

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE
PLANNING AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON
THURSDAY 11th JULY 2013**

PRESENT: Councillor - C Ridler - Chairman
Councillors R Barnes A Bradford
A Conway A Crowe
L Fieldhouse E Harvey
J Roberts M Roberts.
C Stallard Daniels T Widdows

Also present: Mrs K Mitchell - Clerk to the Council
Mrs R Blandford - Clerical Officer

P.18 - 07.13 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted for Councillors P Bettington, M Eager and K W Francis.

P.19 - 07.13 INTERESTS

There were none declared at this point in the meeting.

P.20 - 07.13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

P.21 - 07.13 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 6th June 2013, copies previously circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

P.22 - 07.13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members considered the following Planning Applications:-

1. 131552/F	Change of use from domestic storage to a class A1 shop at Siddington Farm, Leddington for G & B B Houlbrooke.
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(FULL PLANNING)

RESOLVED: That the application be supported

VOTING:	FOR	10
	ABSTENTION	1

2. 131584/FH Proposed rear extension at 7 Lower Road for Mr & Mrs Taylor

(FULL HOUSEHOLDER)

RESOLVED: That the application be supported

VOTING: FOR 10
ABSTENTION 1

P.23 - 07.13 PLANNING APPLICATION DETERMINATIONS

Members were circulated with a summary of Determinations made by Herefordshire Council on Planning Applications previously considered by Ledbury Town Council.

RESOLVED: That the summary be noted.

P.24 - 07.13 COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS

Members reviewed the list of committee functions. It was suggested that the Council should be more actively looking at economic development for the town and that in order for it to be managed more effectively, the functions with a focus on economic development currently associated with other committees, should be brought under the heading of the Planning and Economic Development Committee.

RESOLVED: That the Environment & Leisure and Finance & General Purposes Committees be requested to consider which of their existing functions could be put together and actively managed under an economic development banner.

Members were then asked to identify those committee functions with a specific economic development focus which they thought could be transferred to the Planning & Economic Development Committee.

RESOLVED: That transfer of the following functions to the Planning & Economic Development Committee be put forward for consideration at the next Full Council meeting.

- Charter Market
- Internal Town Transport
- Look @ Ledbury
- Tourism

It was proposed that in view of the committee having little influence on planning matters it would be a good opportunity to change its emphasis to that of economic development, and that that should be reflected in the committee's name.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council be recommended to change the committee's name to "Economic Development & Planning Committee".

P.25 – 07.13 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

The Chairman of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party presented the report from the meeting held on 18th June, 2013, copies having been circulated.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted, and that the Town Council be recommended to approve any recommendations contained therein.

P.26 – 07.13 LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

The Chairman gave an update on the Lengthsman scheme. It was reported that Herefordshire Council is due to review the scheme and that further information would be available in due course.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council be recommended to support joining the scheme in principle, subject to clarification and consideration of changes at the Full Council meeting.

P.27 – 07.13 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

1. Ranking of Traffic Regulation Orders

Members were circulated with a list of Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO's) relating to Ledbury, showing changes to ranked positions, proposed works program September 2012, combined speed limit and 'other' requests (including speed limit review recommendations)

Programmed Requests as at March 2013:-

- 4 Ledbury B4214 Orchard Business Park - reduce 60mph to 40mph
- 18 Mables Furlong - Ledbury Waiting Restrictions
- 21 Long Acre - Ledbury Waiting Restrictions
- 25 New Street Ledbury - request from Cllr Watts Review existing DYLS / H bar markings
- 29 Cottage Hospital - Ledbury Waiting restriction

There was some concern that proposals previously commented on by Ledbury Town Council did not appear on the above list. Members felt that rather than take a piecemeal approach, they should be taking a co-ordinated, holistic look at traffic related issues in the town. Following discussion it was decided that the matter should be referred to the Car Parking Working Party for further discussion, and that the working party's remit should be broadened to include traffic management related matters.

RESOLVED: That the Car Parking Working Party be renamed as the Traffic Management Working Party.

- 2. On Street Parking - Orchard Lane, Longacres and New Street.

It was agreed that discussion be deferred to the Traffic Management Working Party meeting.

P.28 - 07.13 MALVERN HILLS AONB

Management Plan for The Malvern Hills Area Of Outstanding Natural Beauty (2014-2019) and Environmental Report

Public consultation on the following documents is taking place between Monday 24th June and Monday 5th August 2013.

- 1. The draft Malvern Hills AONB Management Plan (2014-2019).
- 2. The Environmental Report for the Management Plan, prepared in accordance with Strategic Environmental Regulations (2001/42EC).

RESOLVED: That the Town Plan Group be requested to consider the consultation documents and report back with any recommendations.

P.29 - 07.13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

The next meeting of the Planning & Economic Development Committee will be held on 15th August, 2013, and will be plans only.

Items raised for inclusion on future agenda:-

- Re-instatement of free car park. Cllr A Bradford
- Parking in Mables Furlong. Cllr L Fieldhouse

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.32 pm.

CHAIRMAN..... DATE