

**MALVERN TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE**

**held on Thursday 10 March 2016**

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

**Councillors:**

**Present:**

P Mewton (Chairman)

C A L Bovey (left 6.50pm)

H Campbell

I G Hopwood

D Houghton-Smith

C Palmer

P Smith

D Watkins

**Absent:**

M Campbell (Apologies)

**In attendance:**

Charles Porter – Operations Manager

Lyndsey Davies – Minute Clerk

**PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

None.

**35. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllr M Campbell.

**36. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

**37. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETINGS**

The following Minutes of the Operations Committee meeting were approved:

➤ Thursday 14 January 2016

**38. BANDS IN THE PARK**

Report OC01/16 was received.

The programme for Bands in the Park 15 May to 11 September 2016 was **NOTED**.

39. **REPLACEMENT VEHICLE**

Report OC02/16 was received.

It was **AGREED** that a new Ford Transit tipper be purchased from Company A.

40. **ELECTRICITY SUBSTATION – MASON CLOSE**

It was **RECOMMENDED** to accept Western Power Distribution's offer of £5,000 to purchase the freehold of land 4 metres by 4 metres at Mason Close in order to construct a ground-mounted distribution sub-station.

It was also **RECOMMENDED** that the Operations Manager write to the residents directly affected by the sub-station outlining the situation and giving Western Power's contact details for any queries the residents may have.

41. **ALL-WEATHER PITCH, VICTORIA PARK**

The Operations Manager reported that, further to the Notice of Motion to Council in February, enquiries had been made into the feasibility of providing an all-weather pitch at Victoria Park.

Committee members felt that a FA-compliant 3G pitch would be costly, and that FA funding would impose certain restrictions on the pitch. It was therefore **RECOMMENDED** that the Operations Manager investigate alternative multi-sports all-weather surfaces.

42. **HEART OF ENGLAND/MALVERN IN BLOOM 2016**

The Events and Operations Officer updated the Committee on the current Bloom situation and advised the Committee of a new category now part of the Heart of England in Bloom – Parks & Open Spaces. After a discussion the Committee decided that they would not enter the Town Council in this Category in 2016 and would review the category again in 2017.

*Cllr C Bovey left the meeting at 6.50pm.*

43. **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Committee **NOTED** the Operations Work Programme.

44. **NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting of the Operations Committee is scheduled for Thursday 2 June 2016 at 6.00pm.

The meeting ended at 6.55pm.

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Councillor P Mewton (Chairman)