

**MINUTES OF THE DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE MEETING
OF MELKSHAM TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT MELKSHAM TOWN HALL
ON MONDAY 6 JULY 2009**

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

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88. Apologies

There were no apologies.

89. Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

90. Public Participation (2 members of public present)

No members of public wished to speak.

91. Matters arising

Therefore no matters arising.

92. Maintenance of Riverside Walk

Mr Richard White, contractor responsible for maintenance of Sainsburys sites in the area attended the meeting to clarify his next course of action following the site visit held immediately prior to this meeting.

Councillor Sarah Cardy informed those who could not attend the site meeting that several councillors along with Mr White had made an inspection of the Riverside Walk adjacent to Sainsburys and several points of concern were raised ie:

- Lack of litterbins and the overflowing of those available with litter on a regular basis.
- The narrowing of the footpath in places to approximately 6 inches, making it impassable
- Flooding in areas.
- The need to cut back vegetation near the river to allow for clearer views from seating along this part of the footpath.
- The need to keep an ongoing programme of maintenance in place.

With regard to bins it was asked if these could be flood proof in some way ie have lids etc, it was also asked if the issue with regard to the missing life belts could be addressed.

RESOLVED: It was agreed Mr White would put together a report on what actions can be taken and to forward this to the Town Clerk in due course for further consideration by councillors.

93. Correspondence.

a) WWDC: Planning Decisions

These were on the table for perusal, however the Chair drew the Town Council's attention to the following planning decision:

08/03471: Construction of 114 dwellings, access and associated landscaping. Land north east of Snowberry Lane and south of Sandridge Road, Melksham - **Approval**

b) Wiltshire Council re temporary One Way Notice for the High Street and Weight Limit Blackmore Road, Coronation Road, Pembroke Road, Queensway and Ruskin Avenue, Melksham

A temporary one way order for the above area had been received from Wiltshire Council which will take effect from 3 August 2009 for approximately 12 weeks.

RESOLVED: To note the information and inform Wiltshire Council that Melksham Carnival will be taking place on 18 July 2009.

c) Wiltshire Council re Temporary suspension of on street parking and introduction of Temporary no Waiting at any Time: Market Place, Melksham

A temporary suspension of On Street Parking Notice had been received from Wiltshire Council concerning the Market Place, this will provide a facility for buses, diverted by the temporary closure of the High Street to both stop to pick up/set down passengers and also turn around, whilst serving the town centre.

RESOLVED: The Town Council noted the above information.

94. Payments for approval.

There were no payments for approval.

95. Planning Applications:

- The Town Council **objected** to the following planning applications:

09/01580: Proposed erection of 63 residential dwellings and associated roads, sewers and parking. Manor Primary School, Queensway, Melksham (Full Plan) – Westbury Partnerships

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

- Proposals were out of keeping with the area.
- 3 storey properties will be facing existing 2 storey properties
- The height of the 3 storey buildings will be out of keeping with other properties in the area.

Planning Policies H1 and C31a apply.

09/01745: Demolition of existing bungalows and erection of 4 detached dwellings and associated works. 42 Sandridge Road, Melksham (Full Plan) – applicants Mr and Mrs Hallett

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

- Out of keeping with other properties in the area.
- Highway concerns with regard to access to one property from Devonshire Place, this access is on a dangerous corner.
- This development could set a precedent for other developments in the area.

09/01760: Proposed two bedroom dwelling to the rear of 82 Forest Road, Melksham (Full Plan) – applicant Mr Tony Lux

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

- This development will leave little amenity space for the flats at 82 Forest Road.
- Over development of site.
- Lack of amenity space for the proposed dwelling.
- Could create highway problems, as provision for parking is limited and the nearby street is very narrow.

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

09/01555: Two storey extension to rear. 7 Southbrook Road, Melksham (Revised Plans) – applicant Mr J Wiltshire

RESOLVED: The Town Council reiterated their comments made on 22 June 2009 that consideration is given to the times of deliveries of building materials due to the problem with on street parking at certain times of the day.

09/01704: Two storey side extension with single storey front extension to join existing front canopy roof. 48 Churchill Avenue, Melksham (Full Plan) – applicant Mr John Geddes

09/01706: Internal alterations (temporary). The Coach House, Market Place, Melksham (Listed Building Consent) – applicant Melksham Christian Healing Centre

RESOLVED: No objection subject to the approval of the Conservation Officer.

09/01707: Change of use from mortgage broker (A2) to a community centre for the Melksham Partnership of Churches (D1). The Coach House, Market Place, Melksham (Full Plan) – applicant Melksham Christian Healing Centre

09/01749: Retrospective application for works to workshop, two storey extension to north east front elevation and change of use to offices. Unit 3, Avonway Motors, Kingsbury Square, Melksham (Full Plan) – applicant Talkwire Ltd

- The Town Council made the following **comment** regarding planning application:

09/01774: Works to yew trees. 35 Clare House, Market Place, Melksham (Trees in Conservation Area) – applicant James Jay Pension Trustees Ltd

The Tree Warden had produced a report which stated these trees are in a prominent position, and advised the Town Council these trees be made subject of a Tree Preservation Order. Unless this is done the Planning Authority cannot specify what work can be carried out on the trees, they can only order the tree to be cut down. The work to be carried out will be then subject to consultation and advice now and in the future.

RESOLVED: To support the recommendations of the Tree Warden.