

MALVERN TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE

held on Thursday 12 January 2017

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

Councillors

Present

I G Hopwood (Chairman)
H Campbell (Arrived 6.15pm)
P Mewton

P Smith
D Watkins
R Yates (substituting for J Thomas)

Absent

C A L Bovey
L Lambeth (Apologies)
J Thomas (Apologies)

In Attendance

Linda Blake – Town Clerk
Charles Porter – Operations Manager
Lyndsey Davies – Minute Clerk

47. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs L Lambeth and J Thomas.

48. **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Cllr John Raine, MHDC Chairman and Worcestershire County Councillor and David Barrie representing Lower Interfields.

Cllr John Raine and David Barrie gave a brief overview of the ongoing problem of vehicles exceeding the 40mph speed limit through Lower Interfields in Dyson Perrins Ward.

Cllr Raine explained that he had purchased a VAS sign for the area and that verge markers were in place, but at the last site visit to discuss the problem it had been suggested that Paling Fencing could be installed to mark that the area is a settlement.

David Barrie informed the committee that the VAS device is recording 1,500 vehicles exceeding the speed limit on a weekly basis and that the site had seen a series of accidents.

49. **INSTALLATION OF PALING FENCING AT LOWER INTERFIELDS**

Report OC02/17 was received and noted.

Members of the committee felt strongly that the police should take action on this matter and suggested that residents should write to the local Police and Crime Commissioner.

After further discussion it was **AGREED** that Officers of the Town Council should be delegated to progress this project having first satisfied themselves that it is a legitimate activity for the Town Council to undertake.

50. **CEMETERY REFURBISHMENT PROJECT**

Report OC01/17 was received and noted.

The committee discussed the three options as presented in the report.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that in light of increasing costs, to modify and scale back the project to refurbish the existing toilets and place a canopy over the adjacent area as an open machinery storage at a cost of approximately £6,500.

51. **REDEVELOPMENT OF VICTORIA PARK PAVILION**

The Town Clerk reported that legal advice had been taken regarding the current lease held by the café at Victoria Park Pavilion. The advice received stated that no works should commence until the expiry of the current tenant's lease in May 2020.

The committee **NOTED** that this did not stop the progression of the project and that a longer timescale would allow time to build up reserves, apply for grant funding and to develop realistic and robust plans for the redeveloped pavilion.

A Victoria Park Pavilion Working Party has been formed with its members being Cllrs Hopwood, Lambeth, Mewton and P Smith. Its first meeting is scheduled for Wednesday 18 January at 5.30pm and it will report back to the Operations Committee in March.

52. **CEMETERY EXTENSION PROJECT AND CLOSURE OF MADRESFIELD ALLOTMENTS**

The Operations Manager updated the committee informing them that the remaining allotments will be vacated by 31 January 2017. The site will then be cleared and a roadway put in. The land will not actually be used for burials for another couple of years, when all appropriate licenses and permissions have been obtained.

53. **WORK PROGRAMME**

The Work Programme was received and noted.

54. **NEXT MEETING**

It was **AGREED** that the date of the next Operations Committee meeting will be change to Thursday 16 March 2017 at 6.00pm.

The meeting ended at 6.55pm.

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Councillor I G Hopwood (Chairman)