

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of
Ledbury Town Council
held on
Wednesday 18th February 2015

Present: Councillors: The Town Mayor, Councillor R Barnes, Chairman

A Bradford	A Crowe
D Durham	M Eager
K Francis	R Hadley
E Harvey	C Jupp
C Ridler	J Roberts
C Stallard Daniels	A Warmington
T Widdows	P Winter
R Yeoman	

In attendance: Mrs K Mitchell – Clerk to the Council
Mrs M Bradman – Deputy Clerk to the Council
11 Members of the public

C.139 - 02.15 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted for Councillors P Bettington and A Conway.

C.140 - 02.15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

C.141 - 02.15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Two members of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party individually expressed their thoughts and concerns with particular emphasis on project management, budgeting and making good use of the skills available within the working party. They urged the Council to allow the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party to continue its work up to and during the impending purdah period.

A local resident spoke of her dismay at the conduct of some working party members at a meeting she had recently attended as a member of the public. She urged members to pay due heed to the planning consultant and to proceed in a respectful and timely manner.

A local resident stated that, shortly before the meeting started, he had been accused of spreading rumours concerning the Neighbourhood Plan consultation data and that he wished this to be put on record.

C.142 - 02.15 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

1. The Chairman, Councillor Barnes gave a brief summary of the work undertaken by the Working Party. He advised that whilst works had fallen behind schedule, good progress had been made in recent months with regard to the formulation of objectives and policies,

however there was still more work to do before a draft plan would be ready for presentation to the public.

Members considered a report prepared by the internal auditor with regard to expenditure for additional works beyond the scope of the planning consultant's contract (refer P.82 - 01.15, 2.2). A motion to adopt the report was proposed and seconded and a lengthy discussion ensued. As some members had not had sufficient time to read the report due to it only having been available for circulation on the day of the meeting, the motion to adopt the report was withdrawn.

RESOLVED: That further consideration of the Internal Auditor's report be deferred until the next meeting of the Finance & General Purposes Committee.

A named vote was taken. **All Members present voted in favour of the motion.**

- Members considered postponing the planned consultation events scheduled for 20th February and 30th March 2015 until after the May elections.

Following discussion,

it was **RESOLVED: That the planned consultation events scheduled for 20th February and 30th March 2015, be postponed until after the May elections.**

A named vote was taken.

For	11
Barnes	Crowe
Durham	Hadley
Harvey	Ridler
Roberts	Stallard Daniels
Widdows	Warmington
Yeoman	
Against	2
Bradford	Francis
Abstentions	3
Eager	Jupp
Winter	

- Members considered the postponement of all meetings of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party until after the May elections.

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party continue to meet as planned in the run up to the elections.

A named vote was taken.

All Members present voted in favour of the motion.

4. Members were advised that the Planning Consultant's contract was due to expire on the 26th February, 2015.

Following discussion it was

RESOLVED: That the Planning Consultant's contract be extended for a further 12 months until 26th February 2016.

A named vote was taken.

For	11
Barnes	Bradford
Durham	Eager
Jupp	Ridler
Roberts	Stallard Daniels
Widdows	Winter
Yeoman	
Against	5
Crowe	Francis
Hadley	Harvey
Warmington	

Councillor J Roberts left the meeting at this point.

5. Councillor Yeoman suggested that agenda items (5) - To consider the future level of involvement by Planning Consultants and (6) - To review the Neighbourhood Plan Budget should be considered in conjunction with each other.

RESOLVED: That a small working group be set up to look at project management and that it report back to the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party.

A named vote was taken.

For	14
Barnes	Bradford
Crowe	Durham
Eager	Hadley
Harvey	Jupp
Ridler	Stallard Daniels
Warmington	Widdows
Winter	Yeoman
Abstention	1
Francis	

It was agreed that the working group consist of Councillors Barnes, Hadley, Harvey and Yeoman.

6. Members were asked to review and agree the management structure of the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party.

RESOLVED: That the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party determine its own management structure.

A named vote was taken.

All Members present voted in favour of the motion.

There being no further business the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.30p.m.

Chairman..... Date.....