

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

held on Wednesday 11 July 2018

in the Council Chamber, Belle Vue Terrace, Malvern, at 6.00 pm

Councillors

Present

S Charles (Chairman)
C Bovey
I Hopwood
L Lambeth
P Mewton
N Mills
P Smith
D Watkins

Absent

H Campbell (apologies)

In attendance

Charles Porter – Operations Manager
Louise Wall – Minute Clerk
Dilys Watson – Events Co-ordinator
Cllr Palmer – Mayor
1 member of the public
1 member of the Press

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

Cllr Samantha Charles was elected Chairman of the Operations and Planning Committee for 2018/19.

2. ELECTION OF VICE CHAIRMAN

Cllr Lynne Lambeth was elected Vice-Chairman of the Operations and Planning Committee for 2018/19.

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr Hannah Campbell who had a prior commitment.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was no public participation.

5. PROVISION OF SATURDAY FOOTBALL 2018/19

Report OC01/18 was presented by the Chairman with an update from the Operations Manager:

- Point 4.1 - there is no longer a junior team wishing to play on Saturdays therefore revenue would be reduced to approximately £1,500
- Point 4.2 – the part-time employee would therefore only need to work in the afternoons and the cost would be reduced to approximately £1,410

Members of the committee questioned how many games in total would be played in a season. The representative from Malvern Vale Football Club said that there would be around thirteen home games for two of the teams whilst it was not yet known how many games a third team would play.

Members of the committee questioned why Malvern Vale had applied to play on the Victoria Park pitches when they had their own pitch. The representative from Malvern Vale Football Club said that Malvern Vale only has one pitch and they need two more.

Members felt that it was important to support the recommendation as sport is integral to Malvern Town Council's ethos, and it could also be worthwhile for the younger members of the community.

It was **AGREED** that Malvern Town Council employs a part-time employee to facilitate Saturday football on its pitches.

6. **HERITAGE FESTIVAL 2019**

Report OC02/18 was received and accepted.

Some members of the committee felt that the event should not be held as there were already several events on the calendar and that the cost implications were high.

However, the Events Co-ordinator pointed out that the event in 2016 had been very well received with the re-enactors being especially popular. The only reason the event had not been held in 2017 was due to a problem in co-ordinating dates and booking the Priory and its grounds.

It was suggested that the Heritage Festival could be combined with the Mayor's Civic Service and this is something that will be looked at by Officers.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that the Town Council should hold a Heritage Festival again in 2019 on Saturday 13 April 2019.

It was further **RECOMMENDED** that the Town Council should work in partnership with The Beggar's Company to co-ordinate elements of Heritage Day in Great Malvern Priory and its grounds.

7. **PLANNING CONSULTATIONS**

Report OC03/18 was considered.

- a) There were no items already raised by Ward members, Officers or requested by members of the public
- b) Planning ref 18/00929/FUL, former gas works, Lower Howsell

Members raised concerns over the proposed access arrangements to the development, bearing in mind the narrow width of the road. It was thought that having access in this location would be dangerous due to reduced visibility.

It was **AGREED** that the Operations and Planning Committee would object to planning application 18/00929/FUL for the reasons of lack of visibility and the narrowness of the road. Officers to submit these comments to MHDC via the usual channels.

It was **AGREED** that Councillor Neville Mills will attend the Southern Area Planning Committee meeting when this planning application is raised, to speak on behalf of Malvern Town Council.

8. **WORK PROGRAMME**

Chart OC04/18 was noted.

The Operations Manager said that the works to the Victoria Park play area would start the following day and will include DDA provision.

Judging of Great Malvern Cemetery for its entry into the RHS Heart of England in Bloom competition had taken place the previous Tuesday and results are expected in September.

Cllr Watkins expressed his thanks on behalf of the committee to the Operations Manager and his team for the excellent hanging baskets and other floral planting displays around the town, which this year are outstanding.

Cllr Bovey left the meeting at 6.42 pm

9. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Operations and Planning Committee will be on Wednesday 29 August 2018 at 6.00 pm.

The meeting ended at 6.45 pm.

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(Chairman)

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