

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 23rd JUNE 2016
IN THE MARKET HOUSE, LEDBURY

PRESENT: Councillors R Barnes (Chairman)
A Bradford M Eager
M Eakin A Manns
N Morris J Roberts
N Roberts A Warmington

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs K Mitchell - Clerk to the Council
Mrs B Stump - Clerical Officer
1 Member of the Public

P.56 - 06.16 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors D Baker, A Crowe, E Fieldhouse, K Francis, and M Mackness.

P.57 - 06.16 INTERESTS

The Chairman declared a non pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 5.8 (P.60-06.16, 8,) Planning Application [161320](#) as he knew the applicant.

P.58 - 06.16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

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

P.59 - 06.16 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Economic Development and Planning Committee meeting held on 19th May 2016 were confirmed as an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman.

P.60 - 06.16 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The following Planning Applications were discussed:-

1. 161557	Proposed canopy above front door at Hope Cottage, 25b New Street, Ledbury HR8 2DX. LISTED BUILDING CONSENT RESOLVED: That the application be supported.
2. 161404	Proposed redesign to previously approved garage to utilise roof space to home office at Dovecote Cottage, Ross Road, Ledbury HR8 2LE. FULL HOUSEHOLDER RESOLVED: That the application be supported.
3. 160606 Amended	Proposed extension to existing factory building and erection of a limited assortment discount food store (Class A1), car parking, landscaping and associated works for Galebreaker Group & ALDI, Galebreaker House, Leadon Way, Ledbury HR8 2SS. PLANNING PERMISSION RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

Cllr Morris arrived at 7.38 p.m. during the discussion of the above planning application.

4. 161683	Works to various trees at The Rectory, Worcester Road, Ledbury HR8 1PL. WORKS TO TREES IN A CONSERVATION AREA RESOLVED: That the application be supported.
5. 161532	Remove the existing gate and fencing to entrance. Construct new stone walls and install, an electric timber gate. Alter and construct new timber post and rail fencing to the end of the new stone walls at Dingwood Park Farm, Parkway, Ledbury HR8 2JD. FULL HOUSEHOLDER RESOLVED: That the application be supported.
6. 161533	Remove the existing gate and fencing to entrance. Construct new stone walls and install an electric timber gate. Alter and construct new timber post and rail fencing to the end of the new stone walls at Dingwood Park Farm, Parkway, Ledbury HR8 2JD. LISTED BUILDING CONSENT RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

7. 161629	Proposed demolition of rear conservatory and new two storey side and rear extension at Orchard House, New Street, Ledbury HR8 2EL. FULL HOUSEHOLDER RESOLVED: That the application be supported.
8. 161320	Proposed extension and new flat roof at 3 Ferndown Road, Ledbury HR8 2XH. FULL HOUSEHOLDER RESOLVED: That the application be supported.
9. 161587	Fell five trees, remove on side stem of Ash T5 and reduce Ash T8 to 8m at Massington Lodge, Eastnor, Ledbury HR8 1EG. WORKS TO TREES COVERED BY TPO RESOLVED: That the application be supported.
10. 160983	Proposed replacement garage and conversion of garden stores to create a new kitchen/dining area with study attached at The Barncroft Wood House, Staplow HR8 1NP. FULL HOUSEHOLDER RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

P.61 - 06.16 PLANNING APPLICATION DECISIONS

Members were circulated with an updated summary of Determinations made by Herefordshire Council on planning applications previously considered by Ledbury Town Council.

RESOLVED: That the summary be noted.

P.62 - 06.16 SECTION 106 MONIES

Members had been circulated with a spreadsheet identifying Section 106 agreements held by Herefordshire Council for monies payable by developers on past and future developments in Ledbury. Queries were raised about the amounts of money which had been received, allocated, and spent. Some monies had a caveat that it should be spent within ten years and members questioned what had happened to any money not disbursed.

The Chairman advised that he would contact the relevant officer at Herefordshire Council to seek clarification on the issues raised and to invite him to a future meeting.

RESOLVED: That the details of the S106 agreement be noted with interest.

P.63 - 06.16 CONSULTATION

Malvern Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty

'Guidance on the selection and use of colour in new development'

The Chairman briefly summarised the document before inviting comments.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the document be supported in principle. Any additional comments to be sent to the Clerk or Chairman, by Tuesday 28 June in time for submission to the Partnership by 1 July 2016.

P.64 - 06.16 WORKING PARTY REPORTS

1. Traffic Management

Members received an update on the Traffic Management Working Party actions, copies having been circulated.

Referring to 2e, caution was expressed about including pothole repair in the Lengthsman's duties due to financial implications. This would be reviewed whilst budget setting for 2017/18.

Concern was raised over road signage and car parking signs as poor signage did not adequately encourage people to stay and visit the town.

RESOLVED: That a Task and Finish group be formed to discuss signage in the town.

**The membership comprising:
Cllrs Barnes, Eager, Manns and Morris.**

2. Charter Market

The Chairman updated the Committee on the arrangements for Armed Forces Day on 25 June, and the relocation of market traders to St Katharine's car park. The next meeting of the Working Party is planned for Tuesday, 28 June at 10.00.

P.65 - 06.16 HIGHWAYS

The Chairman reported that the roundabout formerly maintained by Universal Beverages (UBL) was overgrown and causing concern for highway safety. In order for the maintenance to be transferred to a new company, Balfour Beatty (BBLP) had advised that a cultivation licence would need to be issued. At present no such licence exists, although it is thought at one time there was an agreement with Ledbury in Bloom. BBLP will only issue licences to organisations such as Parish Councils

as it was thought that companies might cease to exist and issuing licences to the Town Council would provide continuity and the town would be able to manage the sponsorship of the roundabouts more flexibly. The Clerk informed the meeting that UBL's parent company had agreed to continue maintenance of the roundabout and had recently instructed a local company to tidy it.

Recommendation to Full Council: That the Council takes on the cultivation licences for all roundabouts on the bypass and delegates maintenance through sponsorship by interested firms/organisations.

P.66 - 06.16 CORRESPONDENCE

The following correspondence was noted.

1. An email from a resident regarding the condition of the roundabout formerly maintained by UBL.
2. An email from a resident to the Secretary of the Town Plan Working Party regarding the recently published Town Plan and tourist provision. The Clerk was requested to forward the email to Committee members.
3. A complaint from a local trader regarding the closure of the car parks for WW1 Commemoration and Armed Forces Day. The Clerk reported that the Town Mayor was dealing with a response.
4. The Chairman drew Councillors' attention to the recent invitation circulated by email to Councillors to welcome the company of HMS Ledbury at the Community Hall at 1pm on Saturday, 25th June 2016 on the occasion of WW1 Commemoration & Armed Forces Day.

P.67-06.16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Economic Development & Planning Committee will be on Thursday, 4th August 2016. (Plans only, and only held if necessary).

The meeting closed at 8.37 pm.

CHAIRMAN..... DATE