

**MALVERN TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE**  
**held on Thursday 15 February 2018**  
**in the Council Chamber, Belle Vue Terrace, Malvern, at 6.00 pm**

**Councillors**

Present

P Mewton (Chairman)  
J Campbell (arrived 6.03pm)  
S Charles  
L Lambeth (arrived 6.10pm)  
I Hopwood  
B Regimbeau  
P Smith  
J Thomas  
P Tuthill

Absent

C Bovey (apologies)  
J Cain (apologies)  
H Campbell  
M Campbell  
M Fletcher  
M Harvey (apologies)  
J O'Donnell  
D Watkins (apologies)

**In attendance**

Councillor Cynthia Palmer  
Charles Porter – Operations Manager  
Louise Wall – Minute Clerk

Six members of the public were present.

**12. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs C Bovey, J Cain, M Harvey and D Watkins.

***Cllr J Campbell joined the meeting.***

**13. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Cllr J Campbell – District Councillor

Cllr P Tuthill – County Councillor

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

The Chairman reminded the Committee and members of the public that Malvern Town Council is a consultee only in the planning process and is not part of the decision making process.

A member of the public spoke on behalf of a group of residents in opposition to planning application number 17/01308/FUL Land at West Malvern Road. He outlined their concerns that should the area be developed, there would be harm to wildlife, loss of trees, privacy and light, and a possibility of subsidence. He asked for the support of the Town Council in objecting to the proposals.

***Cllr Lambeth joined the meeting.***

Councillors discussed the proposals and points raised. It was felt that the residents had made a well-considered presentation. It was advised that they should send their objections separately to the District Council, ensuring that their comments were relevant and individual.

**14. PLANNING CONSULTATIONS**

Report SPC01/18 was received and noted.

**a) Items already raised by Ward members: Planning ref 17/01308/FUL Land at West Malvern Road**

- i. The Committee noted that SWDP 21 states that the scale, massing and height of any development must be appropriate to the setting of the site and surrounding landscape character, and should integrate effectively with the surroundings. The Committee felt that the development will be overbearing to the neighbouring properties.
- ii. The Committee also took into account SWDP 22 which states that development should, wherever practical, be designed to enhance biodiversity as well as conserve on-site biodiversity corridors and networks.

The Committee felt that neither of the above two points was satisfactorily dealt with in this application, therefore it was **RESOLVED** that Malvern Town Council would submit an objection to planning application 17/01308/FUL Land at West Malvern Road based on these reasons.

It was **RESOLVED** that Councillor Brian Regimbeau would attend the Southern Area Planning Committee meeting to speak on behalf of Malvern Town Council when this application was considered.

***Cllr Jill Campbell left the meeting.***

**b) Other 'live' applications from the planning log as raised by Committee members**

17/01913/FUL Victoria Park Bowling Club – demolition of timber central section of clubhouse and erection of new central section

Members queried whether the Town Council had any objections to this application bearing in mind that it was a Town Council asset. The Operations Manager informed members that this application was an amendment to one already approved and that as the works were an improvement to the building and were being paid for by the bowling club, the Town Council should have no objection.

**15. SWDP – CONSULTATION ON SUPPLEMENTARY PLANNING DOCUMENTS**

Report SPC02/18 was received and noted.

- i. The committee asked for clarification as to how the community infrastructure level (CIL) was set for the Great Malvern urban area.
- ii. The committee queried what plans were being prepared to mitigate the ongoing flooding in the Great Malvern urban area.

It was **RESOLVED** that the questions above be submitted in a letter to the SWDP as part of the consultation on supplementary planning documents.

**16. CONSULTATION/COMMENTS – Assets of Community Value Nomination, Langdale Wood**

Report SPC03/18 was received and noted.

It was **AGREED** that the Strategic Planning Committee had no comment to make in relation to this nomination.

17. **DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee will be held on Thursday 8 March at 6.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 7.15 pm.

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(Chairman)