

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON
THURSDAY 26TH SEPTEMBER 2013

PRESENT: Councillor - C Ridler - Chairman
Councillors R Barnes A Bradford
 A Conway M D Eager
 L Fieldhouse E Harvey
 J Roberts C Stallard Daniels

Also present: Mrs K Mitchell – Town Clerk
 Mrs R Blandford – Clerical Officer

P.38 - 09.13 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted for Councillors A Crowe, K Francis, M Roberts and T Widdows.

P.39 - 09.13 INTERESTS

There were none declared at this point in the meeting.

P.40 - 09.13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A Ledbury resident spoke of her concerns about the low usage of Bridge Street car park since charging had been applied. She felt it should revert to being a free car park and that charges in the other car parks should be raised by 10p across the board to compensate for the loss in income.

P.41 - 09.13 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 29th August 2013, copies previously circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

P.42 - 09.13 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members considered the following Planning Applications:-

1. 131518/F Replace dilapidated polytunnel with metal cladding to exact same specification for storage of vintage agricultural machinery and equipment to maintain fields at field north of Woodlands Lodge, Parkway for Mr H Bennion

(FULL PLANNING)

RESOLVED: That the application be supported
VOTING: For 8
Abstentions 1

2. 131942/F Formation of two additional permanent pitches for static mobile homes and two additional pitches for touring caravans. Detached building for shower, laundry and storage purposes at Little Bush Pitch, Hereford Road for Mr B Smith and Miss A Walker

(FULL HOUSEHOLDER)

RESOLVED: That the application be not supported.

Members were concerned about access and egress onto the busy A438. Also, this application is in breach of initial conditions (Application No. DCNE2005/2297/F) set out when planning permission was granted in July 2005.

VOTING:

For	8
Abstentions	1

3. 132058/F Replacement of rear windows with flush casement, & double glazed, at 70 the Homend for Mr Peter Arscott
132059/L

(FULL PLANNING AND LISTED BUILDING CONSENT)

RESOLVED: That the application be supported

VOTING:

For	8
Abstentions	1

4. 132431/F Proposed new dwelling in rear garden on land at 52 Bank Crescent for Mrs Shayler

(FULL PLANNING)

RESOLVED: That the application be supported

VOTING:

For	5
Against	3
Abstentions	1

P.43 - 09.13 WORKS TO TREES COVERED BY A T.P.O.

Site: New Mills, Hereford Road, Ledbury
Description: Pollard Willow. Cut one Willow and Alder to ground level and allow to re-shoot. Cut Alder at 2 metres and retain stem to rear. Fell a group of 3 dying stems and one small stem near ground level. Fell a group of 3 Lime trees near ground level. Fell dead Alder near ground level for Mr R Smith.

Application No: 132519J

RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

P.44 - 09.13 PLANNING APPLICATION DETERMINATIONS

Members were circulated with a summary of Determinations made by Herefordshire Council on Planning Applications previously considered by Ledbury Town Council.

RESOLVED: That the summary be noted.

P.45 - 09.13 CAR PARKING WORKING PARTY

1. Shane Hancock, Herefordshire Council's Community Protection Manager, has advised that he will be carrying out a review of car park charges early in 2014 before making recommendations to the Cabinet Member for 2014/15. In preparation for this and to help inform any report he would like to engage with the Town Council in an open discussion to seek its views on parking charges.

RESOLVED: That Mr Hancock be invited to a Car Parking Working Party meeting.

2. The Chairman presented the Report from the Car Parking Working Party meeting held on Monday 22nd July, 2013, copies having been previously circulated.

Referring to car parking charges, Councillor Harvey advised that Herefordshire Council would be minded to implement the Town Council's recommendations provided that income projections are met, and, that should Members wish to support the removal of charges on the Bridge Street car park, then they would need to be mindful of the fairness implications for users of the paying car parks where charged would have to be raised.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

3. Members discussed the following items raised at the meeting held on 11th July 2013. (Refer P.29-07.13)
 - i. Re-instatement of free car park. Cllr A Bradford

Following discussion, a proposal to recommend to Full Council that free parking in the Bridge Street car park be re-instated was put to the vote but was tied by 3 votes for, 3 against and 3 abstentions. The Chairman used his casting vote against the motion, recommending that the Committee wait until the meeting with Shane Hancock has taken place and the impact of returning to a free car park has been properly modelled and assessed. It was then decided that the Car Parking Working Party should meet to review statistics from the last 12 months and consider scenarios and charging options ahead of the meeting with Mr Hancock. Councillors were encouraged to send in any ideas to the offices in time for the meeting.

ii. Parking in Mable’s Furlong.

Councillor Fieldhouse reported that it had been brought to her attention that some elderly and disabled residents were having difficulty parking near to their homes in Mables Furlong due to the increase in on street parking as a result of last year’s car park charge increases. The Chairman suggested that the matter be referred to the Car Parking Working Party for further discussion.

P.46 - 09.13 CONSULTATIONS

- 1. The Town Council is advised of two consultations, on proposed changes to Herefordshire Council’s school transport policy.

The Consultations run from 4th September to 18th October, 2013

<https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/education-and-learning/schools/school-and-college-transport/post-16-special-educational-needs-transport-policy-consultation/>

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- 2. Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia

Draft Community Engagement Strategy Consultation

Bill Longmore, Police and Crime Commissioner for West Mercia, is inviting comments on a draft community engagement strategy which outlines how he proposes to engage with communities and interest groups and work with them to effectively reduce crime and disorder. The document is available on the following website:-

www.westmercia-pcc.gov.uk

The consultation closing date is 14th October 2013.

RESOLVED: That the Chairman prepare a draft response for consideration at the Full Council meeting on 3rd October, 2013.

P.47 - 09.13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

The Chairman advised that the next meeting of the Economic Development & Planning Committee will be held on 24th October, 2013.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.24pm.

CHAIRMAN..... DATE