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**MINUTES OF A FULL COUNCIL MEETING OF
MALVERN TOWN COUNCIL**

**held in the Council Chamber, Malvern Hills District Council, Avenue Road
on Thursday 9 September 2021 at 6.00 pm**

Councillors

Present

N Houghton (Chairman)
C Bovey
L Lambeth
R McLaverty-Head
N Mills
N Morton
P Smith
A Stitt
S Taylor
P Tuthill

Apologies

C Hooper (Vice Chairman)
J O'Donnell
C Palmer
J Satterthwaite
D Watkins

Absent

S Charles
J Leibrandt
L Lowton

Also in attendance

C Porter – Operations Manager, Deputy
Town Clerk
L Wall – Minute Clerk
Cllr Kaleem Aksar, MHDC

71. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from the following councillors were **NOTED**:

- C Hooper
- J O'Donnell
- C Palmer
- J Satterthwaite
- D Watkins

72. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

73. 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 Mayor:

- Full Council meeting 3 August 2021.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public were present.

74. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor reported that he had met with Vic Allison, and it had been agreed that use of the District Council's chamber for Town Council meetings would be free of charge, but it is currently booked on Wednesday evenings and therefore Full Council meetings would need to be held on an alternative day of the week.

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The Mayor said he had been delighted to see so many people attend the Bonanza and thanked Councillors who had helped on the day, as well as staff for their organisation of the event, which had raised £2,900 so far. Many positive comments had been received, especially on the choice of Victoria Park as the location.

The Mayor, Town Clerk and Operations Manager had met with the local Police over antisocial behaviour at Victoria Park, and they had offered the services of a group that looked at overcoming problems of vandalism in community buildings.

The Mayor had also enjoyed the chance to take part in the Crossbar Challenge at Newtown Football Club. The aim of the challenge is to raise £2,500 to help local people fuel their homes during the winter months. The Mayor was pleased to have hit the crossbar (at least) once.

75. UPDATE ON TOWN COUNCIL OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

The Operations Manager reported the following:

Election for a new Pickersleigh Ward member would take place on Thursday 16 September

Land at Mill Lane – there would be a meeting on site soon to discuss and agree final details of remaining works to be completed and the planting scheme.

Belle Vue Terrace – costs for valuations of the building were being sought as part of the business case for financing of the new pavilion.

The coming weekend would see the last of the Bands in the Park performances, these had been very well supported by members of the public and continued to be a very popular item of the summer calendar.

Football – demand for pitches continued to be low with only one senior team booking so far.

76. REPORTS BY COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE

Cllr Karen Hanks, County Councillor for Malvern Link Division

Cllr Hanks had sent her apologies.

Cllr Kaleem Aksar, District Councillor for Malvern Link Ward

Cllr Aksar had not expected to be able to attend the meeting and so had provided a written report which had been distributed to all councillors beforehand. He emphasised that he was most keen to see if there could be joint working between the councils over proposals for the woodland at Goodson Road.

77. TOWN COUNCIL WARD REPORTS/REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Neil Morton raised the issue of speeding in the town and was concerned that this did not get forgotten.

Cllr Paul Tuthill reported that he had listened to a recent WCC meeting at which the roads and speeding issues were discussed; he was disappointed that County

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Councillors had not attended the Town Council meeting as they would have been able to update members accordingly.

78. **MEMBERS QUESTIONS**

There were no questions.

79. **ROSEBANK GARDENS**

The Operations Manager updated the meeting that digging of the trial holes had been carried out earlier that week, successfully, and there would be no need for the boreholes to be drilled, which would save a substantial amount of money. The data gained would now be analysed so that a solution could be drawn up and this would then go out to tender for a suitable contractor to carry out the work.

80. **VICTORIA PARK PAVILION TASK AND FINISH GROUP**

The Chair of the task and finish group was not at the meeting. The Operations Manager explained that a meeting was being arranged for all councillors to attend as well as Modulek, towards the end of September.

81. **BASKETBALL COURTS**

There was no written report circulated but the Operations Manager reported that the courts were currently open between 9.00 am and 8.00 pm whilst the park-keeper was working, but it would be necessary to look into a long-term arrangement such as a keyholder system and possibly a booking system.

Glass had been broken on the surface during the first week of opening, but had been successfully cleared up by the Operations Team using an industrial vacuum. He asked Councillors to report any problems they heard of immediately so that they could be dealt with.

82. **ENVIRONMENTAL PANEL – ELECTION OF NEW MEMBER**

Report CL02/21 was received and accepted. It was explained that following the resignation of a councillor, there was now a vacancy on the Environmental Panel.

It was **RESOLVED** to elect Cllr Lynne Lambeth as a member of the Environmental Panel.

83. **PROPOSAL TO LIGHT THE BUZZARDS FOR CHARITY PURPOSES**

Report CL03/21 was received and accepted.

It was **RESOLVED** to light the buzzards sculpture during the month of November to raise awareness of pancreatic cancer.

84. **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting would be Thursday 7 October 2021 at 6.00 pm.

The meeting finished at 6.35 pm.

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(Chairman)