

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING
OF THE OPERATIONS COMMITTEE
MALVERN TOWN COUNCIL**

held on Wednesday 16 May 2018

in the Council Chamber, Belle Vue Terrace, Malvern, at 6.00 pm

Councillors

Present

I Hopwood (Chairman)
C Bovey
P Mewton
P Smith
J Thomas (substitute for H Campbell)

Absent

H Campbell (apologies)
M Fletcher (apologies)
M Harvey (apologies)
L Lambeth (apologies)
D Watkins (apologies)

In attendance

Charles Porter – Operations Manager
Louise Wall – Minute Clerk
Cllr Palmer – Mayor
Cllr N Mills
6 members of the public

51. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Cllrs H Campbell, M Fletcher, M Harvey, L Lambeth and D Watkins. Cllr Campbell had substituted Cllr Thomas.

52. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Secretary of Knapp Way Allotment Association thanked the committee for giving up their time and officers for providing all of the relevant information. The association believes there is a real need for fresh water supply and to limit this to five hours only would present significant problems to the gardeners. However, they recognised the need for water conservation and were willing to work with the council to put this into practice. Whilst buying water butts and guttering would be expensive compared to the potential savings in water costs, they agreed this would be a positive step environmentally. Therefore, they asked committee to consider their suggestion that the water be switched off at night only from 9.00 pm until 7.00 am.

The Secretary of Goodwood Road Allotment Association reported figures on the pressure at various water taps around the allotment site. He said that splitting plots in half had resulted in many more tenants using the taps and that many of the taps were leaking. The association would like to pursue a closer relationship with the council to ensure that they have a say earlier in the decision making process. They suggested notices be placed on taps and in the allotment tenancy agreement urging water conservation.

53. INSTALLATION OF WATER TIMERS AT GOODWOOD ROAD AND KNAPP WAY ALLOTMENT SITES

It was **AGREED** that 21 taps would be replaced by Malvern Town Council, to be fitted across both allotment sites, and that 15 water butts would be supplied free of charge for use on the plots.

It was **RECOMMENDED** that Council amend its resolution from 7 February and that water timers be fitted at Goodwood Road and Knapp Way allotments to switch the water off overnight from 9.00 pm until 7.00 am. Water will also be switched off completely from 1st November until 1st March.

54. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

The meeting ended at 6.50 pm.

There will be no further meetings of the Operations Committee.

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(Chairman)

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