

MALVERN TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE STRATEGIC PLANNING COMMITTEE
held on Tuesday 13 March 2018
in the Council Chamber, Belle Vue Terrace, Malvern, at 7.00 pm

Councillors

Present

P Mewton (Chairman)
J Cain
L Lambeth
I Hopwood
N Mills
B Regimbeau
P Smith

Absent

C Bovey (apologies)
J Campbell
H Campbell
M Campbell
S Charles (apologies)
M Fletcher
M Harvey
J O'Donnell
J Thomas (apologies)
P Tuthill (apologies)
D Watkins (apologies)

In attendance

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

18. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs Bovey, Thomas, Tuthill and Watkins. Cllr Charles sent her apologies by email prior to the meeting.

19. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr Hopwood – item 5, lives in Church Road
Cllr Smith – item 4, member of the Malvern Civic Society

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None.

20. PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

Report SPC01/18 was received and noted.

a) Items already raised by Ward members:

16/01233/FUL Planning Appeal – Demolition of the former Malvern Community Hospital

Further to comments already sent in, it was **AGREED** that the following comments should be submitted:

- There is not a demonstrated need for more nursing homes in the Malvern area.
- The original building should be adapted for use rather than rebuilt.

It was further **AGREED** that Councillors Peter Smith and Palmer would provide input to a letter as Ward Councillors.

Planning ref 17/00066/REM – Reserved matters, land at Eastward Road

It was **AGREED** that the Committee would make no further comments on this application.

b) Other ‘live’ applications from the planning log as raised by Committee members

18/00217/HP – single storey side and rear extension, 4 Westlyn Close, Malvern

Cllr Mills expressed concerns over the safety of the proposed external flue pipe in that it would be very hot at times and will be accessible to people on the site. The Operations Manager explained that because there is no public access, being a private property, this concern would need to be referred to Building Regulations and Officers will pass these comments on accordingly.

21. STAKEHOLDER CONSULTATION, CHURCH ROAD, MALVERN – PROPOSED TRAFFIC CALMING SCHEME

Report SPC02/18 was received and noted.

The Committee did not support the current proposals for traffic calming in Church Road, Malvern. It was **AGREED** that the following comments would be submitted:

Malvern Town Council does not support the proposals for traffic calming for the following reasons:

- i. The speed bumps would create increased noise in a residential area
- ii. The speed bumps would create increased emissions near a school
- iii. Chicanes would be as effective in slowing the traffic but without these drawbacks
- iv. A directional “pinch point” under the railway bridge would be a better solution as it would increase safety of pedestrians using the pavement and slow traffic

22. NEW STREET NAME REQUEST – DEVELOPMENT AT 14A HORNYOLD AVENUE

Report SPC03/18 was received and noted.

It was **AGREED** that the Strategic Planning Committee would suggest the name “Howey Lane” for the new road on the development at 14a Hornyold Avenue. The name is based on the surname of an active suffragette who lived in Malvern – Elsie Howey.

23. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

It was **AGREED** that the next meeting of the Strategic Planning Committee will be held on Thursday 19 April at 6.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 7.35 pm.

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(Chairman)