

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON
THURSDAY 23rd JANUARY 2014

PRESENT: Councillor - C Ridler - Chairman
Councillors R Barnes A Bradford
 A Conway A Crowe
 K Francis E Harvey
 J Roberts M Roberts
 C Stallard Daniels
 T Widdows

IN ATTENDANCE: Councillor P Bettington
 Mrs K Mitchell – Clerk to the Council
 Mrs R Blandford – Clerical Officer
 1 member of the public

P.68 - 01.14 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted for D Durham and M Eager.

P.69 - 01.14 INTERESTS

There were none declared at this point in the meeting.

P.70 - 01.14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

P.71 - 01.14 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th December 2013, copies previously circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

P.72 - 01.14 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members considered the following Planning Applications:-

1. P133273/F Change of use of The Cottage to a therapy centre (use class D1) involving relocation of use from Homend Lodge (approved 5/11/2003, ref: DCNE2003/2617/F), restoration of Homend Lodge to a single dwelling, revised access arrangements. No alterations to external appearance at The Cottage and Homend Lodge, The Homend for Mrs Kathryn Fussey

(FULL PLANNING)

RESOLVED: That the application be supported

VOTING: Unanimous

Councillor E Harvey joined the meeting at this point.

2. P133335/F Demolition of part of existing building and erection of 18 no. tower silos at Bevisol, Unit 1A Orchard Business Park for the Owner and/or Occupier

(FULL PLANNING)

RESOLVED: That the application be supported

**VOTING: For 10
Abstention 1**

3. P133369/F Removal of conditions 2 & 3 of permission NE100995/F to change holiday let to separate dwelling at The Wainhouse, Woodhouse Farm, Staplow for Mr & Mrs D Furnival

(FULLPLANNING)

RESOLVED: That the application be supported

**VOTING: For 7
Against 2
Abstention 2**

4. P133463/FH Proposed conversion of single storey outbuildings to granny annexe at 4 Shepherds Close for Mr Alan Testot.

(FULL HOUSEHOLDER)

RESOLVED: That the application be supported

**VOTING: For 9
Abstention 2**

5. P133503/F Alterations and extension to create additional gym area, dance studio, improved reception, changing, spectator seating and poolside facilities together with upgrade to building fabric at Ledbury Swimming Pool, Lawnside Road for Mr A Talbot.

(FULL PLANNING)

RESOLVED: That the application be supported

**VOTING: For 9
Abstention 2**

Members welcomed this application however they wished to make the following comments:-

a) There is insufficient spectator seating for the numbers attending gala evenings etc.

b) A second toilet is needed upstairs on the first floor.

c) Could the access from first floor to First Aid Room be made more accessible.

P.73 - 01.14 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.74 - 01.14 WORKING PARTY REPORTS

1. Car Parking

Members considered the notes from a meeting with Shane Hancock, Herefordshire Council's Community Protection Manager, held on Tuesday 7th January 2014, copies having been previously circulated.

Mr Hancock had reported that the target income from Ledbury's car parks was currently being met; he therefore advised caution in proposing any changes to the current arrangements.

Whilst members were mindful of Mr Hancock's advice they felt that further consideration of the issues raised was required, particularly with regard to charging and signage. Councillor Ridler reminded members that any suggestions put forward by the Town Council would need to be fed back to Herefordshire Council before the end of February 2014.

RESOLVED: That a meeting of the Car Parking Working Party be called as soon as practicable.

2. Neighbourhood Plan

Members received the report from the meeting held on 7th January 2014.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

3. Job Fair

The Chairman presented the report from the meeting held on 21st January 2014, copies having been circulated.

Following discussion, Members considered the Working Party's recommendations in two parts:-

1. That the Town Council be recommended not to hold a Job Fair in 2014.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council be recommended to approve the above recommendation.

(Voting: 8 for 3 against)

2. That the Town council be recommended to investigate the possibility of creating a 'Job Vacancy' website linked to the town.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council be recommended to approve the above recommendation.

(Voting: 10 for 1 abstention)

It was further

RESOLVED: That the Town Council, be recommended to investigate holding an alternative event to help people improve their chances of finding work, including advice on interview technique and CV writing.

P.75- 01.14 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 27th February, 2014.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.35 pm.

CHAIRMAN..... DATE