

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of

Ledbury Town Council

held on

Thursday 1st August 2013

Present: Councillors: The Town Mayor, Councillor T Widdows, Chairman

R Barnes	P Bettington
A Bradford	A Conway
A Crowe	M Eager
K Francis	E Harvey
C Jupp	C Ridler
C Stallard Daniels	P Watts (part)
P Winter	R Yeoman

Also Present: Mrs K Mitchell – Clerk to the Council
Mrs B Stump – Jr. Clerical Officer
3 representatives of PLK Properties
CSO H Mika
43 Members of the public; 1 Member of the Press

C.37 - 08.13 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted for Councillors L Fieldhouse, and M Roberts.

C.38 - 08.13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no interests declared at this point in the meeting.

C.39 - 08.13 DISPENSATIONS

No applications for dispensations had been received.

C.40 - 08.13 PRESENTATION

Mr P King of PLK Properties introduced himself and his colleagues and gave a brief summary of his company, advising that in principle they mainly dealt in regeneration projects. He then went on to present his ideas for the development of the Lawnside Road area. He stressed that at the moment these were only ideas and that they were keen to get an understanding about what the people of Ledbury want to see as far as the town is concerned. The idea presented was for the development of a 30,000 sq. ft (approx) supermarket on the site of the Swimming pool, Youth Centre, Community Hall, Fire and former Ambulance stations. Undercroft car parking would provide approximately 270 spaces. Mr King suggested that a new Swimming Pool combined with a Community Hall could be built on the Orchard Lane end of the Recreation Ground along with a multi use games area.

Mr King ended his presentation with a request asking if the Town Council would delegate a group with whom they could have an ongoing dialogue, to include the Community Hall, Youth Centre, Swimming Pool user group and Ledbury Civic Society. He also advised that he would like to hold a public consultation workshop to understand fully the needs and aspirations of the town.

A hard copy of the powerpoint presentation will be retained in the office.

Councillors P Bettington and C Stallard Daniels declared non-pecuniary interests in the youth centre at this point in the meeting.

Following a short question and answer session, it was proposed seconded and unanimously agreed that the Town Council seek legal advice before going forward.

C.41 - 08.13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Seven members of the public spoke of their concerns over the proposed ideas for the development of the Lawnside Road area.

The main issues raised were:-

- The proposed store is extremely large and would seriously affect the quality of life of neighbouring residents
- Increased traffic would cause disruption to the whole of Ledbury
- Deliveries to the store
- Parking

C.42 - 08.13 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Council Meeting held on 26th June 2013, copies having been circulated, were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

C.43 - 08.13 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

The Town Mayor, Councillor Terry Widdows presented a written report on his mayoral activities since the last meeting, copies having been circulated to members.

C.44 - 08.13 LEDBURY TOWN PLAN

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

He advised that the draft questionnaire was nearing completion and would be presented for approval at the Full Council meeting in October.

RESOLVED: That the Report be noted.

2. Members received the Minutes of the Town Plan Steering Group meeting held on 25th June 2013, copies having been previously circulated.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes be noted.

C.45 - 08.13 HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Members received a written report from ward member E Harvey on activities at county level. (Copy to be lodged with the Minutes and posted on the Town Council website) Cllr Harvey drew members' attention to amendments to the Ledbury Policies in the Core Strategy and also highlighted a number of decisions likely to affect local people (details to be found on page 4 of her report). Councillor Bettington circulated his written report to members. Cllr Watts gave a verbal report to the meeting.

In the interest of expediency, agenda items 13, 12.4 and 12.5 were brought forward.

C.46 - 08.13 COMMITTEE FUNCTIONS

Members were requested to consider recommendations put forward from each of the Town Council's Committees following a review of their functions.

RESOLVED: That at special Full Council meeting be held to discuss the subject.

VOTING: Unanimous

C.47 - 08.13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members considered the following planning applications:-

1. 130613/F New residential development to provide 7 no. new houses in lieu of existing chalet bungalow on land at Ellenscroft, New Street.

(AMENDED-FULL PLANNING)

The Chairman permitted two members of the public to make representations in respect of the above application.

RESOLVED: That consideration be deferred to allow a site visit be arranged.

**VOTING: For 7
Abstentions 8**

Councillor P Watts left the meeting at this point. (9.20pm)

2. 131322/F Change of use to D2 indoor sports hall gymnasium at Unit 6b Homend Trading Estate of Mrs Sutherland-Rose

(FULL HOUSEHOLDER)

RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

**VOTING: For 9
Abstentions 5**

3. 131458/F Ground floor extension to existing covered walkway with new front and rear elevations, internal refurbishment and structural alterations to existing walls, new bin store to rear at The Talbot Hotel,
&
131459/I New Street for Waddingtons Brewery

(FULL PLANNING)

RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

**VOTING: For 9
Abstentions 5**

4. 131613/FH Extension of living room , enlargement and conversion of garage into a habitable room at 84 Biddulph Way for Mr R Benoit

(FULL HOUSEHOLDER)

RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

**VOTING: For 8
Abstentions 6**

5. 131584/L Installation of a proprietary lift and associated work and the installation of purpose made/proprietary metal door/window units to enclose 'undercroft' at lower ground floor level at Bowling Green Cottage, The Southend for Mr R Gamlin

(LISTED BUILDING CONSENT)

RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

**VOTING: For 9
Abstentions 5**

C.48 - 08.13 WORKS TO TREES IN A CONSERVATION AREA

Members considered the following applications :-

1. Site: The Rectory, Worcester Road
- Description: Various works to a number of trees
- Application No.: 131867/K

RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

**VOTING: For 12
Abstentions 2**

2. Site: Ankerdine House, South Parade
Description: Fell – contorted Willow
Remove large branch to the rear – magnolia
Application No.: 131955/K

RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

**VOTING: For 11
Abstentions 3**

C.49 - 08.13 COMMITTEE REPORTS – ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE

1. Councillor M Eager, Chairman of the Environment and Leisure Committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 18th July, 2013, copies having been circulated.

Referring to E.27 Councillor Francis proposed that a small group of Councillors work with the Food Bank to progress work it wants to do.

RESOLVED: That Councillors R Barnes, P Bettington, A Conway and K Francis work with the Food Bank to see how they can help with identified problems.

VOTING: Unanimous

Referring to E.35 Browning Road Play Area, members were advised that an Open meeting had been arranged on site on Thursday 15th August between 4-7pm; all welcome to attend.

Referring to E.37 PACT; the first meeting will be held on Monday 2nd September at 7pm in the Town Council Offices.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes E.25-07.13 to E.39-07.13 be received and noted and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.

VOTING: Unanimous

2. October Fair Working Party

Members were circulated with a report from the meeting held on 23rd July, 2013.

Referring to the recommendation to purchase new barriers, members were advised that the total cost would be £164.97.

RESOLVED: That the Report be noted and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.

**VOTING: For 13
Against 1**

C.50 - 08.13 COMMITTEE REPORTS – FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES

Minutes

Councillor C Jupp, Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, presented the minutes of the meeting held on the 25th July 2013, copies having been previously circulated.

Councillors K Francis and E Harvey declared non pecuniary interests in their roles as governors at Ledbury Primary School.

Referring to F.22 Values, it was proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: That the Town Council support in principle taking the Values concept forward to the next stage.

**VOTING: For 13
Against 1**

Referring to F.24, item 3, Town Flag, members were advised that two options were available and given costings for an appliqué flag and a dye-sub flag.

RESOLVED: That a dye-sub flag be purchased in the sum of £233.10 plus VAT.

**VOTING: For 10
Against 2
Councillor Jupp refrained from voting.**

Referring to F.25, Devolved Services; A proposal to defer discussion until relevant financial information is received from Herefordshire Council was seconded and put to a named vote.

VOTING: For 5
 A Bradford A Conway
 C Jupp R Yeoman
 T Widdows

Against 9
 R Barnes P Bettington
 A Crowe M Eager
 K Francis E Harvey
 C Ridler P Winter
 C Stallard Daniels

The Motion was LOST

It was then proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED: That local investigations into operating costs for the town's public conveniences be obtained in readiness for future discussion.

A named vote was taken

For 8
 R Barnes A Conway
 A Crowe M Eager
 K Francis E Harvey
 C Ridler
 C Stallard Daniels

Against 5
 A Bradford C Jupp
 P Winter T Widdows
 R Yeoman

Abstention 1
 P Bettington

Referring to F.26, Asset Transfer Feasibility Study

It was RESOLVED: That the project be supported in principle.

A named vote was taken

For 12
 R Barnes P Bettington
 A Conway A Crowe
 M Eager E Harvey
 C Jupp C Ridler
 C Stallard Daniels
 T Widdows P Winter
 R Yeoman

Against 1
K Francis
Abstention 1
A Bradford

Referring to F.27, Registration Service; Members further discussed taking on the approved premises licence and associated costings/charges for service delivery.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED: That Ledbury Town Council take on the Approved Premises Licence for Marriages and Civil Partnership ceremonies in the Town Council Offices for the remainder of the licence period to 30th September, 2014, with a review after six months.

A named vote was taken

For 10
R Barnes P Bettington
A Bradford A Conway
A Crowe M Eager
K Francis E Harvey
C Ridler
C Stallard Daniels
Against 4
C Jupp T Widdows
P Winter R Yeoman

Councillor A Bradford left the meeting at this point (10.35pm)

Referring to F.29, Market Towns Forum; The Town Mayor advised that he had written to the Chief Executive of Herefordshire Council and was awaiting a reply.

RESOLVED: That no action be taken until a response is received.

VOTING: Unanimous

RESOLVED: That the minutes F.19-07.13 to F.31-08.13 be received and noted and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.

VOTING: Unanimous

C.51 - 08.13 ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE (ACV)

The Town Council is given notice that a nomination has been received by Herefordshire Council to list the Recreation Ground, Ledbury as an Asset of Community Value under the Localism Act 2011.

Consideration of the nomination was deferred in order for the Clerk to seek clarification regarding an incorrect statement in the notification letter. An extension to the response deadline will be requested.

In view of the lateness of the hour and the number of outstanding items yet to be considered it was decided to adjourn the meeting at 10.37pm. Meeting to be re-convened on 7th August, 2013.

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