

UNADOPTED

**MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING OF
MALVERN TOWN COUNCIL**

**held in the Council Chamber, Malvern Hills District Council, Avenue Road
on Wednesday 18 January 2023, at 6.00 pm**

Councillors

Present

N Houghton (Chairman)
K Aksar
C Bovey
C Fletcher
C Hooper
L Lambeth
J Leibrandt
F Matthews-Jones
R McLaverty-Head
D Mead
N Mills
C Palmer
A Stitt
D Watkins
J Wilkinson

Absent

L Lowton (apologies)
J Satterthwaite

Also in attendance

L Blake – Town Clerk
L Wall – Minute Clerk
C Porter – Operations Manager

128. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from Councillor Lou Lowton were **NOTED**.

129. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Neville Mills declared an interest in item 4 on the agenda, Sale of 28-30 Belle Vue Terrace, being the Town Council's representative for Malvern Hills Councils for Community Action (Community Action being a tenant of 28-30 Belle Vue Terrace).

130. 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 Mayor:

- Full Council meeting 20 December 2022.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

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.

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131. SALE OF 28-30 BELLE VUE TERRACE

Report EO01/23 was distributed at the meeting. The report detailed an offer that had been received to purchase the Town Council office building at 28-30 Belle Vue Terrace.

Councillors were given time to read the report before the Chairman opened the floor for discussion. He urged all councillors present to contribute to the discussion if they wished to do so.

Cllr Josephine Leibrandt joined the meeting at 6.10pm

A robust discussion followed and members asked several questions which were answered by the Town Clerk. Members also commented on the recent increase in building and refurbishment costs, and how important it was to provide suitable and affordable facilities at Victoria Park and offices for Town Council staff.

It was RESOLVED that Full Council should accept the offer for 28-30 Belle Vue Terrace as detailed in Report EC01/23. This offer being a cash purchase with no conditions attached.

132. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was agreed that the date of the next meeting would be Thursday 9 February 2023 at 6.00 pm in Malvern Hills District Council Chamber.

The meeting finished at 7.10 pm.

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(Chairman)