

**MALVERN TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE**

**held on Thursday 8 December 2016**

**in the Town Council Offices, Belle Vue Terrace, Malvern, at 6.00pm**

**Councillors:**

**Present:**

P A Tuthill (Chairman)

J Thomas

S Nichols

R K Yates

C T Smith

**Absent:**

C A L Bovey

P T Mewton

J Cain (Apologies)

J O'Donnell

H Campbell

B A Regimbeau (Apologies)

J Campbell

J D Roskams (Apologies)

M Campbell

P W Smith (Apologies)

M J R Charles (Apologies)

D Watkins (Apologies)

I G Hopwood (Apologies)

L Lambeth

**In attendance:**

Charles Porter – Operations Manager

Heather Jeavons

Lyndsey Davies – Minute Clerk

Tom Yapp

Cllr C Palmer

Mike Everett

**37. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Cain, Charles, Hopwood, Regimbeau, Roskams, P Smith and Watkins.

**38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

It was agreed that Megan Jones and Jo Riley, from Malvern Vale Residents' Association, would make their representations at Agenda Item 3, *Review of Malvern Vale Development*.

**39. PLANNING CONSULTATIONS**

Report SPC01/16 was received and noted.

The Committee had no specific comments on any current planning applications.

**40. REVIEW OF MALVERN VALE DEVELOPMENT**

With the permission of the Chairman, Jo Riley from Malvern Vale Residents' Association gave a brief overview of her experiences as a resident on the Malvern Vale development site which included the following positive and negative points;

**Positive Points**

- Set up a residents' group in March 2012.
- Celebrated the opening of the community centre in October 2012.
- Community based events held throughout the year from annual summer fêtes to Christmas fairs.
- Installed a defibrillator outside the community centre.
- Held a successful campaign for the building and opening of the primary school, with first intake scheduled for January 2018.

**Negative Points**

**Maintenance issues of the green spaces.**

- The contract is currently held by the Greenbelt Group. There are issues with the quality of the contract and the issue that Seven Trent Water Authority will not adopt the drainage systems unless a local authority carries out the green space maintenance.
- The fact that Seven Trent will not adopt the drainage systems also means that Worcestershire County Council Highways will not accept responsibility for maintenance of the roads.
- Roof tax is charged to owner-occupier residents to maintain green spaces. This is charged at £130 and is rising by 11% per year, yet all Malvern residents can use the community facilities on the site.
- Increased vandalism and anti-social behaviour on the site – the local Police have been informed. A resident sent an email to the residents' group explaining that residents are growing increasingly upset that damage is being paid for by Malvern Vale Residents. This has been referred to a member of staff at Malvern Hills District Council (MHDC).

The Committee **RESOLVED** that a letter should be sent to the Chief Executive and Chairman of MHDC to ask what can be done about the unresolved matters on the Malvern Vale Site, including the incomplete road surfaces and the sewage issues.

To resolve the matter of anti-social behaviour from outside Malvern Vale,

it was **RECOMMENDED** that the Mayor and Malvern Town Councillors from Dyson Perrins Ward, be delegated to set up a task group together with representatives of Malvern Vale residents to tackle the issues raised regarding the site.

*Cllr Clive Smith left the meeting at 6.55pm.*

41. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee is scheduled for Thursday 12 January 2017 at 7.00pm.

The meeting ended at 7.00pm.

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Councillor P A Tuthill (Chairman)