

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a Meeting of

Ledbury Town Council

held on

Thursday 1st May 2014

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

P Bettington	A Bradford
A Conway	D Durham
M Eager	R Hadley
E Harvey	C Jupp
C Ridler	J Roberts
P Winter	R Yeoman

In Attendance: Mrs K Mitchell - Clerk to the Council
4 Members of the public

C.179–05.14 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted for Councillors A Crowe, K Francis, M Roberts, C Stallard Daniels and T Widdows.

C.180–05.14 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Councillor R Yeoman declared a Pecuniary interest in C.183-05.14, 4.
Councillor E Harvey declared a Non Pecuniary Interest in C.184-05.14
Councillor R Hadley declared a Non Pecuniary Interest in C.184-05.14

C.181–05.14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

A local resident voiced her objections to the possible installation of a lift to The Market House.

C.182–05.14 MINUTES

The Minutes of the meeting held on 17th April 2014, copies having been circulated, were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

C.183–05.14 COMMITTEE MATTERS

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE

Members considered the following Planning Applications:-

1. P140619/F & P140620/L Change of use of former offices to form single self contained dwelling unit at Vine House, New Street for Ltd.H J P Holdings
(FULL PLANNING & LISTED BUILDING CONSENT)

RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

**VOTING: For 11
Abstentions 2**

2. P140478/F & P140834/L Conversion of boiler room to extension of sales area. New stairs, toilet and store at Ethos, 17 High Street for Mr N Freeman
(FULL PLANNING & LISTED BUILDING CONSENT)

RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

**VOTING: For 11
Abstentions 2**

3. P140768/FH Proposed construction of single storey extension at Ivy Dene, Victoria Road for Mr R Walters
(FULL HOUSEHOLDER PLANNING)

RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

**VOTING: For 11
Abstentions 2**

4. P140785/FH Proposed single storey extension at 21 Biddulph Way for the Owner and/or Occupier
(FULL HOUSEHOLDER PLANNING)

Cllr R Yeoman left the chamber during consideration of the above planning application and took no part in discussion and voting.

A motion to support the application was lost by 9 votes to 2 with 1 abstention.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council object to the application on the following grounds:-

Building forward of the original frontage would set a precedent in the area and compromise the architectural design of the streetscene.

Sightlines for traffic would be adversely affected.

**VOTING: For 8
Against 1
Abstentions 3**

5. P140891/FH Single storey extension at 84 Biddulph Way for Mr R Benoit

(FULL HOUSEHOLDER PLANNING)

RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

**VOTING: For 6
Against 2
Abstentions 5**

6. P140895/F Proposed extension of existing dwelling at Thyme Bank, The Mews, Orchard Lane for Mr and Mrs Alisdair & Janet MacArthur

(FULL HOUSEHOLDER PLANNING)

RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

**VOTING: For 11
Abstentions 2**

7. P140968/FH Single storey extension and internal alterations at 14 Knapp Close for Mrs P Michell

(FULL PLANNING)

RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

**VOTING: For 10
Abstentions 3**

8. P141001/FH Proposed replacement of rear window and reinstate & chimney stacks at Tinsmiths, 8a High Street for Mr A Clive
P141115/L

(FULL PLANNING & LISTED BUILDING CONSENT)

RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

**VOTING: For 11
Abstentions 2**

C.184–05.14 GRANT APPLICATION

Members considered an application for funding from The Ledbury & District Community Benefit Society (CBS), copies having been circulated.

Council E Harvey, a CBS committee member, advised that the organisation was currently in start-up, pending registration with the Charity Commission and Financial Regulators. The aims of the CBS would be to support community development projects in the Ledbury parish.

Councillor Harvey informed the meeting that the grant would be used specifically for re-opening and operating the Bye Street public toilets, to include the fitting of coin operated locks and to generate additional funds to cover costs going forward.

Following due discussion, it was

RESOLVED: That the application for a grant of £14,800 be approved in principle, subject to the formal set up of The Ledbury & District Community Benefit Society.

C.185–05.14 LEDBURY PLACES PROJECT

Members considered the temporary installation of life size mock-ups together with an exhibition to display options for possible lift access to the Market House. The mock-ups would be installed underneath the Market House, representing the two possible lift options; each being in situ for one week at a time.

Members generally felt that this would be a valuable way in which to gauge opinion and to encourage public engagement and raise awareness of the Ledbury Places Project.

RESOLVED: That permission be granted for the temporary installation of the lift mock-ups and exhibition.

**VOTING: For 11
Abstentions 2**

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.36pm.

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