

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE COMMITTEE HELD ON THURSDAY 19TH FEBRUARY 2015

Present: Councillor: M Eager - Chairman
Councillors: R Barnes A Bradford
 A Conway A Crowe
 K Francis (VC) C Jupp
 J Roberts C Ridler
 C Stallard-Daniels P Winter
 R Yeoman

In Attendance: Mrs K Mitchell - Clerk to the Council
Mrs M Bradman - Deputy Clerk
3 Members of the Public

E.79-02.15 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received and accepted from Councillor P Bettington.

E.80-02.15 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS

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

E.81-02.15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A local resident spoke of his interest in the P3 Scheme. He advised that he was a regular walker of Ledbury's footpaths and gave details of areas in need of attention. The Chairman advised that the areas in question were owned and maintained by Herefordshire Council/Balfour Beatty but that due to budget cuts, funds were limited to cover essential works only.

A local resident asked for clarification with regard to an article in the press about possible works to the cemetery cottage. The Chairman advised that any works which might be carried out would be internal only and would not affect the children's burial area.

E.82-02.15 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 15th January 2015, copies having been previously circulated, were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

E.83-02.15 P3 SCHEME

The Chairman advised that in the interest of expediency the P3 Scheme item would be discussed following the item under Working Party Reports - Lengthsman Scheme.

E.84-02.15 AMENITY AREAS

Members considered a quotation for the removal of a group of heavily leaning trees situated adjacent to the post box on the junction of Shepherds Close.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council be recommended to accept the quotation, in the sum of £300.

E.85-02.15 WORKING PARTY REPORTS

1. Christmas Lights

Members were circulated with the report from the meeting held on 20th January 2015. Members noted that Councillor Bettington had stood down as Chairman of the Working Party and recorded their thanks for all his hard work and dedication over the past 10 years.

RESOLVED: That the Report be noted.

2 Lengthsman Scheme

The Chairman presented a written report from the meeting held on 17th February 2015. (refer C.131-01.15) Councillor Eager explained that a local Lengthsman had attended the meeting giving the working group an excellent insight into the scheme and how it could benefit the Town. A draft proposal for intended works was discussed and it was agreed not to include pot hole repairs. A meeting with the Locality Steward will be arranged to further refine the plan prior to submission to Balfour Beatty.

RESOLVED: That the Report be noted and that the working party proceed with the production of a Management Plan for the basic Lengthsman Scheme.

E.86-02.15 P3 SCHEME

Members discussed the possibility of appointing a Footpaths Officer to enable joining the Balfour Beatty Living Places P3 Scheme. The Clerk offered to contact the Ledbury Walkers Club to ascertain any interest.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council be recommended to advertise the voluntary position of Footpaths Officer in the April newsletter in the Ledbury Focus and on the Town Council website.

E.87-02.15 CLOSED CHURCHYARD

The Chairman gave a progress report on repairs to the Closed Churchyard boundary wall. Photographs of the wall were circulated and members expressed how delighted they were with how the work was progressing.

E.88-02.15 OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Conway advised the committee that the Community Action Ledbury group office would be moving into the newly refurbished Master's House on 8th March 2015.

E.89-02.15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS

The next meeting of the Environment & Leisure Committee will be held on 26th March, 2015.

Members were reminded to inform the Clerk of any agenda items for the next meeting.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.06pm

Chairman Date