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LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a Re-convened Meeting of
Ledbury Town Council
held on Thursday 23rd April 2015

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

A Bradford	A Conway
A Crowe	M Eager
K Francis	E Harvey
C Jupp	C Ridler
J Roberts	A Warmington
T Widdows	P Winter
R Yeoman	

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

C.164- 04.15 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted for Councillors P Bettington, D Durham and C Stallard Daniels.

C.165- 04.15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

C.166- 04.15 DISPENSATIONS

No applications for dispensations had been received.

At this point in the meeting the Mayor brought forward Agenda Item 14 Chairman's Report and Correspondence.

C.167-04.15 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Mayor presented a written report on his mayoral activities between 13th March and 16th April 2015, copies having been circulated. He then read out statements concerning comments on Ledbury Town Council procedures. The statements were endorsed by the meeting. (Full text available on the Town Council website)

VOTING:	For:	9
	Against:	4
	Abstentions:	1

The Deputy Mayor read out a statement concerning his involvement in a planning application as Chairman of Ledbury Cricket Club.

C.168-04.15 MINUTES

1. The Minutes of the meeting held on 12th March 2015, copies having been circulated, were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
2. The Minutes of the adjourned meeting held on 16th April 2015, copies having been circulated, were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

C.169-04.15 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.

RESOLVED: That the minutes P.86-02.15 to P.90-02.15, be received and noted and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.

VOTING: For 13
Abstentions 1

2. Councillor J Roberts, Chairman of the Economic Development and Planning Committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 19th March, 2015, copies having been circulated.

RESOLVED: That the minutes P.91-03.15 to P.102-03.15, be received and noted and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.

VOTING: For 13
Abstentions 1

3. Charter Market

The Chairman of the Charter Market working party presented the report from the meeting held on 30th March, 2015, copies having been circulated.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted and the recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.

4. Herefordshire Local Plan Core Strategy

The Town Council was invited to comment on the Main and Minor modifications to the Plan as a result of the public examination in February 2015. Members were informed that the closing dates for comments had been extended from 1st May to the 22nd May.

RESOLVED: That subject to their re-election, the following Councillors put together a response for the Town Council submission by 22nd May:- Cllrs Barnes, Francis, Harvey and Widdows.

C.170-04.15 COMMITTEE REPORTS – ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE

1. Councillor M Eager, Chairman of the Environment and Leisure Committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 26th March, 2015, copies having been circulated. Councillor Eager highlighted the work that the Groundsman, Mark Bateman, had carried out to improve the children's burial area.

RESOLVED: That the minutes E.90-03.15 to E.100-03.15, be received and noted and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.

VOTING: For 10
Abstentions 4

2. Parish Paths Partnership (P3) Scheme

Councillor Eager explained that a Volunteer Parish Paths Officer would be required to be nominated prior to the Town Council joining the P3 Scheme.

- i) Councillor Eager advised that a local resident, Mrs Ann Hume had written to the office expressing her interest in becoming a Volunteer Parish Paths Officer. Members were requested to accept her nomination.

RESOLVED: That Mrs Ann Hume be nominated as volunteer Parish Paths Officer on behalf of Ledbury Town Council.

VOTING: Unanimous

- ii) Members considered joining the P3 Scheme (Refer E.86-02.15).

RESOLVED: That the Town Council join the P3 Scheme for 2015/16.

VOTING: Unanimous

C.171-04.15 COMMITTEE REPORTS – FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES

1. Councillor P Winter, Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, presented the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th April, 2015, copies having been previously circulated.

RESOLVED: That the minutes F.93-04.15 to F.102-04.15 be received and noted and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted

VOTING: For 13
Abstentions 1

2. Members considered booking an in-house 'New Council' session with Herefordshire Association of Local Councils at a cost of £250, plus mileage. Members were advised that a provisional booking had been made for Saturday 16th May 2015, between 10am and 1pm, in the Town Council Offices.

RESOLVED: That the provisional booking for a 'New Council' session on 16th May, 2015 between 10am and 1pm to be held in the Town Council Offices with HALC at a cost of £250 plus mileage, be confirmed.

VOTING: For 13
Abstentions 1

C.172-04.15 COMMITTEE REPORTS – STANDING

The Town Mayor, Councillor Barnes presented the minutes of the Standing Committee meeting held on 31st March, 2015 copies having been circulated.

RESOLVED: That the minutes S.14-03.15 to S.16-03.15 be received and noted and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted

VOTING: For 7
Against 3
Abstentions 4

C.173-04.15 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.

RESOLVED: That the Report be noted

C.174-04.15 NOTICE OF MOTION 01/2015

Proposed by Councillor Clive Jupp
 Seconded by Councillor Paul Winter

"Following the abandonment of the meeting held on 16th April 2015; we propose that the Town Council should see full redress under the appropriate legislation relating to misconduct by a member of the public during the council meeting."

Councillor Widdows withdrew from debate and took no part in voting.

A named vote was requested.

VOTING:	For	3
	C Jupp	P Winter
	R Yeoman	
	Against	8
	R Barnes	A Bradford
	A Crowe	M Eager
	K Francis	E Harvey
	J Roberts	A Warmington
	Abstentions	2
	A Conway	C Ridler

C.175- 04.15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A local resident asked members why she had only received 3 leaflets from future candidates two weeks before the elections. She was advised that any canvassing was the responsibility of the candidate standing for the election and not that of the Town Council.

C.176- 04.15 LEDBURY PLACES PROJECT

Councillor Jupp confirmed that the group were preparing to re-submit a grant application with a reduced plan.

C.177-04.15 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Members received a report on the Ledbury Area Pedestrian, Access and Cycle Forum meeting held on 10th March, 2015 by Councillor Francis. The next meeting confirmed 22nd September, 2015 at 11am in the Town Council Offices.

C.178-04.15 HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Councillors Harvey and Widdows presented their ward member report, copies having been circulated.

A copy of the report is available on the Town Council's website.

C.179-04.15 PROPOSED CYCLE OF MEETINGS FOR 2015/16

Members were given advance notice of the proposed cycle of meetings for 2015/16 and requested to consider any changes prior to adoption at the Annual Council meeting on 14th May 2015.

C.180-04.15 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

Councillor Barnes read out an email from a Wellington Heath Councillor expressing his concerns about the modifications to the Core Strategy. Councillor Roberts urged that as many residents as possible should respond to the Core Strategy consultation.

C.181-04.15 QUESTIONS TO THE TOWN MAYOR

Councillor Francis expressed his thanks to the four Councillors, all Mayor's in previous years, for their services and commitment to the Town, he went on to say that it was 'sad that the most experienced Councillors were not re standing for election'. The Mayor reiterated Councillor Francis' sentiments and thanked all those Councillors not standing, for their time and commitment to the Town and wished all candidates luck for the forthcoming elections.

C.182-04.15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Members were reminded that the Annual Council meeting will be held on 14th May 2014.

The meeting was closed at 9.17pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....