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LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON
THURSDAY 27th FEBRUARY 2014

PRESENT: Councillor - C Ridler - Chairman
Councillors R Barnes
A Conway A Crowe
M Eager E Harvey
J Roberts C Stallard Daniels
T Widdows

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs K Mitchell – Clerk to the Council
Mrs R Blandford – Clerical Officer
1 member of the press

P.76 - 02.14 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted for Councillors D Durham, K Francis and M Roberts.

P.77 - 02.14 INTERESTS

There were none declared at this point in the meeting.

P.78 - 02.14 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public present.

P.79 - 02.14 MINUTES

The minutes of the meeting held on 23rd January 2014, copies previously circulated, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

P.80 - 02.14 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Members considered the following Planning Applications:-

1.P140224/FH Conversion and enlargement of garage into habitable room with additional WC at 84 Biddulph Way for Mr R Beniot

(FULL HOUSEHOLDER)

RESOLVED: That the application be supported

**VOTING: For 8
Abstention 1**

2. P140257/FH Proposed extension and garage block at Walden, Knapp Lane for Mr & Mrs Hume

(FULL HOUSEHOLDER)

RESOLVED: That the application be supported

**VOTING: For 8
Abstention 1**

3. P140478/E Dismantle the existing dual circuit electricity line and construct a new single circuit overhead electricity line which will be the Ledbury to Hereford line. Install new H poles that will support the overhead wires, - Overhead electricity line between Ledbury Sub Station and, Falcon Lane, Ledbury for Mr John James.

(ELECTRICITY CONSULTATION)

RESOLVED: That the application be supported

**VOTING: For 8
Abstention 1**

P.81 - 02.14 PLANNING APPLICATION DETERMINATIONS

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.82 - 02.14 WORKING PARTY REPORTS

1. Neighbourhood Plan

The Chairman of the Working Party, Cllr R Barnes, presented the Report from the meeting held on 4th February 2014, copies having been circulated.

He advised that the sub-group meetings held on 24th February had been poorly attended. Members were urged to put themselves forward to serve on any of the following six sub-groups:-

- Housing & Population
- Economic Development
- Heritage & Built Environment
- Natural Environment
- Community
- Infrastructure

RESOLVED: That the Report be noted.

2. Car Parking

The Chairman, Cllr C Ridler presented a report from a meeting held on Tuesday 18th February 2014. He drew Members' attention to a briefing note from Shane Hancock, Herefordshire Council's Service Manager Parking & CCTV, relating to the Cabinet Member's decisions regarding off-street car parking charges across the County.

The key decisions affecting Ledbury were highlighted as follows:-

- a) charging hours across council car parks will be extended up to 22.00 hours at current hourly tariffs;
- b) charges on council car parks will apply on Bank/Public Holidays at current Monday to Saturday hourly tariffs.

Members were very concerned to learn that late night charges would be applied in the market towns.

Referring to 2.Car Parks, Members considered the Working Party's recommendations for changes to car parking charges.

LEDBURY	Current Charge	Working Party Recommendation
Bridge Street	Monday to Saturday £1.00 up to 4 hours £1.50 over 4 hours Sunday Free	Monday to Saturday £1.00 up to 4 hours £2 over 4 hours Sunday Free

RESOLVED: That Mr Hancock be given the flexibility to minimise parking charges in Bridge Street Car park based on what he considers to be reasonable charges for the other car parks.

Bye Street	Monday to Saturday 50p - 1 hour £1.00 - 2 hours £1.50 - 3 hours £2.00 -4 hours £2.50 over 4 Hours Sunday Free	Monday to Saturday Becomes a short stay car park. 30p for up to 1 hour 50p per hour up to 4 hours Maximum £1.80 Sunday Free
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RESOLVED: That the proposed changes to Bye Street car park be supported.

Lawnside Road	Monday to Sunday 50p for up to 1 hour £1 for up to 2 hours £1.50 - 3 hours £2.00 - 4 Hours £2.50 Over 4 hours Sunday Free	Monday to Saturday Becomes a short stay car park 50p per hour Up to a maximum of 4 hours at £2 Sunday Free
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RESOLVED: That the recommendation to change Lawnside Road to a short stay car park be rejected.

The committee was prepared to accept a small increase in charges if it would deliver revenue targets.

St Katharine's	Monday to Sunday 50p for up to 1 hour £1.00 for up to 2 hours £1.50 for up to 3 hours £2.00 for up to 4 hours Maximum stay 4 hours Sunday Free	Monday to Sunday Change to a long stay Car Park Charges apply from 8am to 6pm 50p for up to 1 hour 50p per hour up to a maximum of £5 Sunday Free
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RESOLVED: That the proposed changes to St. Katharine's car park be supported.

RESOLVED: That Herefordshire Council be requested to ensure that information relating to season tickets be clearly displayed on car park signage for all car parks.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council be recommended to submit the amended recommendations to Mr Hancock for re-modelling.

Referring to 4. Traffic Management; Members considered the Working Party's recommendations and made the following amendments:-

1. Double Yellow Lines (waiting restriction) to be installed in the following locations. It was noted that any items already on the wait list should be included in the Traffic Order
 - a) Longacres and Orchard Lane, both sides of the road from the junction with Margaret Road up to the bridge on Orchard Lane. **Approve. Request that this area be made a 20mph zone.**
 - b) Longacres 10 metres on both sides up to its junction with Bridge Street. **Approve**
 - c) New Street from the junction with Woodleigh Road, down towards the Catholic Church, in order to improve the sight line when exiting Woodleigh Road. **Reject – already in existence**
 - d) The Homend, Knap Lane and the Homend Garage. **Approve**
 - e) Worcester Road, from the speed limit sign down towards the Top Cross to provide safe passage for vehicles travelling towards Worcester. **Reject – already in place**
 - f) Bye Street, on corner to Recreation Ground in front of dropped kerb. **Approve**

2. Dropped Kerbs to be installed at the entrance to Homend Garage, Knapp Lane, Mabel's furlong by the main entrance to John Masefield High School and the entrance by the footpath to Deer Park, Southend Mews and South Parade. **Approve Include kerb on opposite side of road from existing dropped kerb at exit from Recreation Ground to Orchard Lane**

3. To request that the Bus Stop in front of Wisteria Cottage, New Street be re-considered for installation. **Approve**
4. In the interest of road safety a 'No left turn into Little Marcle Road from New Street for vehicles over 7.5tonnes travelling eastwards' towards the Top Cross be imposed. **Reject
Already in place**
5. That existing white lines at junctions be re-painted where necessary. **Approve
Include all existing road markings to be re-painted.**

RESOLVED: That the Town Council be recommended to approve the above recommendations, as amended.

P.83 - 02.14 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

The Chairman gave a verbal report following his meeting with Herefordshire Council's Lead Traffic engineer Andy Lee Jones, regarding the forthcoming review of waiting restrictions.

Mr Lee Jones had advised that upon receipt of comments from the Town Council, he would arrange for the commencement of an official consultation.

Members were circulated with drawings showing the proposed changes and the following comments were made:

Page 1. 'No waiting at anytime' restrictions.

All proposed restrictions were supported.

Page 2. 'No waiting at anytime' restrictions.

Members requested that a 20mph zone be applied in this area (junction of Longacres and Orchard Lane) It was noted that the Primary School are currently in the process of preparing a Traffic Management Plan and that the Headteacher should be consulted on this proposal.

Page 3. 'No waiting at anytime' restrictions.

All proposed restrictions were supported.

Page 4. 'Removal of existing no waiting at anytime' restrictions.

(opposite junction of New Street / Woodleigh Road)
**Members did not support the removal of this restriction.
All other proposed restrictions were supported.**

Page 5. 'Proposed No waiting at anytime' restrictions. (Worcester Road - outside Police Station)

Members did not support the proposed restriction.

Page 6. 'Proposed No waiting at anytime' restrictions. (corner of Mabel's Furlong at entrance to High School)

Members supported the proposed restriction and requested that traffic calming measures be installed e.g. 20mph zone; mini roundabout; flashing warning lights at school start/finish times.

Page 7. 'Proposed No waiting at anytime' restrictions. (Belle Orchard)

Members supported the proposed restriction.

Members then considered additional areas for inclusion in the Town Council's response to Herefordshire Council.

Lower Road

Traffic signage is confusing, particularly relating to access to trading estate – **Request review of signage in this area.**

Church Street

Members considered that a small number of parking spaces could be created where the road widens out adjacent to the rear of the Walled Garden – **Request that waiting restriction be removed in this area.**

High Street

Request that the current restrictions relating to the Charter Market be extended to include the area up to the pedestrian crossing.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council be recommended to return the above comments to Herefordshire Council.

P.84 - 02.14 Malvern Hills AONB Partnership

Malvern Hills AONB 'Guidance on Building Design'.

A hard copy is available in the office. An electronic copy is available on the AONB website at the following address:- <http://www.malvernhillsaonb.org.uk/guidance.html>

RESOLVED: That this be noted.

P.85 - 02.14 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

The Chairman advised that the next meeting of the Economic Development & Planning Committee will be held on 27th March, 2014.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.06 pm.

CHAIRMAN.....

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