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MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
MALVERN TOWN COUNCIL

held on Wednesday 7 August 2019

Council Chamber, Belle Vue Terrace, Malvern at 6.00 pm

Councillors

Present

N Morton (Chairman)
S Charles
J Dallow
C Hooper
N Houghton
L Lambeth
J Leibrandt
L Lowton
P Mewton
N Mills
C Palmer
D Roberts
P Smith
J Thomas
D Watkins

Absent

C Bovey (apologies)
R McLaverty-Head (apologies)
J O'Donnell (apologies)
S Taylor (apologies)
P Tuthill (apologies)

In attendance

Linda Blake - Town Clerk
Louise Wall - Minute Clerk
Charles Porter - Operations Manager

44. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from:

- Cllr C Bovey – work commitment
- Cllr R McLaverty-Head - holiday
- Cllr J O'Donnell - illness
- Cllr S Taylor - holiday
- Cllr P Tuthill - illness

45. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

46. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS

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 Mayor:

- Full Council meeting 12 June 2019

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Cllr Hooper raised an issue relating to actions following the MRATHS presentation. The Town Clerk agreed to write to MRATHS to see if they wished to pursue any formal proposals to Council.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

47. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported that he had spent an enjoyable afternoon ringing the bells in the Priory with a group of Italian bell-ringers visiting Malvern from Montegaldella. This followed a busy few weeks which included two hugely successful events held in Priory Park – the first Malvern Pride event and the Mayor's Bonanza.

Malvern Pride

Cllr Morton congratulated the organisers of Pride for such an enjoyable and well-attended day and commented that fears of some councillors about the safety of people and potential protestors on the day had proved unfounded.

Mayor's Bonanza

This year's event had been most successful with a huge, record sum of over £2,600 raised for the two Mayoral charities. The Mayor thanked all staff for their hard work and input, as well as those Councillors and families who had helped on the day.

48. TOWN CLERK'S REPORT

Councillor T-shirts

Councillors were reminded to get their orders in by Friday at 12pm at the latest.

Mayor's Bonanza

The Town Clerk reiterated that the event had been a great success. Some new ideas instigated this year had worked well such as charging for face painting and there were some things that could be built on for next year. The Town Clerk gave a special mention to Officers Clare, Lyndsey, Craig, Grahame and Dave who had all worked very hard on what is a very long day. Thanks were also given to all of the Councillors who had given up their time to help relieve the pressure on staff.

Town Council Grant Scheme

The grants scheme is now open until Friday 23 August, and Councillors were urged to encourage any community groups they know of to apply before this date.

49. REPORTS BY COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE

County Councillors

Cllr Lucy Hodgson had submitted a written report, issued to members with their weekly pack and this was taken as read.

District Councillors

Cllr Sam Charles reported that at Full Council, MHDC had declared a Climate Change Emergency and a committee had already been set up to action this.

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The planning application for the development off Nightingale Road (land at N E Malvern) is now going to be considered at the Southern Area Planning Committee in August rather than by officer delegation, following pressure from District Councillors.

The planning application for the redevelopment of Malvern Theatres had been passed at the July meeting of the SAPC.

Cllr Neville Mills reported that he had attended the reopening of the Victoria Park Bowling Club following building works, and the club would be pleased to see new members if any Councillors are interested.

Following a question from Cllr Watkins, **Cllr Cynthia Palmer** reported that the proposed works to the Priory Park play area were now on hold as the contractors had decided the works could not be completed for the agreed amount and had pulled out of their contract. Works are now being considered for the park as a whole, rather than just the play area and a group has been formed to look at this.

50. TOWN COUNCIL WARD REPORTS/REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Clive Hooper as Town Council representative for CALC reported on two meetings he had attended recently. The main points to come from the meetings were as follows:

- Heather Jeavons was elected as chairman of the committee
- The July CALC meeting was addressed by John Campion and Tom Harding who reported an increase in police officer numbers by 10% to 2145, including increased support in rural areas
- The next meeting of the executive committee will include a talk by Fortis

51. MEMBERS' QUESTIONS

The Town Clerk had not received any members' questions.

52. RECREATION LAND SOUTH OF PROPOSED DEVELOPMENT AT MILL LANE

Report CL01/19 was received and accepted.

The Town Clerk explained that the Town Council had been asked to take ownership of the recreational land forming part of a planning application for land at Mill Lane and this would include a reversed premium of £50,000 which would be ring-fenced for basic maintenance.

If the Town Council did not wish to accept ownership, then a management company would be engaged to maintain the area.

Members felt that this would be an ideal opportunity to avoid problems encountered in the past with management companies and to provide a good service for the new residents of the development. There were a number of options for use of this land and a public consultation could take place.

It was **NOTED** that any agreement to take the land would be subject to agreeing acceptable Heads of Terms as well as satisfactory land searches taking place.

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It was **RESOLVED** that Malvern Town Council takes ownership of the recreational land, Title number WR110269 which forms part of the Planning Application 18/01092/FUL for land at Mill Lane, Malvern.

53. **MALVERN'S NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN – DELIVER ACTION STRATEGY**

Report CL02/19 was received and accepted.

The Town Clerk explained the importance of monitoring the delivery and implementation of key issues and policy themes in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Members felt that the strategy should be developed with input from members of the public and councillors who had been involved in the Neighbourhood Plan process, plus any new councillors with interests in the specific areas identified.

It was **AGREED** that the long-term objectives of the Council should be considered in conjunction with those of the Neighbourhood Plan.

It was **RESOLVED** to pass this item to the Operations and Planning committee for consideration at its next meeting, and that a list of objectives and aspirations alongside a delivery action plan should be drawn up in readiness for Full Council on 25 September 2019.

54. **RANSOM STRIPS OWNED BY THE COMMUNITY OF THE HOLY NAME**

Report CL03/19 was received and accepted.

It was **RESOLVED** to reject the offer from the Community of the Holy Name to take on two ransom strips in Malvern Link.

55. **BASKETBALL FACILITIES AT VICTORIA PARK**

The Town Clerk gave an update on the progress of basketball facilities at Victoria Park. The planning application has now been re-submitted and consultations will finish at the end of the month. The Operations Manager is awaiting one more quotation for works. It is anticipated that permission will be granted at which point orders will be placed.

56. **OPERATIONS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Report CL04/19 was received and accepted.

Cllr Sam Charles presented the recommendation from the Operations and Planning committee meetings held on 19 June and 17 July 2019 and these were taken separately as follows:

19 June 2019

- i. It was **RESOLVED** that Malvern Town Council employs a part-time employee to facilitate the continuation of Saturday football.

17 July 2019

It was **RESOLVED** to amend the proposed resolution ii) so that it was clear that the event would not be of a lesser importance or prominence.

- ii. It was **RESOLVED** that Malvern Town Council holds an Armed Forces Day event in Priory Park on Sunday 28 June, or the Sunday before or the

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Sunday after, to include a military band and ancillary military-themed stalls and exhibitors.

Cllr Watkins left the meeting at 7.30pm

- iii. It was **RESOLVED** that Malvern Town Council relinquishes the licence to maintain the Elgar Roundabout and passes the maintenance back to Worcestershire County Council.

57. POLICY AND RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Report CL05/19 was received and accepted.

Cllr Thomas presented the recommendations from the Policy and Resources Committee meeting held on 31 July 2019 and these were then taken separately as follows:

Cllr Charles left the room.

- i. It was **RESOLVED** to approve the Quarterly Accounts for the first quarter ending 30 June 2019.

Cllr Charles returned to the room.

- ii. It was **RESOLVED** that Council signs up to the Specsavers VDU Eye Care eVoucher scheme at £17 each for six qualifying employees.

58. DATE OF ANNUAL COUNCIL MEETING 2020

The Town Clerk explained that next year's Annual Town Council meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 20 May which will clash with the District Council's SAPC meeting. Therefore it was suggested that the Town Council's meeting is moved to a week earlier to avoid any potential problems as had been incurred this year, where some Councillors found they needed to be at both meetings.

It was **AGREED** that the date of the next Annual Council meeting would be Wednesday 13 May 2020.

59. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting of Full Council would be Wednesday 25 September 2019 at 6.00pm.

The meeting finished at 7.37 pm.

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(Chairman)