

## LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

### Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of Ledbury Town Council held on Tuesday 29<sup>th</sup> August 2017 In The Market House, Ledbury

**Present:** Councillors: The Town Mayor, Councillor E Fieldhouse  
R Barnes, A Bradford, A Crowe, M Eakin, A Eager, K Francis, A Harrison, E Harvey,  
A Manns, N Morris, J Roberts, N Shields, A Warmington & H Wilce

**In attendance:** Mrs K Greenow – Acting Clerk HALC & West Mercia Police Officer.

14 members of the public.

**C.111- 08.17 Apologies for absence:** Apologies were received from Cllrs D Baker & J Simpson.

#### **C.112- 08.17 Declaration of Interests**

Councillor Harvey declared a pecuniary interest and signed the interest book accordingly. The Chairman queried with Cllr Harrison as to any interest he may have as he had been named in the documentation relating to the judicial review by Cllr Harvey. His response was no.

#### **C.113- 08.17 Public Participation**

The Chairman advised members of the public that the Council could not respond to any questions relating to the judicial review.

A Member of the public raised a question with regard to the Town Council's website and asked that it be made easier for people to find information on it.

Several questions were asked by members of the public relating to the judicial review and legal information, to which the Chairman again responded that she was unable to answer at this time.

At this point in the meeting Cllr Harrison proposed a motion to dispense with the acting clerk as she was employed by HALC and it was his view that HALC had an interest in the confidential matter to be discussed.

Cllr Shields seconded the proposal and a named vote was recorded as follows:

In favour of the proposal:

A Harrison  
N Morris  
N Shields  
A Warmington  
H Wilce

Against the proposal:

R Barnes  
A Bradford  
A Crowe  
M Eager

M Eakin  
K Francis  
E Fieldhouse  
A Manns  
J Roberts

The acting clerk remained and continued to take the minutes of the meeting.

At this point in the meeting In order to consider confidential matters, Cllr Crowe proposed to exclude members of the public and press. The proposal was seconded by Cllr Barnes.

Cllr Harvey asked to speak. The Chairman informed Cllr Harvey that as she had declared a pecuniary interest she could not. Cllr Harvey disregarded what the Chairman had said and spoke saying that she would leave the meeting so that the public could remain present during the rest of the meeting. Cllr Harvey left the room

A named vote recorded as follows:

In favour of the proposal:

A Crowe  
M Eager  
A Bradford  
R Barnes  
K Francis  
E Fieldhouse  
A Manns  
J Roberts

Against the proposal:

N Morris  
A Harrison  
N Shields  
A Warmington  
H Wilce

Abstention: M Eakin

The public and press left the meeting

#### **C.114- 08.17 Judicial Review**

Following detailed discussion relating to the Judicial review brought by Cllr Harvey.

Cllr Barnes proposed and Cllr Crowe seconded the following proposal:

To take all necessary steps, subject to legal advice, to oppose the Judicial Review proceedings and to delegate decision making authority to the Standing Committee, which will report back at full council meetings.

A named vote was recorded as follows:

In favour of the proposal:

A Crowe  
R Barnes  
A Bradford  
M Eager

M Eakin  
E Fieldhouse  
K Francis  
A Manns  
J Roberts

Against the proposal:

N Morris  
A Harrison  
N Shields  
H Wilce  
A Warmington

At this point in the meeting Cllr Warmington proposed a motion to rescind the sanctions made regarding Cllr Harvey and Harrison not serving on any of Ledbury Town Councils committees, sub committees, panels or working / steering group with immediate effect.

A named vote was recorded as follows:

In favour of the proposal:

H Wilce  
N Morris  
J Roberts  
N Shields  
A Warmington

Against the proposal:

R Barnes  
A Crowe  
M Eakin  
M Eager  
K Francis  
E Fieldhouse  
A Manns

Abstention: A Bradford

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