

Maiden Bradley News

January 2022



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JANUARY DIARY- ISSUE 391

2	Sun	No Sunday catchup
3	Mon	Household waste collection
9	Sun	Morning Service with Jane Hurd 10am
10	Mon	Green Bin Collection
11	Tue	PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7PM
12	Wed	Black box and blue bin collections
15	Sat	QUIZ NIGHT IN THE HALL 7PM
16	Sun	Holy Communion, Rev Judith Thompson with Celia Blay. 10am
17	Mon	Household waste collection TALK BY ECOBULB ON ALTERNATIVE ENERGY SYSTEMS FOR THE HALL AND VILLAGE. MEMORIAL HALL 6-7.30PM
20	Thu	Copy deadline to pat@visa-office.com
22	Sat	ON-LINE SAFETY PRESENTATION WITH NIGEL LAVENDER IN THE HALL 3-5PM
23	Sun	Week of prayer for Christian Unity, a joint Service at the United Reformed Church in Mere. 11am
24	Mon	Green Bin collection
26	Wed	Black box and blue bin collections
30	Sun	Morning service with Kim Baker 10am STICKY TOFFEE JAZZ AND CREAM TEA IN THE HALL 2.30 TO 5PM
31	Mon	Household waste collection

USEFUL TELEPHONE NUMBERS

Speed Watch Co-ordinator	Simon Wager	simon.m.wager@gmail.com
Nadder Oil Buying Club	Email: richard.willan@me.com	www.oilbuyingclub.com
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Community Garden	Kate Moore	katemoore@silkmillstudios.co.uk 01985 844305
Book Club	Jessica Johnson	01985 844174
Cookery Demonstrations	Rosie Brown	01985 844236
Luncheon Club		01985 844779
Welcome Club Outings		01985 844779
Scrabble Club		01985 844919
Memorial Hall bookings		01985 845303
Dr Andrew Murrison MP	murrisona@parliament.uk	01225 358584
Mere Link Scheme		01747 860096
Bell Ringing Tuesday 7.30pm in the Church Bell Tower - beginners welcome		01985 845397

Contributions for the newsletter are always welcome.

Please email pat@visa-office.com by 20th of the month

Magazine available online on the village website:

www.maidenbradleyvillage.org.uk

EDITORIAL

Christmas fun in the village excelled itself with several events, the Christmas Fair, the wreath making workshop, Rosie and Martin Brown's Christmas goodies demonstration and the Christmas decorations competition. Nick Morgan of Lakeside Garden Centre very kindly donated three wonderful prizes for the competition and renown Interior designer James Waterworth of Thurston Design, accompanied me on a very cold evening around the village assessing all the entrant's work. First prize was awarded to Kate Moore for her artistic window displays, second prize went to Fiona and Peter Russell for the crocheted father Christmas and garden lights and third prize awarded to Lila Gunstone for her detailed winter street scene of houses and people. Congratulations to all who entered, the standard was high.

A new year is upon us and already there is a buzz of activity in the Village Hall with a Quiz Night, an internet security briefing, a presentation on improving energy systems and a Jazz event with Cream Tea – yummy!

I would like to flag up with the community, the need to support our local Church. We love to attend for Christmas, Easter, Mother's Day, funerals, weddings and baptisms but outside these few dates during the liturgical year, costs continue to rise. As you will read in this month's News, the Rev Ben will be taking on the Mere area of churches expanding his role to serve seven churches. Perhaps now is the time to make donations or better still set up a monthly direct debit, even for a small amount as this will enable Ben's Ministry to continue. Do let me know what you think, you do not have to be a believer in God to support the good work of someone who does.

Pat, Elaine and Nev wish you a Happy New Year and may 2022 be Covid free for you all.

Pat Kennedy

845397 pat@visa-office.com

THE VILLAGE PHONE BOX

Thank you all for your thoughts and suggestions about the Phone box.

Most people are of the opinion that it should stay as a working phone box for the time being.

There has been an update on the maintenance of it!

On a recent visit by the BT engineer Councillor Susanna Brigden was informed that if the community want the box to be repainted The Parish Council need to write to an address found in the box, send pictures of the state that it is in and make a formal request for its renovation, or offer to do it themselves. He stressed that it must be The Parish Council that do this and it would be good to get the support of the local MP. BT then look at these requests on a case by case-by-case basis, it would go on a list and hopefully in the not too distant future it would be done.

The Parish Council have set this in motion!

Who knew it could be so complicated?



Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall

01985 845303 (answerphone)
www.maidenbradleyhall.co.uk

Saturday 15th January - Quiz Night Doors open 7pm for 7.30pm start
£3.00 per person, max 6 per team, raffle, bring own refreshments

Saturday 22nd January - On-line Safety Presentation and Q&A
Presented by Nigel Lavender 3pm-5pm Free entry

Sunday 30th January – STICKY TOFFEE JAZZ AND CREAM TEA

Enjoy a cream tea whilst listening to the sophisticated blend of traditional, swing and modern jazz all with a big vintage vibe
2.30pm-5pm £10.00 per person

Saturday 12th March - CHRIS JAGGER & BAND

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QUIZ!

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£3.00 per person
Maximum of 6 per team
Raffle
Please bring your own refreshments

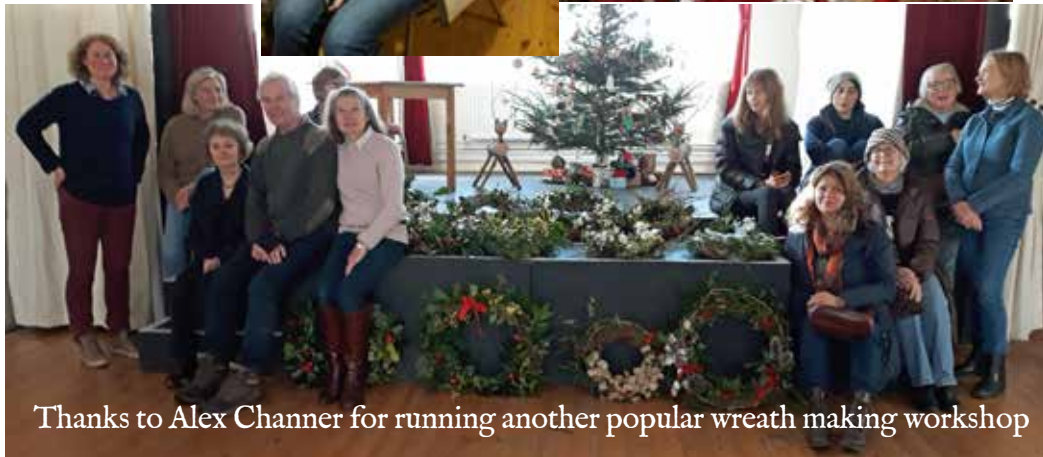
Carol Singing for Dorothy House

Many thanks to all you singers who came to the Memorial Village Hall to enjoy a sing song to raise money for this charity. It was a lovely social occasion and the management members must be thanked for providing seasonal refreshment during a well earned break. A total of £ 102 was collected, Thank you all.

Sue Priestner



The Christmas Fair raised a total of £554 which was split between the Hall and the Church



Thanks to Alex Channer for running another popular wreath making workshop

Church News

Bishop Andrew has asked Rev'd Ben Rundell-Evans to apply for the post of Interim Priest in charge of the benefice of Mere (Mere West Knoyle and Maiden Bradley) for a maximum of three years during which time Upper Stour benefice (Zeals, Stourton, Bourton and Kilmington) will work with the Mere benefice in a joint benefice of seven churches.

Ben will take his first service in Maiden Bradley on February 27th when there will be a baptism and communion service.



Lending with Heart and Mind

Wiltshire Council fund a not-for-profit loan scheme for homeowners.*

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- Are over 60; or
- Are in receipt of State Benefits; or
- Have children under 16 living with you.

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The Maiden Bradley Climate Collective

Activating Maiden Bradley's Environmental Response

HOW WOULD YOU LIKE TO MAKE 2022 THE YEAR TO LIVE A LITTLE MORE SUSTAINABLY?

We would like to invite new members to join us at the Climate Collective this year. We have been a small, ad hoc group that got together in backyards in 2021 to talk about 'what we could do' as a village to slow the effects of climate change. We talked about shopping less, changing habits, energy use, electric cars, sharing, transport and biodiversity.

Changing habits while having a good time is our theme for 2022. We are not too serious (unless we need to be) but we do believe that this planet and our village is worth keeping for our grandchildren. We want to know that we did what we could to keep it beautiful, clean and habitable. If this sounds like a village group that you would like to be a part of, then please join us at one of our events soon.

We have decided to hold monthly Climate Coffee Mornings so that anyone in the village knows when and how to find us. These are fun, informal meet ups that will sometimes be events with a guest speaker but are often just a sharing of ideas and building a sense of connection and community around a table with a cuppa.

Climate Coffee Mornings will be held on the second Saturday of the month starting in February 2022. More details below!

We do have one massive and outrageous goal for the year - To be the first village in the UK with no oil heating. (Um cough!) It will take years, goodwill, grants, research, disbelief, then more belief, money, crazy out of the box thinking and but mostly it will require vision, belief and a will to make this happen. All the best ideas start with madness. A few of those are vaccines, flying, light bulbs and mobile phones. So, with this in mind, we may as well give it a shot! What do you think? Come along to our regular coffee mornings to tell us what you think, bring your expertise, ideas, questions, challenges, whatever it takes to make this dream a possibility.

EVENTS

The Maiden Bradley Climate Collective will be holding regular coffee mornings on the second Saturday of the month in 2022 starting on Saturday, February 12 10:30 – 11am. These are informal, social and a place where ideas can be shared, and inspiration is sparked.

January 17th: Local company ecobubl are coming to talk to the village about electric charging with Solar PV & Battery Storage Installations and Heat Pumps as an alternative to oil. It's a kickstart to the conversation we'd love to have with you all as a village. We have invited them because they are a local company that we met them at the Warminster Sustainable Fair last November. As the igniter of the idea, we think it's a great start, but we are open to hearing from other companies as well. Come and ask all the questions you have about grants, costs, installation and more. No selling, just learning. <https://www.ecobubl.co.uk/>

SEE FULL DETAILS ELSEWHERE IN THIS MAGAZINE

Saturday February 12: at 10:30 – 11:30am

Local Author Jen Gale will deliver an entertaining presentation based on her book Sustainable(ish) - doing what you can, one baby step at a time to change habits the easy way and live more sustainably.


<https://www.asustainablelife.co.uk/>



On Saturday 4 December, Kate Moore and myself attended an inspiring community event called "Sustainable Warminster". As a result, we are holding a series of events at the Maiden Bradley Hall in 2022 to encourage our village to have fun while learning to embrace the reality of living more sustainably for the future of our planet.

Jannine Barron

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Village Hall Lottery - run by John and Sue Priestner

November

1st	Ian Henry	£26.10	2nd	D. Barnett	£13.05
3rd	Gilly Haydon	£8.00	4th	John Green	£5.10

December

1st	Tom Hain	£26.10	2nd	M. Stevens	£13.05
3rd	Dave Dewings	£8.00	4th	Mark Holbrook	£5.25

A Memorial Hall Thank you for all the support during lockdown. To all those contributors to the Hall Lottery, a very big thank you for helping maintain this vital social hub. Over this year alone £600+ has gone to you in prizes and £600+ to the maintenance of the Hall.

If you would like to help support your Village Hall, please get in contact with John Priestner on 844244 who has some spare numbers. Only 50p per number per month, you can have more than one number. Half the draw's income goes to the Village Hall and half goes in prizes.

Welcome Club

On November 29th the Welcome Club held their annual Christmas Bingo. I am pleased to say we made a marvellous profit of £288.10 thanks go to everyone who gave prizes and came to support it. We are looking forward to our monthly outings in 2022. There will be a meeting at Horningsham Hall in March when we will give out programme for 2022 and collect subscriptions.

On Tuesday November 30th we had our Annual Christmas Dinner for members and friends at The Udder Farm Shop which I think everyone enjoyed. Tom did the raffle with Lesley's help. Please take care everyone and let's hope it's a better year for everyone

Pearl Hudson

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COMMUNITY SPEED WATCH NEWS
Police Community Volunteers working on behalf of
the Wiltshire Police and Maiden Bradley



“Happy New Year”

From all the Maiden Bradley Community Speed Watch Team

Community Speed Watch News, December Issue, compiled and produced by the Maiden Bradley Community Speed Watch Volunteers to keep the village safe and aware of our activities.

Activity has been quieter this month - 5 sessions with 871 vehicles counted and 15 vehicles logged for speeding. The noticeable drop in excessive speeders continues, long may it last.

However the HGV traffic continues to if anything be increasing, based on the numbers logged during CSW activity. During a 45 minute CSW session 22/3 HGV vehicles are logged. Or an HGV every 2.5minutes.

Further more and more HGV vehicles are “Articulated” Giving a Gross Vehicle Weight on 5-6 axles of 44000kg. With a maximum length of 16.5mtrs (54ft - 2ins)

Further it's been noticed that Drawbar combinations are becoming more common. While they are governed to the same GVW of 44000kg their overall length is greater at 18.5mtrs (61ft-6ins) which by configuration and length make them more difficult to manoeuvre through our roads and traffic calming.

All this information gets passed back to the Maiden Bradley Weight Watchers group, who are working so hard to get the 7.5gvw weight limit implemented.

CSW will be shut down from pm Friday the 17th December 2021 until 10th January 2022.

Lastly, a very big thank you to all the Maiden Bradley Community Speed Watch Team and all the villagers that support their efforts.

Thank You.

Simon Wager

Community Speed Watch Co-ordinator.
Chairman Maiden Bradley Parish Council



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Talk by Ecobubl.co.uk from Warminster on Alternative Energy Systems for our Hall and potentially our Village. Monday January 17 6pm - 7.30pm

An Alternative Energy Conversation: Do you want to become more informed about green energy options for heating and power in your home?

Got Questions about equipment, installation, costs, grants and options for more climate-friendly energy systems?

A local warminster company are coming to our Community Hall on Monday 17 January to demonstrate and answer any questions you have about going green.

This is not a sales pitch, the Maiden Bradley Climate Committee and Maiden Bradley Hall Committee have invited them to inform and educate our village residents about opportunities for a greener, cleaner systems for our homes so we can begin to have a community conversation about alternative energy options.

The company <https://www.ecobubl.co.uk/> will be demonstrating their equipment and be on hand to answer any questions including

- Price, Options, Installation
- Grants for Boiler Upgrade Scheme
- Grants for Renewable Heating systems Incentive
- Solar Options
- Electric and Battery Options
- & more...bring your questions!

Everyone is invited!

Parish Council 14th December 2021

Maiden Bradley Parish Council needs new team members; if you think you would like to take the wishes of the Parish Plan forward are over 18 years of age, contact the Clerk on 01985 213436 email maidenbradley@virginmedia.com or write to Maiden Bradley with Yarnfield Parish Council 9 Beech Grove Warminster Wiltshire BA12 09AB

What is a councillor?

Councillors are elected to represent an individual geographical unit on the council, known as a ward or - parish – in Maiden Bradley it is the entire parish. They are generally elected by the public every four years, but there are 3 Co-option spaces available on the Parish Council at the moment.

What do councillors do?

Councillors have three main components to their work.

1.**Decision making** - Through meetings and attending committees with other elected members, councillors decide which activities to support, where money should be spent, what services should be delivered and what policies should be implemented.

2.**Monitoring** - Councillors make sure that their decisions lead to efficient and effective services by keeping an eye on how well things are working.

3.**Getting involved locally** - As local representatives, councillors have responsibilities towards their constituents and local organisations. These responsibilities and duties often depend on what the councillor wants to achieve and how much time is available, and may include:

- Going to meetings of local organisations such as the Rural Police Neighbourhood Tasking Group
- Going to meetings of bodies affecting the wider community (The Warminster Area Board)
- Taking up issues on behalf of members of the public

How much time does it take up?

Quite often councillors say that their duties occupy them for about one hour to four hours a week. Obviously, there are some councillors who spend more time than this - and some less, but in the main, being a parish councillor is an enjoyable way of contributing to your community and helping to make it a better place to live and work. You can find out more about being a Councillor by looking at the website page

<https://www.maidenbradley.org.uk/councillors/>

The Good Councillor Guide produced by the National Association of Local Councils and the Role of a Councillor can be found there. As a councillor representing your community you will help keep it a great place to live and work. You will be supported in your role and will be expected to undertake training. You should be comfortable working electronically. You should have a positive outlook and a can-do attitude and be willing to work as part of a team. If after reading this notice you are interested in applying, please contact the Clerk to the Council using the above details. The closing date for applications is 1st February 2022.

Defibrillator Training – there will be a free to attend Defibrillator Training Event held at the Maiden Bradley Memorial Hall on the 31st of January 2022 at 7.00pm, please do note it in your diaries. Come along and see how it works, you never know when you might find yourself needing to use it.



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Communications with the Community direct using a Microsoft application called Sway – To enable its implementation, the Parish Council is seeking the contact details for those parishioners who wish to be contacted directly with information, copies of Agendas, Minutes, the Audit papers, newsletters, and take part in consultations as and when they take place. This be sent directly to parishioner's inboxes.

General Data Protection Regulations need to be adhered to. Parishioners are asked if they are interested in this service that they contact the Clerk by email at maidenbradley@virginmedia.com and provide their email address (the Clerk will provide them with a form to complete) they will be added to a circulation list. This list would be kept securely on the Parish Council laptop which is password protected. Parishioners would be able to contact the Clerk to be removed from the system at any time as per the General Data Protection Regulations. Parishioners would be able to contact the Clerk to be removed from the system at any time as per the General Data Protection Regulations.

Planning Comments - Application No: PL/2021/11245 Application Type: Householder planning permission

Proposal: Conversion of single garage to provide holiday accommodation Site Address: Wyvern, High Street, Maiden Bradley, Warminster, BA12 7JG

Resolved: Supported

Planning Decisions made by Wiltshire Council - Application No: PL/2021/09110

Application Type: Notification of proposed works to trees in a conservation area

Proposal: T1 Coastal Redwood growing next to boundary wall, fell. T2 Cherry to right of T1, thin crown density by 15% T3 Coastal Redwood with 2 stems in corner by wall. Fell. T4 Cherry on bank by house with large stem wound. Fell. T5 Cheery adjacent to out building with stem cavity. Fell.

Site Address: The Old Dower House, Church Street, Maiden Bradley, BA12 7HW.

Decision: No objections.

PL/2021/08100 Site Address: Former Sydenhams Yard, Bradley Lane, Maiden Bradley, BA12 7JR
Proposal: Demolition of certain existing buildings, conversion of former office building to form 2 dwellings, and construction of 8 new dwellings, with associated highways, drainage, utilities, public open space, and green infrastructure (resubmission of 20/10822/FUL)

Decision: noted that no decision was made to date and that a re-consultation on revised plans will be brought to Council on the 11th of January 2022 at the Full Council meeting. The Clerk was instructed write to everyone on The Rank to invite them to the meeting, the additional postage cost was approved.

Itinerant Model Engineers – The Parish Council agreed to move the question as to whether to support the Model Railways, to the March meeting when the Council would be quorate with a full set of Councillors in place.

Budget/Precept Preparations – the Parish Council approved Budget B giving a Precept Balancing Figure of £26,267.42, this would increase a Band D by £19.97 for the whole year. Equal to an increase of £1.99 a month for 10 months. This is an 11.22% increase but will provide the Community with another Speed Indicator Device, cover the Highways projects requested by the Community and supporting grants for Community Groups and services.

Local Government Finance Act 1992, s49A (added by the localism Act 2011, s 78 (England)

The Council in calculating its Precept, must as far as possible secure that it will suffice for four classes of items, namely.

- a. Next year's expenditure, including an allowance for contingencies.
- b. Outstanding expenditure incurred in previous years.
- c. Expenditure likely to be incurred before the precepted sum becomes available.
- d. Payments to financial reserves.

Reserves and Contingency/General Reserves – The Parish Council approved the draft policy following the draft Budget discussions. The figure of £6,567.08 for the Risk Reserves and Contingency would be put by from the total precept of £26,267.42 in the financial year 2022/2023. The Council agreed to the following levels of reserves below:

Risk Reserves and Contingency £6,567.08

Equipment LGA 1972 s111 – Second Speed Indicator Device & Knapp Bench Seat £4,250.00

Capital Equipment Reserves - Defibrillator & IT Equipment £3,000.00

Election Expenses £2,200.00 - Building in the next 3 years to £3000.00

Action Plan – Community Garden Grant Application - the Parish Council approved the grant request of £700.00, to the Community Garden Group from the 2022/2023 Civic financial year. The Community Garden Group will be awarded the Grant at the May 2022 Annual Meeting.

Action Plan - Link Scheme Donation – A parishioner asked the Parish Council to consider a donation to the Link Scheme. It was agreed to award £500.00 which equated to £20.00 per vulnerable parishioner who used the Link Scheme.

Items for the next Agenda: Precept Second Draft Figures, Approve the precept demand to send to Wiltshire Council, Quarterly Vat Reclaim, PAT Testing, Dates for Council Meetings May 2021 – May 2022 and Litter Pick Date.

Date of the next Full Council meeting. The Council agreed that the 11th of January 2022 would be the date of the next Parish Council meeting. The agenda will be published on the 5th of January 2022. As always, the Parish Council meeting will be open at the start with an opportunity for members of the public to ask questions or make comments on any matter. The website www.maidenbradley.org can be accessed to read a copy of the Agenda and Minutes electronically or copies are displayed on the Millennium Notice Board at the Bus Stop.

Mrs Sarah Jeffries the Parish Clerk can be contacted by email on maidenbradley@virginmedia.com, by phone on 01985 213436, or by post to Parish Clerk, 9 Beech Grove, Warminster, BA12 0AB

Planning Briefing for Local Councils

Training Session attended by Councillor Esther Swan

Making sense of Planning Applications and Permissions

Having just become a Parish Councillor, I thought it would be useful to discover what role and influence the Parish Council has in local planning applications. I spent a morning in a surprisingly interesting zoom meeting organised by Wiltshire Council. What I learned I hope you might find informative.

How do Local Councils decide to grant planning permission?

Here is an overview of the way decisions are made (more information can be found on The Wiltshire Council website).

Fundamentally, Planning applications and planning permissions must be transparent, explained and justified and The House of Lords has ruled that planning decisions have to be compliant with The Human Rights Act.

Firstly, and most importantly, consideration is given to the National Planning Policy (currently this does not have a great deal in it about climate change, so we should expect that to change soon), this sets out nationally 5 year needs for housing and when and where this is needed, currently there is a national priority for housebuilding. Below this comes the Local Council (Wiltshire) Planning Policy, then if a Parish has a Neighbourhood Plan (which Maiden Bradley does not have at present) that will be looked at as well.

Then the views of Consultees, a case officer will listen to the environment agency, the highways authority, traffic engineers (access concerns), environmental health and any other interested parties including the public and the local Parish Council. It is interesting to note that the Parish council is not what is called a 'statutory' consultee, it, like the public is 'listened to' and should be putting forward the concerns of the Parish. This means that it is valuable for members of the public to talk to the Parish Council and to make comments on the online planning application, details of where to find this are always on the pale green application notices pinned up near the site of the work.

Thirdly, Factors on the Ground must be considered, these of course are different for every application but include a list that must be considered – design, privacy/light, noise, pollution (including light pollution), access/traffic, ecology, crime, health and safety, economic impact, permitted development rights, cumulative impact, and what must not be considered – the agent/applicant, land ownership, access and private rights of way, restrictive covenants, value, competition, loss of view, moral issues, building regulation issues, alternative sites for the development and interestingly the number of objections is not considered (it's not a referendum!). The case officer from Wiltshire Council must take into consideration all these views and it must be clear in the audit trail that this has happened.

Full planning permission where all the details are agreed is valid for three years, if work does not start within that time, it will 'lapse.'

Outline planning permission may have details reserved for later consideration (such as access, appearance, landscaping, layout, or scale). In these cases, the Local Planning Authority will ask for more details at a later date before building starts. Planning consent is not permission to build, for that Building regulations must be obtained.

Because we in this village are an ANOB (area of outstanding beauty) most changes to buildings in Maiden Bradley need to apply for planning permissions. You can check out if you need planning permission by looking at The Wiltshire Council website.

Planning permission is attached to the land not the landowner. 90% of permissions are considered by delegated officers, around 12% are refused. 8% of those refusals go to the Secretary of State for appeal and 30% - about one in three of those will succeed.

Appeals are based on credible evidence and 99% of them are dealt with by independent inspectors. An appeal can happen when an application is refused, has reserved matters (details to be dealt with later), conditions, or has failed to be determined, by the applicant. The public cannot appeal a planning decision, their only recourse is to take legal advice to find fault with the way the decision was taken – a judicial review. If that were successful, the process would go back to The Local Council and the process start again.

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