

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of

Ledbury Town Council

held on

Thursday 12th March 2015

Present: Councillors: The Town Mayor, Councillor R Barnes, Chairman

P Bettington	A Bradford
A Conway	A Crowe
M Eager	K Francis
R Hadley	E Harvey
C Jupp	C Ridler
J Roberts	C Stallard Daniels
A Warmington	P Winter
R Yeoman	

In attendance: Mrs K Mitchell – Clerk to the Council
Mrs M Bradman – Deputy Clerk to the Council
5 Members of the public
1 representative of the press

The Town Mayor advised those present that the Value for the month of February is 'Appreciation'.

In recognition of the town's ongoing commemoration of the 85 men from Ledbury who lost their lives WWI, the Town Mayor asked members to remember Private Philip Preece, known as Jack, who served in the Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry and died on 14th March 1915, aged 22 from wounds he received at the Battle of Eloi.

C.143 - 03.15 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted for Councillors D Durham and T Widdows

C.144 - 03.15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

C.145 - 03.15 DISPENSATIONS

No applications for dispensations had been received.

C.146 - 03.15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to speak.

C.147 - 03.15 MINUTES

1. The Minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2014, copies having been circulated, were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
2. The Minutes of the extraordinary meeting held on 18th February 2014, copies having been circulated, were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

C.148 - 03.15 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Mayor, Councillor Bob Barnes presented a written report on his mayoral activities between 6th February and 12th March 2015, copies having been circulated.

The Town Mayor advised that a letter had been received from the Ledbury 1916 Centenary County Commemoration Committee, copies having been circulated, asking the Council to consider relocating the Charter Market to an alternative venue on Armed Forces Day, Saturday 25th June 2016 to allow commemorative events to take place in the High Street. It was agreed that consultation with the market traders should take place prior to any decision being made.

C.149 - 03.15 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, copies having been circulated to members. Members were advised that professional data analysis work was being progressed and that a copy of the latest report is held in the Town Council Offices.

RESOLVED: That the Report be noted.

C.150 - 03.15 HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Councillor Bettington presented his written report on activities at county level, copies having been circulated.

In response to concerns raised over the closure of the Ledbury Post Office for modernisation works between 11th and 23rd April, Councillor Bettington agreed to contact the Post Office to see whether alternative arrangements could be put in place to mitigate the impact on users; i.e. a mobile unit or transport to an alternative branch.

In the absence of Councillor Widdows, Councillors Harvey presented their joint report, copies of which had been circulated to members via email. Attention was drawn to: the modifications to the Core Strategy as a result of the examination in public; further consultation on the planning application for 100 dwellings on land to the rear of the Full Pitcher; Love Ledbury Wellbeing bid; grant process for Portas Pilot

funds; proposed tourism workshop; Balfour Beatty Annual Plan; Standing Orders.

A full copy of the report will be posted to the Town Council website.

C.151 - 03.15 COMMITTEE REPORTS – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

1. Councillor J Roberts, Chairman of the Economic Development and Planning Committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 12th February, 2015, copies having been circulated. The Clerk apologised for miscalculating the quorum which had led to the early closure of the meeting.

Referring to P.89-02.15 Minutes, Cllr Eager voiced his concerns over the actions taken to alter the Minutes of the meeting held on 8th January, 2015, stating that alterations had been made against the advice of the Clerk.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That clarification be sought on the adoption of the Minutes and that they be re-presented at the next Full Council meeting.

VOTING:	For	10
	Against	3
	Abstentions	3

C.152 - 03.15 COMMITTEE REPORTS – ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE

1. Councillor M Eager, Chairman of the Environment and Leisure Committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 19th February, 2015, copies having been circulated.

RESOLVED: That the minutes E.79-02.15 to E.89-02.15, be received and noted and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.

VOTING:	For	14
	Abstentions	2

2. New Lengthsman Scheme

Members were advised that a working party meeting had been held on 9th March, 2015 with the Ledbury Locality Steward and a Balfour Beatty representative to discuss details for the drawing up of a draft Annual Management Plan for the Lengthsman Scheme (refer C.131-01.15).

Following discussion it was,

RESOLVED: That the Environment & Leisure Committee be given delegated authority to approve a draft Annual Management Plan for the Lengthsman Scheme for submission to Balfour Beatty Living Places.

VOTING: For 14
Abstentions 2

C.153 - 03.15 COMMITTEE REPORTS – FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES

1. Minutes

Councillor P Winter, Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, presented the minutes of the meeting held on the 26th February, 2015, copies having been previously circulated.

Referring to F.85-02.15 Apologies, Councillor Warmington's name should be added.

RESOLVED: That the minutes F.85-02.15 to F.97-02.15, be received and noted and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted

VOTING: For 14
Abstentions 2

C.154 - 03.15 COMMITTEE REPORTS – STANDING

Minutes

1. Councillor R Barnes, Town Mayor, presented the Minutes of the meeting held on 24th February, 2015, copies having been previously circulated.

Referring to S.10-02.05, 3.4, Chapel Caretaker, it proposed, seconded and

RESOLVED That the Resolution be amended to read:
That alternative arrangements be put in place for cleaning and opening/closing of the Chapel and opening/closing of the cemetery gates.

RESOLVED: That the minutes S.07-02.15 to S.10-02.15 as amended, be received and noted and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted

VOTING: For 14
Abstentions 2

2. Councillor R Barnes, Town Mayor, presented the Minutes of the meeting held on 7th March, 2015, copies having been circulated.

RESOLVED: That the minutes S.11-03.15 to S.13-03.15 be received and noted.

VOTING: For 11
Against 1
Abstentions 4

C.155 - 03.15 LEDBURY PLACES PROJECT

Councillor Yeoman advised that a Director's meeting was due to be held on 17th March 2015, and that anything of interest would be reported back to the next Full Council meeting.

C.156 - 03.15 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

1. Councillor P Winter gave an update on the latest Browning Road Play Area (BROSPA) meeting, advising that three applications for funding for new play area equipment were to be imminently submitted. On behalf of the group, he thanked the Town Council for the recent grant funding.
2. Councillor A Warmington advised that he had attended the recent Annual General Meeting of the Prince Rupert Green Community Group and gave a brief summary of the matters transacted.

C.157 - 03.15 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

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

C.158 - 03.15 QUESTIONS TO THE TOWN MAYOR

Councillor Jupp asked the Town Mayor if he would allow him to pass on best wishes from the New Mayor and Council in Strömstad. The Town Mayor thanked Councillor Jupp and asked that their good wishes be reciprocated.

C.159 - 03.15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next scheduled meeting will be held on 16th April 2015.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.55p.m.

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