

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of

Ledbury Town Council

held on

Thursday 24th July 2014

Present: Councillors: The Town Mayor, Councillor R Barnes, Chairman
P Bettington A Bradford
A Conway A Crowe
D Durham M Eager
K Francis E Harvey
C Jupp C Ridler
C Stallard Daniels T Widdows
R Yeoman

In Attendance: Mrs K Mitchell – Clerk to the Council
Mrs M Bradman – Deputy Clerk to the Council
2 members of the public; 1 representative of the Press

Before opening the meeting, The Town Mayor asked all present to observe a short silence in remembrance of Mr Philip Sharpe Neal who had sadly passed away on 5th July 2014. Mr Sharpe Neal had served as a Councillor for 35 years and as Mayor of Ledbury in 1976, 1983 and 1998.

C.43–07.14 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted for Councillors, R Hadley, J Roberts, M Roberts and P Winter.

C.44–07.14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor R Yeoman declared a Disclosable Pecuniary interest in C.52–07.13, 1 (Ref. Planning Application P141651/O) and C.52–07.13, 4.3 (Planning Application P142062/F) as a Trustee of Ledbury Cricket Club.

C.45–07.14 DISPENSATIONS

No applications for dispensations had been received.

C.46–07.14 PRESENTATION

The Town Mayor welcomed Victoria Trotman and Fiona Milden from Bovis Homes Limited Strategic Land Team to the meeting. He stated that the presentation the Council was about to receive was purely for information and that no formal comments would be made until such time as a planning application might be submitted.

Ms Trotman and Ms Milden gave some background information on Bovis Homes and then circulated handouts to members. They advised that the same document had been submitted to Herefordshire Council as part of Bovis Homes' representation to the Core Strategy Pre-Submission consultation.

They advised that Bovis Homes held significant land interests in a location to the south of Ledbury, which they felt was a more suitable site for housing than the land north of the Viaduct. The land in question could potentially deliver around 625 dwellings at an average density of 40 dph.

Ms Trotman and Ms Milden explained that their interest was in a long term strategic view, but that they would be open to advancement in the context of the current Core Strategy and Neighbourhood Plan making process.

C.47–07.14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

C.48–07.14 LEDBURY TOWN PLAN

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

RESOLVED: That the Report be noted.

C.49–07.14 MINUTES

1. The Minutes of the meeting held on 19th June 2014, copies having been circulated, were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
2. The Minutes of the meeting held on 3rd July 2014, copies having been circulated, were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

C.50–07.14 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Mayor, Councillor Bob Barnes presented a written report on his mayoral activities between 3rd July and 24th July 2014, copies having been circulated.

The Town Mayor advised that he had received a letter from the new Commanding Officer of HMS Ledbury, Lt. Cmdr M J Headley, who hoped to be able to arrange a visit to Ledbury during 15th to 18th September 2014.

C.51–07.14 HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Members received a written report from ward member Councillor E Harvey on activities at county level, copies having been circulated. Councillor Harvey's report focused on the 2015-16 Budget Consultation. A copy of the report is available on the Town Council website.

The Town Mayor offered his congratulations to Councillor T Widdows on his recent election to Herefordshire Council and invited him to present his written report, copies of which had been circulated to members. Cllr Widdows' report is available on the Town Council website.

C.52–07.14 COMMITTEE REPORTS – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

1. Councillor A Crowe, Vice Chairman of the Economic Development and Planning Committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 26th June 2014, copies having been circulated.

RESOLVED: That the minutes P.19-06.14 to P.29-06.14, be received and noted and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.

VOTING: Unanimous

2. Members received the Minutes of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party meeting held on 23rd June 2014, copies having been previously circulated.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes be noted.

3. Members received the Minutes of the Town Plan Working Party meeting held on 24th June 2014, copies having been previously circulated.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes be noted.

4. Planning Applications

Members considered the following planning applications

1. P14169/F	Lean-to extension of existing warehouse at H L Hutchinson Ltd, Parkway Garage for The Owner and/or Occupier
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(FULL PLANNING)

RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

**VOTING: For 11
Abstentions 3**

2. P141747/FH New garden room and porch at ground floor, two small extensions at first floor and replacement garage and singlestorey link to house at Dilkusha, 22 Bank Crescent for Mr & Mrs R Gates
(FULL HOUSEHOLDER)

RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

**VOTING: For 9
Abstentions 5**

3. P142062/F Change of use of land to form new cricket pitch for Ledbury Cricket Club at land to the south of Ross Road for The Owner and/or Occupier.
(FULL PLANNING)

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

A motion to support the application was LOST by 6 votes to 5, with 2 abstentions. A named vote was taken:

VOTING: For:
R Barnes A Bradford
A Conway D Durham
C Stallard Daniels

Against:
A Crowe P Bettington
M Eager K Francis
C Jupp C Ridler

Abstentions:
E Harvey T Widdows

It was further **RESOLVED: That the Town Council object on the following grounds:-**

- Lack of detail
- Access and egress
- Insufficient parking for cars and coaches

Members also felt that the loss of open space in respect of the linked application P141651/O (land at the Full Pitcher, Ledbury) would be detrimental to the future of the town.

A named vote was taken:

VOTING:	For:	6
	A Crowe	P Bettington
	M Eager	K Francis
	C Jupp	C Ridler
	Against:	5
	R Barnes	A Bradford
	A Conway	D Durham
	C Stallard Daniels	
	Abstentions:	2
	E Harvey	T Widdows

Councillor Yeoman returned to the chamber.

C.53–07.14 COMMITTEE REPORTS – ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE

1. Councillor M Eager, Chairman of the Environment and Leisure Committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd July, 2014, copies having been circulated.
2. Referring to E.30-07.14, 2 War Memorial Working Party Report; The Town Mayor proposed that the recommendation not to purchase new goal posts be put on hold to allow him the opportunity to obtain quotes from the Football Association.

RESOLVED: That the minutes E.21-07.14 to E.33-07.14, as amended, be received and noted and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.

VOTING: Unanimous

2. Councillor M Eager, presented a report from the War Memorial Working party meeting held on 14th July, 2014 copies having been circulated.

The Town Mayor reminded members about the 'Life in Ledbury' Exhibition preview on 31st July 2014 and called for volunteers to help set up the exhibition on the day.

RESOLVED: That the Report be noted.

VOTING: Unanimous

C.54–07.14 COMMITTEE REPORTS – FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES

1. Minutes

Councillor C Jupp, presented the minutes of the meeting held on the 17th July 2014, copies having been previously circulated.

Referring to F.21-07.14, Apologies: Councillor P Winter's name should be added.

RESOLVED: That the minutes F.21-07.14 to F.31-07.14, as amended, be received and noted and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.

VOTING: Unanimous

C.55–07.14 LEDBURY PLACES

Members were circulated with a Press Release from Ledbury Places giving the latest update on the project and the progress being made on the grant application to the Heritage Lottery Fund. It is expected that it will be January 2015 before the project team are advised whether the application has been successful. Further details are available on the website www.ledburyplaces.org

C.56–07.14 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Francis gave a brief report on the HALC East Herefordshire Area Committee Annual General Meeting held on 15th July 2014. He advised that the new Balfour Beatty Locality Steward, Mr Neil James had attended as the guest speaker. Cllr Nicky Carless (Colwall Parish Council) and Cllr Francis had been re-elected as Chairman and Vice Chairman respectively.

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

C.57–07.14 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

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

C.58–07.14 QUESTIONS TO THE TOWN MAYOR

Councillor Francis asked the Mayor if he would arrange for the Town Council to have a guided tour of the Master's House building to see how the restoration is progressing. The Mayor replied that he would endeavour to organise a tour and would advise Councillors accordingly.

C.59-07.14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be held on 2nd October 2014.

C.60-07.14 COMMITTEE REPORTS – STANDING

Councillor A Bradford left the meeting at this point.

Minutes

The Town Mayor, Councillor R Barnes, presented the Minutes of the meeting held on the 21st July 2014, copies having been circulated.

RESOLVED: That the minutes S.01-07.14 to S.06-07.14 be received and noted and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.

VOTING:	For	11
	Abstentions	2

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35p.m.

Chairman..... Date.....