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MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING OF MALVERN TOWN COUNCIL

held in the Council Chamber, Malvern Hills District Council, Avenue Road
on Wednesday 7 September 2022, at 6.00 pm

Councillors

Present

N Houghton (Chairman)
K Aksar
C Fletcher (from 6.20pm)
L Lambeth
J Leibrandt
F Matthews-Jones
R McLaverty-Head
N Mills
C Palmer
J Satterthwaite
P Smith
D Watkins
J Wilkinson

Absent

J Ashington-Carter (apologies)
C Bovey
C Hooper (apologies)
L Lowton
D Mead (apologies)
J O'Donnell (apologies)
A Stitt (apologies)

Also, in attendance

L Blake – Town Clerk
L Wall – Minute Clerk

69. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from Councillors Jack Ashington-Carter, Clive Hooper, David Mead, James O'Donnell and Aiden Stitt, and from Clive Fletcher for lateness, were **NOTED**.

70. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

71. 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, to be signed by the Mayor:

- Full Council meeting 4 August 2022.

72. MAYOR'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Mayor thanked everyone who had attended and helped at the Mayor's Bonanza, which had raised £2,680. It had proved a popular day and was well attended by members of the public.

Due to holiday, the Mayor was unable to attend several functions in September but thanked the Deputy Mayor who had stepped in and would represent the Mayor and the Town Council at these.

The Mayor was hosting a quiz at The Mount Pleasant Hotel in October and he hoped councillors would be able to attend.

A further fundraising event will be a sponsored hang glide by the Mayor from the Malvern Hills, and details would follow.

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73. UPDATE ON TOWN COUNCIL OPERATIONS AND ACTIVITIES

The money raised from the bonanza along with other donations and monies raised to date, take the Mayor's name a puppy appeal to over £3,500 which is over a third of the way towards the £10,000 target.

Elsewhere, the operations team had been busy over the past few weeks including with watering duties and changing the flags in the town centres.

74. REPORTS BY COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES IN ATTENDANCE

It was noted that Cllrs Natalie McVey, John Raine and Beverley Nielsen had sent apologies.

Cllr Jack Satterthwaite, WCC

The new revised draft Worcestershire Rail Investment Strategy (2022 to 2050) was currently under discussion and comment, and certain aspects would affect Malvern as it proposed three trains per hour between Malvern and Worcester Foregate Street but did not contain detail on how the infrastructure would be upgraded to allow this.

Cllr Cynthia Palmer, District Councillor

The date for the submission of second round comments on the boundary review had now passed. The changes in boundaries were causing problems for the Malvern Hills Trust as some non-levy payers would become entitled to vote in Trust elections whilst some levy payers would no longer be able to vote in Trust elections.

Cllr Kaleem Aksar, District Councillor

There were various planning related issues currently affecting MHDC's five-year land supply, but further information was expected on the SWDPR and there were several key milestones on this plan due in the next couple of months.

Cllr Houghton asked District Councillors if there had been any updates on the assessment of DDA equipment in Priory Park. Cllr Palmer agreed to speak to officers at MHDC on this issue.

75. TOWN COUNCIL WARD REPORTS/REPRESENTATIONS ON OUTSIDE BODIES

Cllr Neville Mills, Community Action representative

Cllr Mills had allocated some of his district councillor fund to help the Men's Shed group purchase dust extraction equipment to improve working conditions.

Cllr Cynthia Palmer, Priory Ward

Local residents of Portland House had complained about the view of the containers at ARCOS, although these have planning permission and have been there for some time.

Cllr Clive Fletcher joined the meeting at 6.20pm

76. MEMBERS QUESTIONS

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There were no members' questions.

77. **MEMBERSHIP OF POOLBROOK VILLAGE HALL COMMITTEE**

Report CL01/22 was received and noted.

It was **RESOLVED** that Cllr Josie Wilkinson be appointed to the Poolbrook Village Hall Committee as Town Council representative.

78. **LEASE OF DUKES MEADOW PAVILION – MALVERN YOUTH AND JUNIOR FOOTBALL CLUB**

Report CL02/22 was received and accepted.

Members discussed the use of the pavilion by the club and what might be a fair rent to charge for the first year.

It was **RESOLVED** to grant a lease on Dukes Meadow Sports Pavilion to Malvern Youth and Junior Football Club for an initial period of twelve months at a quarterly rental of £50.00. It was **NOTED** that utility bills would be recharged as part of this agreement and that the football club must take out adequate insurance.

79. **OPERATIONS AND PLANNING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDATIONS**

Report CL03/22 was received and accepted and the Chairman of Operations and Planning Committee, Cllr Cynthia Palmer, presented the recommendations from the meeting held on 24 August 2022.

Minute 29 Field of Remembrance

- i. It was **RESOLVED** to support and agree a budget of £1,200 for the biennial Field of Remembrance at Great Malvern Library from Thursday 10 November to Thursday 17 November.

Exclusion of the Press and Public

It was **AGREED** to resolve pursuant to Section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 to exclude the press and public from the meeting on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

Report CL04/22 was handed round at the meeting and the Chair reminded members that this report was confidential and information contained within it should not be discussed outside of the meeting, due to its commercially sensitive detail.

Councillors were given time to read the report and then a discussion, question and answer session followed.

It was **RESOLVED** to approve the four recommendations on report CL04/22 as amended at the meeting.

Recommendation 1

It was **RESOLVED** that 28-30 Belle Vue Terrace should continue to be marketed for sale for a further six months from today's date, and with a minimum sale price as

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stated in report CL04/22. If the building is sold within this time, then the council will pursue the development of the building at Victoria Park.

Recommendation 2

It was further **RESOLVED** that after 8 March 2023, should the building remain unsold, it would be removed from sale and the future of Belle Vue Terrace and Victoria Park would be passed onto the new Council due to take office in May 2023, for a full and detailed review.

Recommendation 3

It was **RESOLVED** that the current lease of the ground floor shop to Malvern Goldsmiths should be extended for a period of six months after which reviews would take place monthly. The service charge will be reviewed and updated to reflect any increase in costs.

Recommendation 4

It was **RESOLVED** that membership of the Task and Finish Group should remain at eight as agreed at Annual Council, but that one further member should be elected to fill the current vacancy following a councillor resignation. Cllr David Mead was elected, subject to his agreement, to fill the vacancy on the Victoria Park Pavilion Task and Finish Group.

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

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting would be Thursday 6 October 2022 at 6.00 pm in Malvern Hills District Council Chamber.

The meeting finished at 7.05 pm.

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(Chairman)