

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of

Ledbury Town Council

held on

Thursday 16th April 2015

Present: Councillors: The Town Mayor, Councillor R Barnes, Chairman

P Bettington	A Bradford
A Conway	A Crowe
M Eager	K Francis
E Harvey	C Jupp
C Ridler	J Roberts
C Stallard Daniels	T Widdows
P Winter	R Yeoman

In attendance: Mrs K Mitchell – Clerk to the Council
Mrs M Bradman – Deputy Clerk to the Council
11 Members of the public
1 representative of the press

The Town Mayor asked the meeting to spend a few moments in remembrance of Ledbury Police Community Support Officer Heather Mika who had recently passed away.

In recognition of the town's ongoing commemoration of the 85 men from Ledbury who lost their lives in WWI, the Town Mayor asked members to remember Private Harry Sparks of the East Yorkshire regiment who was killed in action on 16th April, 2015, aged 34 and Petty Officer John Potter of the Royal Navy who was serving on HMS Canopus and died on 25th April 1915 aged 45.

The Town Mayor advised those present that the Value for the month of April is 'Trust'.

C.160- 04.15 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted for Councillors D Durham and A Warmington

C.161- 04.15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared at this point in the meeting.

C.162- 04.15 DISPENSATIONS

No applications for dispensations had been received.

C.163- 04.15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A local resident read out a statement to the meeting. At the point where the resident made defamatory statements about a member of staff the Town Mayor asked the resident to stop speaking.

The request was refused and the resident continued to cause a disruption at which point the Mayor suspended the meeting and the Police were called.

The Mayor resumed the meeting, stated that in his opinion there had been a breach of Standing Order No.10a Disorderly Conduct '*No person shall obstruct the transaction of business at a meeting or behave offensively or improperly*', and moved that the person be excluded from the meeting.

It was **RESOLVED:** **That the person be silenced and excluded from the meeting.**

VOTING: **For: 12**
 Abstentions: 3

As the resident refused to leave the chamber, the meeting was adjourned to await the arrival of the Police.

After a period of time and in view of the Police arrival being held up because of a higher priority incident, the Town Mayor announced that due to the lateness of the hour and the amount of business still to be transacted the meeting would be re-convened on a date to be advised.

The meeting was abandoned at 8.15pm.

Chairman..... Date.....