

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 8 NOVEMBER 2018
IN THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES, LEDBURY**

PRESENT: Councillors: A Bradford, M Eakin, P Howells, N Morris, J Roberts, N Shields, A Warmington (chairman) and D Whattler.

IN ATTENDANCE: M ab Owain (Temporary Clerk), C Tustin (Minute Taker), one member of the public and three representatives of the proposed nursing home development.

P115.- 11 – 18 APOLOGIES were received from Councillors Baker, Harvey, Hopkins, Manns and Vesma.

P116.- 11 – 18 INTERESTS: none were declared.

P117.- 11 – 18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Chairman welcomed representatives from Gillings Planning and Frontier Estates in connection with the development of land between the Full Pitcher and Martins Way to provide a 66-bed care home.

The following details were explained:

- It would be aimed at providing care for the last three years of life;
- It would employ high quality staff but accommodation on site was not envisaged;
- A 60/40 or 70/30 split between private and NHS was planned;
- Discussions ref parking are still in early stages;
- Technical work is underway with publication expected on 28 November;
- Contacts with local health care providers were suggested;
- An application is expected to be made early in 2019 and it was hoped to return to update the committee at its February meeting.

P118.- 11 – 18 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting on 4 October 2018 were proposed by Cllr Bradford, seconded by Cllr Howells and agreed unanimously.

P119.- 11 – 18 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members commented on the following planning applications prior to their determination by Herefordshire Council.

5.1	184014	Proposed conversion of barn at land off B4214, Staplow (part 3) Class Q – prior approval RESOLVED: to support application
5.2	183648	Change of use at 22 New Street, HR8 2DX (planning permission) RESOLVED: to support application
5.3	183677	Demolition of existing rear extension and construction of new works at Carmona, 66 Bank Crescent, HR8 1AF (Full householder) RESOLVED: to support application
5.4	183429 183430	Change of use of building at Siddington Farm, Orham Lane, Leddington, HR82LN (planning permission and listed building consent) RESOLVED: to support application
5.5	174495	Outline planning application for erection of up to 435 new dwellings with all matters except access reserved for future consideration at Dymock Road, Ledbury (outline – amended and additional) RESOLVED: not to support application on grounds previously stated with addition of potential for noise issues.
5.6	164078	Application for approval of reserved matters following outline approval P143116/O for 321 residential dwellings at land to the south of Leadon Way, Ledbury (approval of reserved matters) RESOLVED: not to support application on grounds already stated and to request Herefordshire Council to have independent acoustics expert give a view on the proposal; that attenuation be tested and approved before construction continues.

P120.- 11 – 18 PLANNING APPLICATION DECISIONS

Appendix 1: noted.

P121.- 11 – 18 ED&P BUDGET SETTING 2019/20

It was proposed that generally next year's figures be carried over from this year, with addition of £8,000 for residents' parking.

It was felt that the town council needs to be seen to give the lead in promotion of tourism to the town. In particular there had been a proposal from Joined Up Heritage for touch screens in historic buildings, and a reprint of the destination brochure was needed.

The need for the council to pay for residents' parking was queried. It was recognised that a whole-town approach was needed with a traffic management working party looking at all the issues.

Proposed by Cllr Shields and seconded by Cllr Morris.

It was PROPOSED by Cllr Roberts and seconded by Cllr Howells that the £8,000 allocated for residents' parking (4542) be removed, with an increased budget of £8,200 put in place for work on traffic management solutions (4546).

Seven voted in support and one against.

Cllr Roberts PROPOSED, seconded by Cllr Shields that the Job Fair/Business Forum line 4548) be removed.

Cllr Shields PROPOSED and Cllr Roberts seconded that the town promotion budget line (4703) be increased to £4,000.

Seven voted in support and one abstained.

Cllr Howells PROPOSED removing the budget line 4705 for signage and adding this £1,050 to the promotion budget (4703). Seconded by Cllr Manns.

Seven voted in support and one abstained.

P122.- 11 – 18 PROPOSED RESIDENTIAL DEVELOPMENT BY GLADMAN ON LAND OFF LITTLE MARCLE ROAD.

Councillors should note this proposal for 210 houses at this stage.

P123.- 11 – 18 LEDBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

It was proposed that a working party meeting be held on Tuesday 20 November. Five members of the public were prepared to stand on the working party and it was hoped five councillors would also attend.

P124.- 11 – 18 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

The temporary clerk proposed a working party meeting on Tuesday 27 November. Cllr Howells agreed to chair and Cllrs Morris, Manns, Harvey and three members of the public had put their names forward.

P125.- 11 – 18 PUBLIC REALM

There had been no further developments.

P126.- 11 – 18 MALVERN HILLS AONB MANAGEMENT PLAN 2019-24

The consultation draft had been circulated and councillors were encouraged to respond.

P127.- 11 – 18 HEALTHWATCH MEETING

Cllr Shields reported that Ledbury Health Group is working to define needs and issues of healthcare in the town.

Cllr Bradford asked to join the group. Cllr Shields agreed to speak to Patricia Wilkin and stressed that all councillors are welcome to join.

P128.- 11 – 18 CORRESPONDENCE

There was none.

P129.-11 – 18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA INCLUSION

The date of the next, scheduled meeting of the Economic Development & Planning Committee is Thursday 13 December 2018.

Meeting closed at 9.00pm

CHAIRMAN DATE