

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 5th OCTOBER 2017
IN THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES, LEDBURY**

PRESENT: Councillors: A Crowe (Chairman)
R Barnes A R Bradford
M Eakin M Eager
E Fieldhouse A Manns
N Morris A Warmington
H Wilce

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs K Mitchell - Clerk to the Council
2 Members of the Public (part)

P.120 - 10.17 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllrs D Baker, K Francis, J Roberts and J Simpson.

P.121 - 10.17 INTERESTS

None declared.

P.122 - 10.17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A member of the Ledbury Area Cycle Forum made representations about planning applications [172501](#) and [172503](#).

Referring to 172501, Members were advised that the Cycle Forum had made a detailed objection to Herefordshire Council with regard to non-compliance with the Core Strategy in terms of cycle storage, cycling/active travel infrastructure. This had resulted in a very satisfactory outcome with impressive improvements to cycle storage and active travel into the site.

Referring to 172503, The Cycle Forum felt that the application created an opportunity to extend the shared use path way from Aldi's boundary to the end of L2, to reduce car dependency and improve active travel provision. The Clerk read out an email from the Chairman of Ledbury Area Cycle Forum reiterating the same view.

P.123 - 10.17 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Economic Development & Planning committee meeting held on 7th September, 2017 were confirmed as a correct record.

P.124 - 10.17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members commented on the following Planning Applications prior to determination by Herefordshire Council:-

1.	<u>172503</u>	Proposed new commercial unit at Unit 2, Lower Road Trading Estate, Ledbury HR8 2DJ. PLANNING PERMISSION
		RESOLVED: To support the application, subject to the shared use 3m path being extended from the new Aldi store to link up with public footpath L2 to encourage active travel.
2.	<u>172073</u>	(Retrospective) Change of use to hand car wash business at Ledbury Hand Wash, Ledbury HR8 1LG. PLANNING PERMISSION
		RESOLVED: To support the application, subject to all environmental restrictions being met i.e. that all waste (cleaning solutions/chemicals) is disposed of in an environmentally friendly way. Members recommended that the site should be visited by an Environmental Officer.
3.	<u>172501</u>	An application for reserved matters seeking approval of appearance, layout and scale of 100 dwellings pursuant to outline planning permission 141651 (that approved the access) at Land to the rear of, The Full Pitcher, New Street, Ledbury. APPROVAL OF RESERVED MATTERS
		RESOLVED: That the application be supported, subject to the following conditions being met: External appearance of dwellings should comply with the AONB colour palette. All dwellings with car parking spaces or garages should include charging points for electric cars. Members did not support the proposed variation to the s106 agreement to change from 55% social rent to 'affordable' rent. Members wished to resubmit their previous comments in respect of appearance layout and scale (ED & P committee meeting 03.08.17) as these did not appear to have been addressed.
4.	<u>173239</u>	Proposed two storey extension to dwelling (slight amendment to approved planning application 171095) to 21 Newton Close, Ledbury HR8 2XG. FULL HOUSEHOLDER
		RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

5.	<u>173168</u>	Proposed internal works and installation of fire alarm system at 1 The Southend, Ledbury HR8 2EY.
		LISTED BUILDING CONSENT RESOLVED: That the application be supported.
6.	<u>173454</u>	Proposed removal of stud wall partition on first floor in order to make two rooms in to one at 149 The Homend, Ledbury HR8 1BP
		LISTED BUILDING CONSENT RESOLVED: That the application be supported.
7.	<u>173157</u>	Proposed signage at Ledbury Nursing Home, Market Street, Ledbury HR8 2AQ.
		ADVERTISEMENT CONSENT RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

P.125 - 10.17 PLANNING APPLICATION DECISIONS

Members were circulated with an updated summary of determinations made by Herefordshire Council on planning applications previously considered by Ledbury Town Council.

RESOLVED: That the summary be noted.

P.126 - 10.17 BUDGET 2018/19

Members considered the first draft of the budget required by the Economic Development & Planning Committee for 2018/19, copies having been circulated.

Following discussion, it was decided to make no changes to the draft budget figures for 2018/19, but to re-allocate earmarked reserves, as follows: (figures to be reviewed at next meeting)

	Before £	After £
Promotional Material	1,588	2,588
Tourism/Allotments Centenary	11,648	11,648
Parish Plan	3,700	1,700
Emergency Planning	1,000	1,000
Job Fair/Business	2,000	0
Traffic Management	0	3,000
Total	19,936	19,936

P.127 - 10.17 ROUNDABOUTS LICENCE TASK & FINISH GROUP

The Chairman advised that the Roundabouts Working Party had met on 4 October 2017 to consider the completed applications from local businesses. A total of three had been received and had been allocated against the three available roundabouts.

RESOLVED: To issue roundabout maintenance licences to Galebraker Group Ltd, Haygrove Ltd and Shane Howells Ltd.

P.128 - 10.17 PLANNING MATTERS

Members discussed adopting a policy that all new housing should have electric car charging points at every dwelling.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council be recommended to adopt a policy, when commenting on planning applications, that all new dwellings with a garage or driveway should have an electric car charging point.

P.129 - 10.17 CONSULTATIONS

Rights of Way Improvement Plan (ROWIP).
Closing date - Friday 10 November 2017.

The ROWIP can be viewed online at the following web address: [ROWIP 2017 to 2027](#).

Following discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the Town's Footpath Officer and a named interested local resident be asked for their views on the consultation document and that any comments be reported back to the next meeting for consideration.

P.130 - 10.17 CORRESPONDENCE

A resident of Church Street raised concern about the steady increase in cars parked at the top of Church Street, leading into Homend Crescent, posing a potential hazard for emergency vehicles. Double yellow lines were obscured by mud and leaves and therefore not acting as a deterrent to drivers.

The Clerk was requested to contact Balfour Beatty to request that the road be swept and that the Parking Enforcement Officers be requested to check the areas for illegally parked cars whenever in the town centre.

P.131 - 10.17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA

The next meeting of the Economic Development & Planning Committee will be on Thursday, 9th November 2017.

The meeting closed at 8.35pm.

CHAIRMAN..... DATE