

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 1st OCTOBER 2015
IN THE MARKET HOUSE, LEDBURY

PRESENT: Councillors E Harvey (Chairman)
A Crowe R Barnes
M Eager M Eakin
E Fieldhouse K Francis
A Harrison N Morris
J Roberts N Roberts
A Warmington

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs K Mitchell – Clerk to the Council
Mrs B Stump - Clerical Officer

P.59 - 10.15 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors M Mackness and A Manns.

P.60 - 10.15 INTERESTS

There were none declared at this point in the meeting.

P.61 - 10.15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

P.62 - 10.15 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Economic Development and Planning Committee meeting held on 17th September 2015, copies having been previously circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

P.63 - 10.15 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Councillor Francis declared a non-pecuniary interest in the following planning application.

1. P152536	Proposed removal of existing conservatory and single storey rear structure and replace with new single storey garden room with internal alterations at 43a Albert Road, Ledbury HR8 2DN <p style="text-align: right;">FULL HOUSEHOLDER</p> RESOLVED: That the application be supported.
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Councillor Crowe declared a non-pecuniary interest in the following planning application.

2. P152553	Proposed change of use of part of 1st floor of premises from office (B1a) to dance studio (D2). No external alteration at Part of First Floor, Sear House, Bye Street, Ledbury HR8 2AA. <p style="text-align: right;">PLANNING PERMISSION</p>
RESOLVED: That the application be supported.	
3. P152717	Proposal to fell a tulip tree at Barn House, 23 New Street, Ledbury HR8 2DX. <p style="text-align: center;">WORKS TO TREES IN A CONSERVATION AREA</p>
RESOLVED: That the application be supported.	

P.64 - 10.15 PLANNING APPLICATION DECISIONS

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.65 - 09.15 BUDGET 2016/17

Members considered the draft budget required by the Economic Development & Planning Committee for 2016/17.

Members discussed creating a new line for Signage. To ensure arriving at a sensible figure, a survey of the existing signage in the town would be conducted to ascertain if existing signs could be re-sited more effectively. Councillor Eager offered undertake a review of signage in time for the next meeting of the Committee on 5th November.

The Chairman requested that Members revisit past actions from the Town Plan in order to make provision in the budget to take actions forward. Comments and suggestions to be forwarded to the Chairman to compile an estimate. (Action plans to be re-circulated)

The Chairman advised that the Town Plan and Neighbourhood Plan Working parties would report back to the next Committee meeting with a budget review. It was noted that the Lottery Awards for All grant could be extended for another three months.

P.66 - 10.15 BUS SHELTER

A resident of Dawes Court had requested a bus shelter be erected in The Homend, opposite the Tesco store. It was agreed that more information was required regarding demand and usage.

Statistics re usage and frequency at the existing bus stop could be obtained from the bus company DRM, which runs the service. Updated information from Herefordshire Council would also be sought, as it had in the past required a 25% contribution from Ledbury Town Council towards the cost of installing shelters. The Town Plan Working Party had conducted a recent transport survey, the results of which would also be taken into consideration.

Councillor Warmington left the meeting at 20.27.

P.67 - 10.15 WORKING PARTY MATTERS

1. Members were presented with the report of the Charter Market Working Party meeting held on 7th September.

RESOLVED: That the first recommendation regarding a permanent area be referred back to the Working Party to clarify its purpose for requesting a meeting with Herefordshire Highways.

RESOLVED: That the procurement of signage be deferred until twelve pitches are filled at the Tuesday market.

RESOLVED: To agree a budget of up to £500 for barriers/cordons, and that the Charter Market Working Party provides further options, with photographs, and brings them back to this Committee.

2. Members were presented with the report from the Town Plan Working Party meeting held on 22nd September. The Chairman drew the Committee's attention to the timetable for the final round of presentations to the public and Councillors.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

P.68 - 10.15 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

1. The Chairman notified members of a request received from residents of Masefield Avenue seeking consideration of a residents parking scheme.

RESOLVED: That the letter be noted and referred to the Traffic Management Working Party.

2. The Clerk advised that the Herefordshire Council would be considering the adoption of the Local Development Framework (LDF -Core Strategy) 2011-2031 at its meeting on 16th October. Ledbury

Town Council is invited to a seminar on 22nd October to discuss this development and its implications for planning in the County. The seminar will also cover Neighbourhood Planning and how this fits into the Core Strategy.

Councillor Francis volunteered to attend the meeting and report back.

3. A letter had been received from the Campaign to Protect Rural England (CPRE) inviting Councillors to a meeting on Tuesday, 3rd November regarding Neighbourhood Development Planning in the County. Councillors wishing to attend should inform the Clerk.

P.69 - 10.15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

The next meeting of the Economic Development & Planning Committee is scheduled for 5th November 2015.

There were no items raised for inclusion on the next agenda.

The meeting closed at 9.16 pm.

CHAIRMAN..... DATE