

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON
THURSDAY 26th JUNE 2014

PRESENT: Councillor - J Roberts - Chairman
Councillors A R Bradford R Barnes
A Conway A Crowe (VC)
D Durham M Eager
K Francis R Hadley
E Harvey M Roberts
T Widdows R Yeoman

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor P Bettington
Mrs K Mitchell – Clerk to the Council
22 members of the public (part)

P.19 - 06.14 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted for Councillor C Stallard Daniels

P.20 - 06.14 INTERESTS

Councillor R Yeoman declared a Disclosable Pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 5,10 as a Trustee of Ledbury Cricket Club.
Councillor A Crowe declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 5,11.

P.21 - 06.14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A local resident outlined her objections to proposed waiting restrictions in the town, namely those in Worcester Road and off Bye Street. She felt they were unnecessary and would have a detrimental effect on local businesses and devalue properties in the area.

Mr Matthew Erlich, representing Ledbury Cricket Club, spoke in support of the planning application P141651/O (refer P.23-06.14, 10) He explained that the applicants had offered the Cricket Club a re-location package to move from the land behind the Full Pitcher, currently on a short-term rolling lease, to a freehold site near the Ross Road Playing fields. He outlined the opportunities and benefits that this would give to the long term development of the Cricket Club. The main points being:

- The move to a freehold site would guarantee the future of the Club
- New brick built pavilion, wickets, junior nets and practice nets
- Up to date facilities compliant with disability access standards
- Opportunity to re-start junior section and U16 football in winter

P.22 - 06.14 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 22nd May 2014, copies having been previously circulated, were confirmed as a correct record.

P.23 - 06.14 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

In the interest of expediency, agenda item 5,10 was moved forward.

Having declared a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest in the following planning application, Councillor R Yeoman left the chamber and took no part in debate and voting.

10. P141651/O Site for residential development of up to 100 dwellings with associated means of access and car parking for The Full Pitcher Public House at Land to the rear of, The Full Pitcher, New Street for The Silverwood Partnership and Enterprise Inns PLC
(OUTLINE PLANNING)

A motion to support the application was LOST by 7 votes to 2, with 3 abstentions.

It was the proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: To object to the application on the following grounds:

The site is currently protected under UDP Policy RST4 Safeguarded Open Space.

There is no provision made for the loss of the existing sporting facility on the site.

Concerns over access and egress.

**VOTING: For 7
Abstentions 5**

Councillor Yeoman returned to the chamber.

1. P141334/F Proposed extensions and upgrading of steel framed building at Old Kennels Farm, Bromyard Road for Mr B Wilce
(FULL PLANNING)

RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

**VOTING: For 11
Abstentions 2**

2. P141374/FH Proposed single storey garden room extension and internal alterations. Demolish conservatory at White Gates, New Street for Mr J Murray
(FULL HOUSEHOLDER)

No comment was made as the application had already been decided by Herefordshire Council.

3. P141375/FH Proposed demolition of part of existing ground floor structure. Construction of single storey extension at 51 Albert Road for Mr & Mrs H Pearce
(FULL HOUSEHOLDER)

At this point Councillor K Francis declared a non-pecuniary interest in the following planning application.

RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

**VOTING: For 11
Abstentions 2**

4. P141405/F Variation of Condition 2 on Permission DMN/103012/FH to allow the use of the garden studio as holiday let at Orchard Cottage, for Mr S Davis
(FULL PLANNING)

RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

**VOTING: For 11
Abstentions 2**

5. P141495/FH Proposed single storey side extension to form lobby, WC and extended Kitchen/Breakfast area at East View, Bridge Street for Mr & Mrs Maciej & A Zalewski & Zalewska
(FULL HOUSEHOLDER)

RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

**VOTING: For 12
Abstentions 1**

6. P141567/FH Proposed increase in width of existing access and car parking area at East View, Bridge Street for Mr & Mrs Maciej & A Zalewski & Zalewska
(FULL PLANNING)

RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

**VOTING: For 12
Abstentions 1**

7. P141497/FH Proposed new single storey extension to rear of existing semi detached dwelling to form new ground floor bedroom and office accommodation at 18 Worcester Road for Ms G Hawkins

(FULL HOUSEHOLDER)

RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

**VOTING: For 11
Abstentions 2**

8. P141569/FH Proposed first floor extension to front elevation at 2 Gibson Road for Mr A Brace

(FULL HOUSEHOLDER)

RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

**VOTING: For 11
Abstentions 2**

9. P141584/FH Proposed loft conversion to include dormer and balcony at Blossoms, for Mr P Green

(FULL HOUSEHOLDER)

RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

**VOTING: For 11
Abstentions 2**

11. P141672/FH Proposed extension to rear and new pitched roof to garden room at 3 Southend Mews for Mrs S Coffey

(FULL HOUSEHOLDER)

RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

**VOTING: For 12
Abstentions 1**

12. P141707/F Proposed erection of a new building to serve dual agricultural and equestrian use housing an equine swimming pool at Lilly Hall Farm, Lilly Hall Lane for Mr E De Giles

(FULL PLANNING)

RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

**VOTING: For 10
Abstentions 3**

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.25 - 06.14 APPEAL DECISION

Members were advised of the following appeal decision by the Planning Inspectorate

Appeal Ref.: APP/W1850/D/14/2217279

Site: 5 Larkrise, Knapp lane, Ledbury, HR8 1AN

Description: The Appeal is against the decision of Herefordshire Council to refuse planning application ref P132945/FH for a 1.8m high fence and garden shed, loglap 1.8 x 2.4m, and closure of existing vehicular access.

Inspector's decision: The appeal is dismissed.

RESOLVED: That the appeal decision be noted.

P.26 - 06.14 WORKING PARTY REPORTS

Neighbourhood Plan

1. Members received a report from the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party meeting held on 3rd June 2014, copies having been circulated.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

2. The Chairman advised that due to insufficient time between meetings, the report from the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party meeting held on 23rd June 2014 had not been completed in time for circulation at the meeting. The report will be presented at the next meeting.

P.27 - 06.14 DISABLED PARKING

Councillor Francis advised the meeting that he had been approached by a user of a powered wheelchair who had queried where he could park his vehicle. Councillor Crowe said that users of powered wheelchairs and mobility scooters normally park outside shops or sometimes take them inside if space allowed. Councillor Durham, himself a user of a powered wheelchair, advised that he had not experienced any difficulties parking in the town centre.

The Clerk provided information obtained from the .GOV.UK website pertaining to parking – section 45 of the 'Rules for users of powered wheelchairs and mobility scooters' states:

“All normal parking restrictions should be observed. Your vehicle should not be left unattended if it causes an obstruction to other pedestrians - especially those in wheelchairs. Parking concessions provided under the Blue Badge scheme (see 'Other information') will apply to those vehicles displaying a valid badge”.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

P.28 - 06.14 TOWN CENTRE SIGNAGE

Councillor Eager raised his concerns over poor car parking signage in the town centre. He felt that this was contributing factor to an apparent decline in visitor numbers to the town, as motorists, unable to easily locate the car parks, were simply driving on through to other destinations. Councillor Harvey advised that she had raised the matter with the Parking Services Manager at Herefordshire Council and that he was awaiting a list from the Town Council identifying where signs should be improved/sited. In order to cut down on street clutter it was suggested that consideration could be given to painted directional car parking signage on the highway.

RESOLVED: That Councillors Barnes, Conway and Eager compile a list for submission to Herefordshire Council.

P.29 - 06.14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

The Chairman advised that the next meeting of the Economic Development & Planning Committee will be held on 7th August 2014. 26th June, 2014. The meeting will be Plans only and only held if necessary.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.01pm.

CHAIRMAN..... DATE