

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE OPERATIONS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
MALVERN TOWN COUNCIL**

held on Tuesday 12 February 2019

in the Council Chamber, Belle Vue Terrace, Malvern, at 6.00 pm

Councillors

Present

S Charles (Chairman)
C Bovey
I Hopwood
L Lambeth
P Mewton
N Mills
P Smith
J Thomas (substitute for H Campbell)

Absent

H Campbell (apologies)
D Watkins (apologies)

In attendance

Linda Blake – Town Clerk
Charles Porter – Operations Manager
Louise Wall – Minute Clerk
Cllr J Cain

38. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from:

- Cllr Hannah Campbell – work commitment, substituted Cllr Thomas
- Cllr David Watkins – two other meetings

39. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Pat Mewton – lives on Elgar Avenue (agenda item 9)

40. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the following meeting be approved and adopted as a correct record of the proceedings and they were signed by the Chairman:

- Operations and Planning Committee held on 28 November 2018

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

John Pearce, Senior Planner of Harris Lamb Property Consultancy and Steve Ulfing, Regional Technical Director of Lovell Partnerships Ltd attended the meeting at the request of councillors who were concerned about the proposed access to the residential development at North End Lane. The planning application, for fifty dwellings, access, car parking, landscaping, open space and associated works has been submitted and is in the consultation stage.

Mr Pearce and Mr Ulfing explained that the original application had been for more dwellings and had proposed the access to be off Mayfield Road. However, this access would involve crossing a strip of land belonging to The Malvern Hills Trust, and the Trust would not grant an easement for this, stating that a second, viable access could be made at the bottom of the site.

Members noted that to get to the access at the bottom of the site, all construction traffic would have to travel through the neighbouring housing estate which has a 'no

motor vehicles excess for access' restriction. They felt it would be impossible to class this access as 'viable'.

Mr Ulrig explained that as part of the application, transport assessments had been carried out and site visits had been made which concluded that the access was safe to use.

However, members thought that the decision by the Trust to rule out access from Mayfield Road was unreasonable and should be considered by the board. It was therefore suggested that the consultancy should put pressure on the Malvern Hills Trust to reverse their decision.

At 6.25 pm Cllr Samantha Charles left the meeting and Cllr Lynne Lambeth took the chair.

Under Standing Order 1a, the Chairman altered the order of business so that item 9 would follow Public Participation.

41. PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

Report OC06/19 was received and noted

18/01865/FUL Land at (OS 7935 4694), North End Lane, Malvern

It was **AGREED** that Malvern Town Council would object to the planning application on the basis that the proposed access is unsuitable, the increase in vehicle numbers through a built up area is unacceptable and there are known flooding problems within the area which will be exacerbated by the development.

It was **AGREED** that the Town Council would write to Malvern Hills District Council to ask them to put pressure on Malvern Hills Trust to reconsider access from Mayfield Road, and this letter would be copied to the ward councillors.

Cllr Pat Mewton was nominated to represent the Town Council at the SAPC meeting when this application is raised.

18/01313/OUT 8 The Hollies Mews, Lower Howsell Road, Malvern

Members looked at the proposed development and the access arrangements.

It was **AGREED** that Malvern Town Council will object to the planning application on the basis that it would be overdevelopment and there is a lack of vehicular access to the site.

42. CHRISTMAS FESTIVAL 2019

Report OC01/19 was received and noted.

Cllr Jenny Cain was present at the meeting in her capacity as Chairman of the Christmas Committee. She explained that although the festival continued to work well and was very popular, the committee felt that it was time for the event to evolve and incorporate new ideas.

Members **AGREED** that all of the suggestions in report OC01/19 were sensible and should be incorporated into the 2019 event:

- Entertainment on the BBC Hereford and Worcester stage will be condensed into a 2 ½ hour slot, with live acts starting at 3.30 pm
- Confetti cannon for lights switch-on at 6.00 pm
- Children's activities to move from Great Malvern library to the grounds of Great Malvern Priory and the taxi rank opposite the post office

- The Morgan Routemaster bus to be sited near the fairground rides and be used as the grotto for Father Christmas
- Rolling road closure to be investigated and applied for
- Costs agreed within the budget of £4,250

43. BANDS IN THE PARK PROGRAMME 2019

Report OC02/19 was received and noted.

Members put forward some suggestions for bands for the unfilled slot on 7 July and stated how popular the Bands in the Park series is, not only with local residents but with visitors to the town, who enjoyed the music in such a beautiful setting.

The Town Clerk explained that the budget for next year's programme would most likely need to be increased as several bands had notified officers of their intention to raise their prices in 2020.

The Bands in the Park programme 12 May – 8 September 2019 as attached to the report at appendix A was **NOTED**.

Members **NOTED** that they would shortly be asked to steward at one or more of the concerts during the programme.

44. REDEVELOPMENT OF VICTORIA PARK PAVILION

Report OC03/19 was received and noted.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that a Task and Finish Group is set up with six members in order to work with council officers to carry out some initial brainstorming and planning for the redevelopment of Victoria Park Pavilion. The following councillors will make up the Task and Finish Group:

- Cllr Pat Mewton
- Cllr Jeremy Thomas
- Cllr Peter Smith
- Cllr Ian Hopwood
- Cllr David Watkins
- Cllr Lynne Lambeth

The Operations Manager and Town Clerk will also attend meetings.

The first meeting will take place in March on a date to be agreed.

45. STREET NAMING

Report OC04/19 was received and noted.

Development at Pickersleigh Grove

Council had been asked to review the four street names already suggested by ward members for the development at Pickersleigh Grove, with Buzzard Crescent and Hen Harrier Close being substituted with two of Goldfinch, Starling, Blackbird and Goldcrest.

It was felt that the names originally suggested by ward councillors were good representations of birds found in Malvern, that using two substitutes would create a mix of bird types and that the developers had not given any real reason to reject these.

Therefore, it was **AGREED** that the names suggested by ward councillors should remain the same with the exception of Hen Harrier which could become Harrier Close, if that is felt to be more suitable.

Development on land at Lower Howsell Road

Some suggestions were put forward for street names along the themes of naval ships to represent the connection to a navel shore establishment in Malvern in the 1940s and major figures from Malvern's history. Cllr Tuthill had also provided some suggestions to the Town Clerk.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that this item be delegated to the local ward members for discussion and decision, with their recommendations to be returned to the Town Clerk.

46. WORK PROGRAMME

Work programme OC05/19 was noted.

The Operations Manager noted that the path edging reinstatement will be completed in a couple of weeks' time and that the Christmas lights had been dismantled on 6 January.

47. CONSULTATION ON NEW GUIDANCE FOR EXTERNAL LIGHTS AND FOR DEVELOPMENT VISIBLE IN VIEWS TO AND FROM THE MALVERN HILLS AONB

Report OC07/19 was received and accepted.

Members supported the guidance in the two documents. Comments were made about how bright lighting could adversely affect the views to and from the hills with several members observing how the bright lights at Waitrose can be seen from the Carrington Bridge.

It was **AGREED** that comments in support of the documents would be submitted by 4 March 2019.

It was **AGREED** that the Town Clerk would write on behalf of the council, to Waitrose to request them to review their lighting and change it, where necessary, to lighting more in keeping with the area.

48. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Operations and Planning Committee will be on Wednesday 20 March 2019 at 6.00 pm.

The meeting ended at 7.35 pm.

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(Chairman)