

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Report of a Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) Working Group Meeting held on Wednesday, 7th June 2017 at 7.00pm

Present: Councillors: R Barnes, M Eager, E Fieldhouse
Local Residents: Ms L Turner, Mr P Howells, Ms R Sharpe and
Mr W Stump

1. Apologies

Apologies were received from Cllrs A Crowe and J Simpson; and from local resident Mr R Yeoman.

2. Declarations of Interest

None declared.

3. Minutes

Members considered the report of the meeting held on 17th May 2017 which was accepted as a true record.

4. To consider the allocation of land for housing at Junction off Dymock Road and Bypass

Members noted that the parcel of land in question was outside the present Settlement Boundary defined in the draft Plan and as such would have to be put to Ledbury residents in the form of a consultation.

The group discussed the options and it was agreed that as the offer of the site had come via Herefordshire Council, a response would be sent to them by the Clerk: Bill Stump to draft.

5. To consider the requirements for the finalisation of the Draft Plan in readiness for Regulation 14 Consultation

The group decided that as this item required considerable time, it was deferred to the next meeting to be held at 7pm on Thursday, 15th June 2017.

6. To consider consultation publicity arrangements

The group were shown the draft A5 flyer and amendments were suggested. These would be implemented and brought before the group at its next meeting. Distribution of the flyer was discussed and it was agreed that each household in Ledbury Parish could be distributed with it with delivery possibly by the Post Office (approx. 4,800-5,000) and a quote obtained for this. Quotes would also be sought to print 5,000 double sided, colour A5 flyers. There was a discussion about logistics and it was agreed that Sam Banks be

consulted to ensure the consultation publicity plans are acceptable. There was a discussion about grant funding contributing to the costs of this exercise.

7. To consider the Strategic Environmental Assessment consultation responses

Cllr Fieldhouse told the meeting she had spoken with Sam Banks who had been pleased with the response to Ledbury's SEA consultation. Apparently fewer returns had been received compared with other groups. Responses had been received from Historic England, Natural England and a Ward Councillor. A letter would be sent to Ledbury Naturalists Field Club seeking their input on biodiversity. All comments were discussed, which would be noted and the Plan and/or SEA amended, as appropriate.

8. To consider arrangements for Ledbury Community Day on 10th June

Arrangements were discussed, tasks allocated and volunteers identified who would be present to engage with members of the public during the afternoon at the Recreation Ground. Display boards would be prepared and taken to the venue by Cllr Barnes.

9. Correspondence

Due to the lateness of the hour, this item would be deferred to the next meeting.

10. To consider any other matters relating to the Working Group

Due to the lateness of the hour, this item would be deferred to the next meeting.

11. Date of Next Meeting and items for the Agenda

The next meeting of the group will be held on Thursday, 15th June 2017 at 7pm in the Town Council Offices.

The meeting closed at 9.30pm.