

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

held on Wednesday 28 November 2018

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

Councillors

Present

S Charles (Chairman)
I Hopwood
L Lambeth
P Mewton
B Regimbeau (substitute for P Smith)
J Thomas (substitute for C Bovey)
D Watkins

Absent

C Bovey (apologies)
H Campbell (apologies)
N Mills (apologies)
P Smith (apologies)

In attendance

Cllr C Palmer – Mayor
Linda Blake – Town Clerk
Charles Porter – Operations Manager
Louise Wall – Minute Clerk

29. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from:

- Cllr Caroline Bovey – substituted Cllr Thomas
- Cllr Hannah Campbell – ill
- Cllr Neville Mills - holiday
- Cllr Peter Smith – prior engagement, substituted Cllr Regimbeau

30. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

31. 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 they were signed by the Chairman:

- Operations and Planning Committee held on 10 October 2018

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Marc Howard, Development Manager at Fortis Living and Julian Hill, Director at Zebra Architects made a short presentation on the development proposals for land off Beauchamp Road. No planning application has been made yet but Fortis have consulted people living near to the area and have responded to their comments, by increasing the size of the green space, adding a wildlife area, changing the type of housing and reducing the number of dwellings.

The plans are now for eleven homes consisting of three 2-bed bungalows, three 2-bed houses and five 3-bed houses. Members of the committee were then invited to ask questions.

Questions were asked about whether consideration had been given to the effect the extra traffic would have on local roads, whether the houses would be for rent or would be sold and why the houses were not all going to be three-bedroomed.

Marc Howard explained that:

- Access to the site had been given due consideration and the proposed position of the access would allow clear views onto the road. It was not thought that there would be enough extra traffic to cause a problem.
- There will be six houses for rental and five that will be shared-ownership. Fortis Living will be the landlord.
- There are over 1200 households registered with the district council that are eligible for housing at the scheme and most of these require one or two bedrooms.

Members generally agreed that the development would provide much-needed social housing but wanted to be sure that it was providing the size of housing most needed by the community of Malvern.

32. ARMED FORCES DAY GALA

Report OC01/18 was received and accepted.

The date was confirmed as 29 June 2019.

The Town Clerk explained that there would be a vintage theme at next year's Armed Forces Day Gala to help make the whole day more cohesive, and asked members for any suggestions and ideas for the event; these were as follows:

- A hard floor may be needed for the Lindy Hop dancing
- A good PA system would be necessary
- Cllr Mewton offered to run a tent to provide hospitality for ex-service personnel
- The committee agreed that the provision of activities to keep children engaged was a key part of this event
- There could be children's races, obstacle courses, vintage rides, and a rifle range
- MHDC should be approached to include advertising for this event with their promotional literature/annual newsletter
- The committee also felt that the use of an arena area had been very successful and should be repeated in 2019.

33. ALTERNATIVE BANDS IN THE TOWN

Report OC02/18 was received and accepted.

The Town Clerk reminded members that last year there had been free entry to the Alternative Bands in the Town performances but Officers believe that it would be sensible to impose a small ticket price and that future events would have a £5 entry fee.

Members then discussed the venues that had been put forward as potential sites for Alternative Bands in the Town 2019.

It was **AGREED** that there should be two Alternative Bands in the Town performances in 2019. An acoustic style band to play in Abbey Road Coffee and a larger band to perform in the Newtown Club. The dates for these are to be confirmed but would be late September / early October to avoid clashes with events such as Remembrance.

34. EVENTS BUDGET 2019/20

Report OC03/18 was received and noted.

Having considered the budget proposals at appendix A to the report, it was **RECOMMENDED** that they be included in the Council's 2019/20 budget.

35. WORK PROGRAMME

Work programme OC04/18 was noted.

The Operations Manager noted that one item – the path edging reinstatement – which was scheduled for October had now been postponed until January as that would be a more favourable time, and hedge-cutting was ongoing but that all other projects were complete.

36. PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

Report OC05/18 was considered.

- a) There were no specific planning applications raise by ward members, officers or members of the public
- b) Major planning applications currently being considered:
 - 1. 18/01088/FUL QinetiQ St Andrews Road Malvern – Demolition of existing buildings and re-development of the site with 310 dwellings(Use Class C3) (including 20% provision of affordable housing) and a 66-bed care home facility (Use Class C2) – additional information
 - 2. 18/01087/OUT QinetiQ St Andrews Road Malvern - Outline application for demolition of existing building and erection of up to 300,000 sq. ft. of commercial floorspace – additional information

The Chairman informed members that Cllr Neil Morton had already been nominated to be the Town Council's representative at any SAPC meeting where these applications would be discussed, following the initial planning application earlier in the year.

It was **AGREED** that Cllr Morton should remain nominated in this role and members were asked to send any additional comments they have on these applications to Cllr Morton.

37. SOUTH WORCESTERSHIRE DEVELOPMENT PLAN REVIEW – ISSUES AND OPTIONS CONSULTATION

Report OC06/18 was received and accepted.

It was **AGREED** to set up a task and finish group made up of three councillors present at the meeting – Cllrs Palmer, Mewton and Lambeth – and that Cllr Morton would be asked if he would also like to join the group.

The group will consider a response to the South Worcestershire Development Plan Review (SWDPR) “Issues and Options” consultation, to be completed by 17 December 2018.

38. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Operations and Planning Committee will be on Wednesday 30 January 2019 at 6.00 pm.

The meeting ended at 7.30 pm.

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(Chairman)

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