

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 10th NOVEMBER 2016
IN THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES, LEDBURY

PRESENT: Councillors R Barnes (Chairman)
D Baker A Bradford
K Francis E Fieldhouse
A Manns N Morris
A Warmington

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

P.100 - 11.16 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Crowe, Eager, Eakin, J Roberts and N Roberts.

P.101 - 11.16 INTERESTS

Councillor A Manns declared a non pecuniary Interest in item P.106-11.16, Appeal - as he is a tenant of a property on the site.

P.102 - 11.16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There was none.

P.103 - 11.16 MINUTES

The Minutes were confirmed as a correct record with the following amendments:

Referring to P.93-10.16, 8 Planning Application no. 8 163055, the minutes should be amended to read, "That the application be supported".

Referring to P.95-10.16, the title should be amended to read "Budget 2017/18".

P.104 - 11.16 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members commented on the following Planning Applications prior to determination by Herefordshire Council:-

1. 163093 Change of use from B1 to A1 at Unit 1a Little Marcle Road Industrial Estate, Little Marcle Road, Ledbury HR8 2DR. PLANNING PERMISSION

RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

2. 162971 Proposed single storey rear extension at 12 The Langlands, Ledbury HR8 1BB. FULL HOUSEHOLDER

RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

3. 163143 Proposal to fell a twin-stemmed holly at 4 Larkrise, Knapp Lane, Ledbury HR8 1AN. WORKS TO TREES COVERED BY TPO

RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

4. 163100 Reconstruction and enlargement of domestic outbuilding to create a domestic studio at Oakland House, The Homend, Ledbury HR8 1AP. LISTED BUILDING CONSENT

RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

5. 163099 Reconstruction and enlargement of domestic outbuilding to create a domestic (Amended) studio at Oakland House, The Homend, Ledbury HR8 1AP. FULL HOUSEHOLDER

RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

6. 163450 Proposed yard extension for apple bin storage and parking existing lorries at Redbank Farm, Ledbury HR8 2JL. PLANNING PERMISSION

RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

P.105 - 11.16 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. Members expressed concern at the number of old planning applications which were still valid, therefore indicating that no decision had been made by Herefordshire planners.

RESOLVED: That the summary be noted.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk writes to the Planning Department enquiring as to why some decisions on planning applications are still open after several months.

Councillor Manns left the room at this point of the meeting, having previously declared a non-pecuniary interest (P.106 – 11.16 refers).

P.106 - 11.16 APPEAL

Members considered the Appeal APP/W1850/W/16/3159349 – Application 153213 - Land adjoining New Mills, and its proposed four new dwellings.

The Committee reviewed new documentation and after debate reiterated the points made when the application first came before it at its meeting of 10th December 2015.

Cllr Warmington will attend the appeal hearing as a ward councillor. Subject to availability, Cllr Barnes would also attend; if unavailable Cllr Francis will attend in his stead.

RESOLVED: That the Council's previous comments be re-iterated.

P.107 - 11.16 BUDGET 2017/18

Members reviewed the draft budget, examined each line item and made a number of changes.

Further examination of the budget will take place at the joint budget meeting on Thursday 1st December.

P108 – 11.16 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

The Chairman reminded Members that the Community Speedwatch co-coordinator Mr Ali from Safer Roads Partnership, and PCSO David Alexander, would be attending the PACT meeting on Monday, 12th December to discuss residents' concerns; they would also be looking at setting up Community Speed Watch Teams and seeking volunteers from the wider community.

Councillor Barnes gave a verbal report of the Traffic management Task and Finish Group meeting held on 8th November 2016 and drew members's attention to the following areas:

1. Bridge Street

Speeding and inconsiderate parking - Councillors Baker, Francis and Manns volunteered to observe the problems occurring at Barnett Avenue in the mornings between 8.15 and 09.00, taking in Barnett Close, Oatleys Terrace and down to Albert Road. Given

the problems pedestrians were having in these areas, residents had commented that the Town Trail might be more widely used. The matter would be referred to the Environment & Leisure Committee.

2. Bank Crescent/Homend Crescent junction

Access problems due to parking on both sides of the street - It was suggested that double yellow lines on the north side of Bank Crescent extending to 18m would help alleviate problems in this area. It was suggested that rather than look at TROs in isolation, the Council should look at the town's needs as a whole.

RESOLVED: That Mr Ray Wallace, Herefordshire Council Senior Traffic Engineer, be requested to walk the town with Cllrs Barnes and Francis to identify issues and possible remedies to residents' concerns.

3. TROs

The Chairman advised Members that the painted lines in respect of the TROs in various streets should be painted by the end of the month.

4. Homend Road Surface

Balfour Beatty Living Places (BBLP) is to hold a Workshop to consider its 2017 programme. This will enable BBLP to set its budget with Herefordshire Council. Councils are required to present priority requirements for road maintenance. Councillors Barnes, Francis and Morris volunteered to attend. Members were asked to email their priorities to Councillor Barnes or the Clerk, and these would be taken to the BBLP Workshop for consideration.

P109 – 11.16 UPDATE ON COMMUNITY INFRASTRUCTURE LEVY (CIL) TASK AND FINISH GROUP

The Chairman gave a verbal report from the CIL Task & Finish Group meeting of Tuesday, 25th October 2016. Councillors Barnes, Eager and Manns had examined the current list, and prioritised and re-organised the criteria. The Chairman reported that Herefordshire Council would be contacted to ascertain whether or not the money allocated to Ledbury has been spent.

P.110 - 11.16 CONSULTATION

Councillors considered the BT payphones consultation for the removal of 132 telephone boxes in the county.

It is proposed that one box in Ledbury located at Biddulph Way, is removed. Options include: its adoption by Ledbury at a cost of £1, and

being supported by the Town Council financially thereafter (£400-£500 annually); or the objection to its removal.

Recommendation to Full Council: That an objection to the removal of the telephone box at Biddulph Way be registered on the grounds that:-

- i. availability of mobile phones is restricted in that area of the town;
- ii there is a large proportion of elderly people in the area who might not have mobile phones; and
- iii there had been a significant number of calls (123) made from that box in the year, indicating its continuing need.

P.111- 11.16 STREET TRADING APPLICATION

The Committee considered the placing of a catering trading unit at Lower Road Industrial estate in the late afternoon/evenings. There was discussion about the vicinity of residential properties, and that there was already an outlet during the day.

Recommendation to Full Council: That the application is not be supported on the grounds that the catering unit would be close to residential properties, the area is already well served, and Councillors believe it is in the wrong location.

P.112-11.16 CORRESPONDENCE

1. A local resident had written about the cost of short-term parking in Ledbury Town Centre and suggested that a rate of 25p for a 15 minute stay be considered. The resident realises these matters are decided by Herefordshire Council and would be happy to meet with a Councillor or an Officer to discuss.
2. The Town Council is advised of a Herefordshire Council consultation on the local Flood Risk Management Strategy for Herefordshire. The consultation period is open to 30th January 2017. <http://newsroom.herefordshire.gov.uk/have-your-saylocal-flood-risk-management-strategy.aspx>

3. The Council had received an approach from Barrett/David Wilson Homes regarding the Gladman site, south of Leadon Way. They are holding pre-submission consultations with Herefordshire Council planners and wish to talk with the Town Council about plans for the site. Representatives have accepted an invitation to attend the next ED&P Committee meeting in January 2017.
4. Malvern Hills Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty had published new Guidance on the Selection and Use of Colour in Development, Copy to be circulated to Members by email.
5. A complaint was received from a local trader regarding the Council permitting the market stallholders from selling similar goods to them, and registering their objection. They have already been informed that we cannot prevent market stall holders from selling goods in direct competition with their shop. The matter will be referred to the next meeting of the Charter Market Working Party.

P.113-11.16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA

The next scheduled meeting of the Economic Development & Planning Committee will be held on Thursday, 5th January 2017. However, depending on the number of Planning Applications received, an extraordinary meeting might be called in December for Plans only.

The meeting closed at 9.11 pm.

CHAIRMAN..... DATE