

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of
Ledbury Town Council
held on
Thursday 6th November 2014

Present: Councillors: The Town Mayor, Councillor R Barnes, Chairman
P Bettington A Bradford
A Conway A Crowe
D Durham M Eager
R Hadley 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
3 members of the public; 1 representative of the Press

Before opening the meeting, The Town Mayor asked members to observe a short silence in memory of the town's first casualty of WW1. Stoker 1st Class Benjamin Chadd who served on the HMS Good Hope had sadly passed away on 1st November, 1914.

The Town Mayor advised that the Value for the month of November is 'Respect'.

C.86 - 11.14 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted for Councillor K Francis.

C.87 - 11.14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest made at this point in the meeting.

C.88 - 11.14 DISPENSATIONS

No applications for dispensations had been received.

C.89 - 11.14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to speak.

C.90 - 11.14 MINUTES

1. The Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd October 2014, copies having been circulated, were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

C.91 - 11.14 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Mayor, Councillor Bob Barnes presented a written report on his mayoral activities between 3rd October and 6th November, copies having been circulated. He drew attention to a number of events he had attended and gave an update on HMS Ledbury's re-fit schedule advising that the crew would be moving to HMS Middleton whilst the works are in progress.

The Mayor advised that Herefordshire Council was offering a Christmas parking concession for one whole day of free parking in Ledbury as long as it is linked to a special event. Members agreed that this should coincide with the Christmas Lights Switch-on event on 29th November, 2014.

C.92 - 11.14 LEDBURY TOWN PLAN

1. Mr G Holliday, acting secretary of the Town Plan Working Party presented a report on the group's activities since the last meeting.

Members were advised that a special 'action planning' meeting would be held on 18th November and were encouraged to step forward to assist with any topics of particular interest.

RESOLVED: That the Report be noted.

Referring to Household Survey and Action Planning, it was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: That the Economic Development and Planning Committee be granted delegated authority to approve a quotation relating to data analysis, provided that any spend is within budget.

C.93 - 11.14 HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Bettington presented a written report, copies of which had been previously circulated.

Members were circulated with a joint written report from ward Councillors Harvey and Widdows, containing up to date information on the following topics:

- Council Tax Relief
- Community Infrastructure Levy
- Community action on services - Love Ledbury
- Street Scene update
- Planning matters
- Fire Cuts update

A copy of the report is available on the Town Council's website.

C.94 - 11.14 COMMITTEE REPORTS – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

1. Councillor J Roberts, Chairman of the Economic Development and Planning Committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 9th October, 2014, copies having been circulated.

RESOLVED: That the minutes P.41-10.14 to P.51-10.14, be received and noted and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.

VOTING: Unanimous

2. To consider the following Planning Application

P143116/O Proposed outline planning permission for the erection of up to 321 residential dwellings (including up to 35% affordable housing, structural planting and landscaping, informal public open space, children's play area, surface water attenuation, vehicular access point from Leadon Way and associated ancillary works. All matters reserved with the exception of the main site access. Land to the South of Leadon Way, Ledbury for Mr J Lewis.

(OUTLINE PLANNING)

RESOLVED: That the Town Council object to the application on the following grounds:

- Connectivity to the town
- Landscape impact
- Development outside of the settlement boundary as identified in the UDP
- Sustainability – pressure on schools; healthcare; increase in traffic
- Core Strategy - The application is not an appropriate development for Ledbury at this time as it would be in addition to the 800 dwellings already identified in the Core Strategy

VOTING: For 14
Abstention 2

It was further RESOLVED: That the Town Council comment that it would expect to see social housing as part of the application as opposed to affordable housing.

VOTING: For 14
Abstention 2

3. Street Trading application:

Applicant: Mr Omer Guney
Business Name: Marcos Kebab Takeaway
Proposed Product Range: Kebabs, burgers, chips, salad, cold drinks.
Precise Location: Lower Road Industrial Estate
Days and times applied for: 5pm to 11pm 7 days a week.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council recommend refusal of the application on the grounds of location; highway safety; potential for littering; lack of evidence of need, due to the proximity of town centre outlets.

VOTING: For 15
Against 1

C.95 - 11.14 COMMITTEE REPORTS – ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE

1. Councillor M Eager, Chairman of the Environment and Leisure Committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 16th October, 2014, copies having been circulated.

Referring to E.52, Councillor Eager notified members that the Recreation Working Party meeting scheduled to be held on 11th November had been cancelled until further notice.

Referring to E.52, The Chairman of the Christmas Lights Working Party, Cllr Phill Bettington made a plea for more volunteers to help out with the Christmas Lights event on 29th November, 2014.

RESOLVED: That the minutes E.44-10.14 to E.55-10.14, be received and noted and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.

VOTING: For 14
Abstentions 2

C.96 - 11.14 COMMITTEE REPORTS – FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES

1. Minutes

Councillor P Winter, Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, presented the minutes of the meeting held on the 23rd October, 2014, copies having been previously circulated.

Referring to F.47, The Chairman clarified a query relating to staff training and gave details of training undertaken over the past year.

RESOLVED: That the minutes F.42-10.14 to F.54-10.14, as corrected, be received and noted and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted

VOTING: Unanimous

2. Herefordshire CCTV Service level Agreement (SLA)

Members considered Herefordshire Council's revised CCTV Service Level Agreement. Members felt that the agreement in its current form was weak and lacking in measurability.

RESOLVED: That Councillor Yeoman critique the document for submission to Herefordshire Council.

VOTING: For 15
Abstention 1

C.97 - 11.14 NALC CONFERENCE

Members considered a request from Councillor Hadley to attend the NALC conference for larger councils on Wednesday 3rd December, 2014 in London, at a cost of £195 plus travel expenses.

RESOLVED: That the request to attend the NALC conference on 3rd December, 2014 be approved.

VOTING: For 13
Against 1
Abstentions 2

C.98 - 11.14 LEDBURY PLACES

The Town Mayor confirmed that Heritage Lottery Fund representatives had visited the town on 23th October to visit each of the buildings in the scheme. The outcome of the grant application is expected at the end of January 2015.

C.99 - 11.14 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Community Action, Ledbury

Councillor Conway gave a verbal report on the AGM held on 23rd October 2014' and passed on the group's appreciation for the support received from the Town Council.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

C.100 - 11.14 GENERAL

The Clerk gave details of general correspondence received in the office.

Members were advised of an email received from Fields in Trust, outlining a new project called The Centenary Fields Programme. Town and Parish Councils in England are invited to nominate a green memorial space to be dedicated as a Centenary Field, in memory of those who gave their lives in WW1.

RESOLVED: That the matter be referred to the Environment and Leisure Committee for consideration.

C.101 - 11.14 QUESTIONS TO THE TOWN MAYOR

There were no questions put to the Mayor.

C.102 - 11.14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be held on 11th December 2014.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.14p.m.

Chairman.....

Date.....