

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of
Ledbury Town Council
held on Thursday 20th April 2017
in The Methodist Hall, The Homend, Ledbury

Present: Councillors: The Town Mayor, D Baker, Chairman
 The Deputy Mayor, E Fieldhouse, Vice-Chairman
 R Barnes A Crowe
 M Eager M Eakin
 A Manns N Morris
 J Roberts N Shields
 J Simpson A Warmington

In attendance: Mrs K Mitchell - Clerk to the Council
 Mrs B Stump – Clerical Officer
 13 Members of the public and press

Due to the Town Mayor having been delayed, The Deputy Mayor opened the meeting.

C.53 - 04.17 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors K Francis, E Harvey, A Harrison and N Roberts.

C.54 - 04.17 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

C.55 - 04.17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

C.56 - 04.17 TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES

The Clerk informed the meeting that an offer for the rental of the larger of the two rooms available had been received, subject to installation of a floor covering and replacement of the heater. The floor is very undulating and covering is required, however the Conservation Officer has stipulated that no carpet gripping is to be attached to the floorboards.

The Clerk has brought this matter to Council because of the proposed reduction in rental of £1,000. Quotes have been requested for the floor covering in the form of a bound rug/carpet and the cost of a replacement heater has been estimated at £300-£400.

RESOLVED: That the offer of £4,000 annual rental, plus services, with the provision of appropriate floor covering and replacement heater is accepted.

VOTING: Unanimous.

The Town Mayor joined the meeting at this point (7.08pm) and took over the Chair.

C.57 - 04.17 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

1. Members considered the draft Strategic Environmental Assessment (SEA) Scoping Report (Stage A).

A small number of amendments were identified.

RESOLVED: That the draft Strategic Environmental Assessment as amended, be approved for consultation.

VOTING: Unanimous.

2. Members considered the submission of the SEA to Herefordshire Council to undertake the 5 week consultation with statutory bodies.

RESOLVED: That the SEA be submitted to Herefordshire Council to undertake the five week consultation of the document with statutory bodies.

VOTING: For: 10
Abstentions: 2

3. Members considered the updated NDP Work Schedule and Budget. Cllr Fieldhouse informed the meeting that expenditure was within budget.

RESOLVED: That the Work Schedule and Budget be received and accepted.

VOTING: For: 11
Abstentions: 1

4. Members considered the reports from the Neighbourhood Development Plan Work Group meetings held on:
- (i) 20 February 2017;
 - (ii) 27 February 2017; and
 - (iii) 5 April 2017.

RESOLVED: That the Reports for:
20 February 2017; 27 February 2017 and 5 April 2017 were received and adopted.

VOTING: For: 10
Abstentions: 2

C.58 - 04.17 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

The Annual meeting of the Town Council will be held on 11th May 2017 at the Community Hall, Lawnside Road, Ledbury.

The meeting closed at 7.20 pm.