

**LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF A MEETING**  
**OF LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**ON THURSDAY 28<sup>TH</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017**

**Present:** Councillor E. Fieldhouse – Chairman

Councillors: R. Barnes A. Bradford  
A. Crowe M. Eager  
M. Eakin K. Francis  
A. Harrison N. Morris  
J. Roberts H. Wilce

**In Attendance:** T. Ford (Acting Clerk)  
West Mercia Police Officer

**Members of the Public 3**

**C.115 - 09.17 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from:

1. Cllr D. Baker
2. Cllr L. Harvey
3. Cllr A. Manns
4. Cllr N. Shields
5. Cllr J. Simpson
6. Cllr A. Warmington

**C.116 - 09.17 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

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

**C.117 - 09.17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

A parishioner commented that it was difficult to make representations if background papers are not available to the public on the Website. The Chairman responded that papers were available at the meeting, and explained the reasons and noted the parishioner's concern.

**C.118 - 09.17 MINUTES**

- The minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

**VOTING For 9**  
**Abstentions 2**

- The minutes of the Extraordinary Full Council meeting held on 28<sup>th</sup> July 2017 were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

**VOTING For 10**  
**Abstentions 1**

- The minutes of the Extraordinary Full Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2017 were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

**VOTING For 10**  
**Abstentions 1**

With regard to the minutes of the Extraordinary Full Council meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> August 2017, Cllr A. Harrison queried why Cllr Harvey had not been allowed to speak. The Acting Clerk explained the requirements when a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest declaration is made.

- The minutes of the Extraordinary Full Council meeting held on 29<sup>th</sup> August 2017 were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

**VOTING For 10**  
**Against 1**

### **C.119 - 09.17 CHAIRMANS REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

The Chairman gave a verbal report on engagements and highlighted her attendance at the first Merchant Navy Open Day. Cllr J. Simpson was thanked for her hard work and it was hoped that it would become an annual event,

The Deputy Chairman attended a Thanksgiving service for the life of the late Earl of Darnley. He also attended the Newent Onion Fair.

The Chairman attended a West Mercia Police award event at which PC Norton, the local beat police officer received an award.

Both the Chairman and Deputy Chairman attended a Battle of Britain Commemoration Service.

The Chairman highlighted that the latest **PACT** meeting was not attended by many people, which was an indication that they were happy with the police actions taken and their efforts to reduce anti-social behaviour.

The Chairman also attended the Rotary Dinner and was now an Honorary Member.

With reference to the Merchant Navy Open Day Cllr R. Barnes thanked Cllr J. Simpson for her efforts and commented that the event went well but he would like to record his deep concern at comments made by a Town Councillor regarding the event - he declined to name her as she was not present.

With regard to the recent serious car accident it was agreed that the Town Council would write to the family.

The Town Council was also informed that Ledbury In Bloom had won its 11<sup>th</sup> Gold and thanked everyone for their hard work, it was also noted that the judges commented on the cleanliness of the town.

**C.120 - 09.17 COMMITTEE MATTERS - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE**

Cllr A. Crowe presented the minutes of meetings held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2017, 3rd August 2017 and 7<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and the Chairman highlighted the individual agenda headings.

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes P.85-07.17 to P.119-09.17 be approved and adopted.

**VOTING For 10  
Against 1**

**C.121 - 09.17 COMMITTEE MATTERS - ENVIRONMENT AND LEISURE COMMITTEE**

Cllr A. Bradford presented the minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> September 2017 and highlighted the actions of a letter being sent to Balfour Beatty (E.67) and the site visit to the Recreation Ground (E.71.3) the Chairman then highlighted the individual agenda headings.

With reference to **E.66** Cemetery, Cllr R. Barnes informed the Town Council that the Tree Officer at Herefordshire Council had made enquiries about issuing TPO's on trees identified for felling at the cemetery and had been informed that this would need to be done prior to consideration by the Full Council on 28 September. Cllr Barnes was not aware of any TPO orders having been made.

With reference to **E.69** CCTV Dog Hill Wood, Cllr M Eakin (Environment and Leisure Committee Member) felt the resolution was not clear and proposed that the wording be changed from '*....residents part fund the cost*' to '*....residents be asked to part fund the cost*'. A discussion took place and Cllr M. Eager suggested that there should be a re-quote due to the large difference in prices.

Cllr A. Bradford informed the Town Council that the majority of the committee had agreed the £1,200 and there was no ambiguity in the specification approved.

The West Mercia Police Officer informed the Town Council that if CCTV evidence was available, it would be used.

**RESOLVED:** That the recommendation at E.69-09 be deferred until all information and subsequent discussions with the police and residents had been completed.

**VOTING For: Unanimous**

**RESOLVED:** That subject to the agreed amendments the minutes E.62-09 to E.74-09 be approved and adopted.

**VOTING For 10  
Against 1**

**C.122 - 09.17 COMMITTEE MATTERS - FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSE COMMITTEE**

Cllr. R. Barnes presented the minutes of the meeting held on 21<sup>st</sup> September 2017 and the Chairman highlighted the individual agenda items.

Cllr A. Harrison commented with regard to **F.86 (1)** that the Town Council should look at how receipts and payments are recorded and their availability.

**RESOLVED: That minutes F.80-09 to F.90-09 be approved and adopted.**

**VOTING For 8  
Abstentions 3**

**C.123 - 09.17 COMMITTEE MATTERS- STANDING COMMITTEE**

The Chairman presented the minutes of the meeting held on 15<sup>th</sup> August 2017.

**RESOLVED: That the minutes be approved and adopted.**

**VOTING For 9  
Against 1  
Abstentions 1**

**C.124 - 09.17 OPERATIONAL REVIEW**

The Chairman proposed that the agenda item be deferred until the next meeting of Town Council.

**RESOLVED: That the agenda item be deferred until the next Town Council meeting.**

**VOTING For 11**

**C.125 - 09.17 HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

There were no reports presented.

**C.126 - 09.17 OUTSIDE BODIES**

Cllr M. Eager informed the Town Council that he attended the Herefordshire Market Towns' Forum and reported that a grant of £750.00 over three years had been received from the Great Places Scheme. He informed the Town Council that the reasons for the unsuccessful City of Culture bid had been noted and lessons learned would be used to help formulate a future bid. He also informed the Town Council of the Forum members' concern regarding waste, in particular the current Herefordshire Council system for the sale of green bags. He commented that Leominster Town Council was experiencing difficulties in receiving payments from Herefordshire Council for services that they had taken over from Balfour Beatty. Richard Ball or Richard Wood from Herefordshire Council would be attending the next meeting to explain the situation

The Destination Herefordshire Management Plan was being developed.

**C.127 - 09.17 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE (For information only)**

The Town Council noted the general correspondence.

**C.128 - 09.17 TO NOTE THE DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled meeting of Full Council will be held on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 2017.

**C.129 - 09.17 JUDICIAL REVIEW**

The Chairman informed the Town Council that no further information had been received and that there was nothing to report. The Town Council did not consider or go into private session and the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.33pm.

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