

**MINUTES OF THE DEVELOPMENT CONTROL COMMITTEE MEETING
OF MELKSHAM TOWN COUNCIL
HELD AT MELKSHAM TOWN HALL
ON MONDAY 14 SEPTEMBER 2009**

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

Also in attendance Councillor Peter Dauncey

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125. Apologies

Apologies were received from Councillor Mark Griffiths.

126. Declarations of Interest

Councillors Peter Dauncey and Richard Wiltshire declared an interest in 'Payments for Approval'.

Councillor Rod Eaton declared an interest in planning application 09/02529: Proposed detached double garage, conversion of existing integrated garage into study. Internal modifications. 5 Rosebrook Gardens, Melksham

127. Public Participation

Mr Colin Goodhind, 1 Longford Road, Melksham attended the meeting to voice his concerns that the information sent from Wiltshire Council regarding the weight restrictions in various parts of Melksham did not include information regarding where street signs will be located.

Mr Goodhind also asked if under the improvement proposals for the town centre whether there would be any provision for a right turn into Church Street to ease traffic flow.

Councillor Sarah Cardy explained that there is no provision for a right turn and suggested that Colin should pass his concerns on to Wiltshire Council if he wished.

128. Matters arising.

RESOLVED: It was agreed to discuss these matters under the agenda item.

129. Correspondence.

a) Wiltshire Council: Planning Decisions

These were on the table for perusal. However, the Chair drew the Council's attention to the following:

09/02263: Two storey extension to rear. 7 Southbrook Road, Melksham –
Permission

07/03866: New food store, Asda Supermarket, Bradford Road, Melksham –
Permission

b) Wiltshire Council Re Weight Restrictions (Various Roads, Melksham)

A letter had been received from Wiltshire Council regarding their proposals to introduce weight restrictions in various parts of Melksham to include Blackmore Road, Coronation Road, Pembroke Road, Queensway, Ruskin Avenue and the High Street (from its junction with Church Street to its junction with Lowbourne).

Discussion ensued regarding the signage that has already been erected in the area. Councillors welcomed this application and agreed to write to Wiltshire Council asking for weight restriction signage to be placed at the end of Coronation Road (Spa Road end) and Ruskin Avenue (Lowbourne end). Also to ask that spot checks be carried out in order to make people fully aware of the change. There is a concern lorry drivers will still try and use this route, which is shorter than the alternative, until the new eastern by-pass is built.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk takes the necessary action.

c) Wiltshire Council Re Road Traffic Regulation Act – (Prohibition and Restriction of Waiting, Taxi Rank Clearways and on Street Parking) Various Roads, near Melksham Oak Community School, Devizes Road, Melksham

A letter had been received from Wiltshire Council with amendments as discussed at a previous planning meeting.

The order related to part of the A365 (Devizes Road) both sides near Melksham Community Oak School, Part of Falcon Way both sides from its junction with the A365 and Hornchurch Road both sides from its junction with the A365 for a distance of 27 metres.

It was noted that this order also includes a lay-by adjacent to Melksham Community Oak School, the Town Council discussed whether it was appropriate to have the order in force outside of school hours.

RESOLVED: To write to Wiltshire Council to ask why the 'No Waiting Restriction' needs to be enforced outside of school hours.

130. Payments for approval

RESOLVED: Payments were approved.

131. Planning Applications:

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

09/02401: Application to place a commemorative plaque on a G2 Listed Building. Tourist Information Centre, Church Street, Melksham – (Listed Building Consent) applicant – Rotary Club of Melksham

09/02470: Single storey rear extension. 4 Kennet Close, Melksham (Full Plan) – applicant Mrs M Taylor

09/02529: Proposed detached double garage, conversion of existing integrated garage into study. Internal modifications. 5 Rosebrook Gardens (Full Plan) – applicant Mr Nick Hale