

UNADOPTED

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

Held in the Council Chamber, Belle Vue Terrace, Malvern on
Tuesday 22 March 2022 at 6.00 pm

Present

Councillors

C Palmer (Chairman)
J Leibrandt
D Mead
P Smith
S Taylor
D Watkins

Also in attendance

C Porter – Operations Manager
L Davies – Minute Clerk
Cllr N Houghton
Member of the Community Land Trust

Absent

C Bovey
L Lambeth (apologies)
L Lowton (apologies)
N Morton (apologies)

88. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies received from Cllrs Lynne Lambeth, Neil Morton and Lou Lowton were **NOTED**.

89. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

90. 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 these were signed by the Chairman:

- Operations and Planning Committee meeting 9 February 2022.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A presentation was given by Lois Nicks from the Board of Malvern Hills Community Land Trust on plans to provide affordable homes on the land to the rear of Malvern Cube, Albert Road North. A question and answer session then took place with the following information provided:

- Discussions are ongoing with Worcestershire County Council regarding funding for this project, and in some cases the local authority will gift money towards this type of project.
- The site will be a mixture of ownership and tenancy owned houses which will be sold for less than the market value.
- The Land Trust works with several commercial companies, ranging from building societies to solicitors, that are fully supportive of the project.

The Chairman, Cllr Palmer thanked Lois Nicks for coming to present the project to the committee and asked if the leaflet could be circulated along with weekly Councillor pack.

91. BANDS IN THE PARK AND ALTERNATIVE BANDS IN THE PARK

Report OC01/22 was received and accepted.

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The committee **NOTED** the new programme of band concerts for the spring/summer 2022 in Priory Park.

Officers were congratulated on filling so many of the band slots already.

92. **QUEEN'S GREEN CANOPY – JUBILEE CELEBRATIONS 2022**

Report OC02/22 was received and noted.

The committee **AGREED** that the project to plant a new Jubilee Orchard at Greenland Road be put on hold for twelve months due to the national shortage of two-year-old fruit trees required.

The committee **RECOMMENDED** that as part of the Queen's Green Canopy project in 2022, two specimen woodland trees be planted at Yates Hay Road green and open space and that a plaque should mark this area to outline the project.

93. **HEART OF ENGLAND IN BLOOM COMPETITION 2022**

Report OC03/22 was received and accepted.

The committee **NOTED** that an entry had been submitted to the Heart of England in Bloom Campaign 'Town' category; this will focus on three Town Council wards: Priory, Pickersleigh and Chase.

94. **REPLACEMENT SLEEPERS FOR COMPOSTING AREA - GMC**

Report OC04/22 was received and accepted.

The committee **NOTED** the need to replace the thirty-two sleepers within the composting area at Great Malvern Cemetery at a cost of approximately £995.

95. **ROSEBANK GARDENS PROJECTS**

The Operations Manager updated the committee on the ongoing Rosebank Garden projects.

Fountain Project

The Operations Manager informed the committee that there had been a slight delay, due to an underground chamber being discovered in the centre of where the fountain is to be positioned; this has now been filled and made safe.

Bus Shelter

Glazing has now been removed and the main structure is being refurbished, with new parts fabricated where required. The rear wall will be re-clad with steel sheeting before the main structure is reattached.

96. **WORK PROGRAMME**

Work programme OC05/22 was received and **NOTED**.

The Operations Manager updated members that projects were mostly up to date except for the ongoing projects at Rosebank Gardens, which would be delayed into the next financial year.

97. **PLANNING CONSULTATIONS**

Report OC06/22 was **NOTED**.

Cllr David Mead informed the committee that there was a revised application on the MHDC planning portal along with a draft map to now erect 21 dwellings instead of 37 dwellings at 41 Geraldine Road, Malvern, this had not been on the planning list circulated to councillors. Officers would investigate this.

There were no further comments on any current planning applications.

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98. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

It was **AGREED** the next meeting of the Operations and Planning Committee would be held on Wednesday 27 April 2022 at 6.00 pm.

The meeting finished at 7.20pm.

.....(Chairman)

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