

MALVERN TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF EXTRA-ORDINARY COUNCIL MEETING
in The Link Room, St Matthias Church, Church Road, Malvern Link
held on Tuesday 12 May 2026 at 6pm

Councillors

Present

M Birks (Chair)
C Bovey
A Cherry
H Clements
I Dawson
C Hooper
K Newbigging
J Leibrandt
D Watkins
N Wanklin
M Jones
L Lowton (6.04pm)
D Mead (6.45pm)

Absent

C Fletcher (apologies)
E Green (apologies)
R McLaverty-Head (apologies)
S Austin (apologies)
D Ward (apologies)
W Whittaker (apologies)
J MacLusky

Also in attendance

L Blake, Town Clerk
J Winkworth, Minute Clerk

The Mayor briefed the Councillors on the purpose of and background to the meeting which commenced at the slightly later time of 6.05pm.

205. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence from Councillors Fletcher, Green, McLaverty-Head, Austin, Ward, and Whittaker were **NOTED**.

206. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

207. CODE OF CONDUCT COMPLAINT

Report CL01/25 was received and accepted.

The Mayor gave Councillors time to read the report and offered the opportunity for questions and further discussion.

Recommendation 2.1

Clarity was sought regarding the wording of recommendation 2.1 and it was **AGREED** to change the word 'findings' to 'report'.

Subject to this amendment it was therefore **RESOLVED** that Malvern Town Council considered and accepted the report from Malvern Hills District Council in respect of the Code of Conduct Complaint made against Cllr Nathan Wanklin.

Recommendation 2.2 (i)

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Wanklin should undertake one to one training as detailed in points 101 to 103 of the investigation report and taking into account neurodiversity needs.

Recommendation 2.2 (ii)

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Wanklin would have no role on the School Streets initiative as detailed in point 104 of the investigation report.

Recommendation 2.2 (iii)

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council would review its induction procedures, communications policy and councillor conduct procedures with due regard to The Equality Act 2010 and subsequent legislation.

Recommendation 2.2 (iv)

It was **RESOLVED** that the Town Council would introduce a Social Media Policy for all members.

Recommendation 2.2 (v)

It was noted that this policy was in place and had recently been reviewed.

It was therefore **RESOLVED** that the Town Council are committed to reviewing the Information Technology Usage Policy for all members.

Recommendation 2.2 (vi)

There was a lengthy discussion on the reasons for and details of this recommendation.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Wanklin’s email address would be limited to being used for internal purposes only until such time as the training required in 2.2 (i) had been completed. Access to the Town Council offices and to Town Council Staff should be by appointment only with one named point of contact, being the Deputy Town Clerk, again until the training has been completed.

Recommendation 2.2 (vii)

Councillors expressed differing views on this recommendation from the Audit and Standards Committee and after discussion, it was **RESOLVED NOT** to accept this recommendation.

Recommendation 2.3

Following discussions and an offer of mentorship from Cllr Jones, it was **RESOLVED** Cllr Jones would act as a mentor to Cllr Wanklin providing any necessary support for a period of 3 months or until training has been completed.

208. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was **AGREED** that the date of the next meeting would be on Wednesday 13 May 2026 at 6pm, of the Annual Council, in the Park View meeting room.

The meeting closed at 7.35pm

.....(Chair)