currently there is a long list of people waiting for allotments and asked if the Town Council felt it appropriate to ask developers, in the future, as part of their Section 106 Agreements to provide land for allotments to cover the shortfall of allotments in the town.

The Town Clerk explained that in an attempt to cut the current waiting list it has been agreed to split larger plots into 2 when they become available, but to date not many

allotments have become vacant. This may change, however, when invoices are sent out for rent in March. Following a discussion it was

RESOLVED: To ask the District Council when considering future Section 106 Agreements for applications of 25 dwellings or more whether serious consideration could be given to provide areas of recreation that could include space for allotments or monies towards the cost of providing allotments in the town.

6. Correspondence

a) WWDC: Planning Decisions

No planning decisions were available for consideration.

b) WCC Re Residential Development East of Melksham for 114 Houses

A letter had been received from Alan Feist, Assistant Director – Planning and Regeneration, Wiltshire County Council regarding the Town Council’s concerns the impact of this development will have on surrounding roads.

The letter stated there are no plans to incorporate traffic calming measures in Snowberry Lane, which forms part of the link road to the A3102. However £25,000 has been secured under the Section 106 Agreement for use towards appropriate measures in Snarlton Lane in due course.

Additionally proposals for the new school include the provision of a permissive footpath within land under the control of the County Council to link in with FP 18 to the North. The developer of the East of Melksham site has agreed to provide to improve FP18 from the County Council’s boundary to the link road.

RESOLVED: It was agreed to note this information.

c) WWDC Re Notification of Planning Appeal – Erection of two storey building comprising a 3 bedroomed house and 2 two bedroomed flats. Land adjacent to 3 Littlejohn Avenue, Melksham

A letter had been received from West Wiltshire District Council informing the Town Council of the above Planning Appeal hearing.

RESOLVED: It was agreed to note the above information.

d) Any further correspondence received.

No further correspondence had been received.

7. Payments for Approval

The Finance Officer explained that a list of payments had not been prepared but the following payments needed approval:

£500.00 - Donation to the Air Ambulance Appeal (from the Mayor's Allowance)

£331.47 - Kings Park Primary for cleaning of Pavilion

£276.13 - Wyatt Transport for transportation of Christmas Tree

RESOLVED: Payments were approved.

8. Planning Applications

08/03512: The construction of a detached dwelling and associated works on land at the rear of 59 Addison Road, Melksham (Full Plan) - applicant Mr Cleverley

RESOLVED: After discussion the Town Council objected to this application on the following grounds:

Highway concerns – access on a bend (although there is already access to the current property this will double with the proposed new property)

Backland development

Will set a precedent for other similar developments in the area if approved.