



Malmesbury & St Paul Without Residents' Association

Hon President: The Mayor of Malmesbury

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News Sheet

1. **Council Tax 2012 - 2013** – There will be no increase in the rate for the Malmesbury Town Precept or for Wiltshire Council or for Police or Fire. Business rates (fixed by central government) will increase by 5.6%.
2. **Neighbourhood Forum** – A three-day Workshop run by The Prince's Foundation for Building Community was attended by the Association, Town and Parish Councillors, representatives of local organisations, school students and residents. The Workshop produced a vision for Malmesbury's development (to be published in a month) which will inform the Neighbourhood Plan. The public debrief on the final evening was described by a member of the audience as "one of the most inspiring nights of my life" and that sentiment was echoed by many who participated in the Workshop.
3. **Planning White Lion Land 77 houses off Park Road** – The results of an Appeal against refusal of the application by Wiltshire Council will be published by the end of March. **Sainsbury's superstore** – Objections by the Association and the Town Council have been passed to Wiltshire Council. **Gleeson 180 houses on West Filands** and **Waitrose supermarket** – Planning applications are now being studied. These will be discussed at a public meeting of the Town Council's Planning Committee on Wednesday 14th March (Waitrose at 6.30pm, Gleeson at 8.00pm).
4. **Wiltshire Council Strategy 2006 to 2026** which requires the urban area of Malmesbury to take 270 more houses by 2026 is now out for final consultation.
5. **Town Hall Old School Room / Market Room** – The Town Council are now seeking a long-term commercial let.
6. **Water** – At a public meeting of the Malmesbury River Valleys Trust, the Environment Agency reported that rainfall at only 84% of the average had caused groundwater levels to fall. Currently pumping is maintaining an acceptable level of river flow. Residents are encouraged to save water by fitting a meter.
7. **A Skateboard Park** at Cotswold House, behind the Youth Club, has received planning consent.
8. **The Millennium Plaque** on the East Gate at Holloway has been wrenched off.
9. **Lyneham** – Plans have been published for the airbase to be converted into an MoD Training Establishment for use by all the armed Services.
10. **Katifer Lane** – Plans are afoot to build lock-up garages for letting to residents.
11. **Dyson** is creating 300 more skilled jobs at its base Malmesbury.
12. **Free Garden Waste Collection** can be arranged by phoning 0300 456 0102.

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