

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a Re-convened Meeting of
Ledbury Town Council
held on
Wednesday 7th August 2013

Present: Councillors: The Town Mayor, Councillor T Widdows, Chairman
P Bettington A Bradford
A Conway A Crowe
K Francis E Harvey
C Jupp C Ridler
M Roberts J Roberts
C Stallard Daniels R Yeoman

Also Present: Mrs K Mitchell – Clerk to the Council
Ms D Baldwin – Deputy Clerk to the Council

The Town Mayor welcomed everyone to the re-convened Full Council meeting. He then announced with regret that Councillor Peter Watts had resigned from the Town Council on health grounds, but that he had retained his seat on Herefordshire Council and would still attend Full Council meetings of Ledbury Town Council as a Ledbury Ward member.

C.52 - 08.13 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted for Councillors R Barnes, M Eager, L Fieldhouse, P Watts and P Winter.

C.53 - 08.13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

C.54 - 08.13 COMMITTEE REPORTS – PLANNING & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

1. Councillor C Ridler, Chairman of the Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting presented the Minutes of the meeting held on 2nd May, 2013, copies having been previously circulated.

RESOLVED: That the minutes P.112-05.13 to P.119-05.13, be received and noted and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted

VOTING: Unanimous

2. Councillor C Ridler, Chairman of the Planning and Economic Development Committee meeting presented the minutes of the meeting held on 11th July, 2013, copies having been previously circulated.

RESOLVED: That the minutes P.18-07.13 to P.29-07.13, be received and noted and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted

VOTING: Unanimous

3. Councillor T Widdows, presented the Report from the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party meeting held on 2nd July 2013, copies having been previously circulated.

RESOLVED: That the Report be received and noted and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted

VOTING: Unanimous

4. Planning Applications

Members considered the following Planning Applications:-

1. 130613/F New residential development to provide 7 no. new houses in lieu of existing chalet bungalow on land at Ellenscroft, New Street.

(AMENDED-FULL PLANNING)

RESOLVED: Recommend Support

**VOTING: For 9
Abstentions 3**

C.55 - 08.13 LEDBURY COMMUNITY ASSET REGENERATION (formerly MAT)

The Clerk advised that Members were invited to attend a presentation on Phase 1 of the Ledbury Community Asset Regeneration Project to be held on Monday 19th August at 7.30pm at the Old Cottage Hospital, Ledbury.

C.56 - 08.13 LEDBURY FOOD BANK

Members considered a request from the Ledbury Food Bank for volunteers from the Town Council to issue food bank vouchers,

according to their criteria guidelines, on Wednesday mornings in the Town Council Offices. Councillors Barnes, Conway, Francis and Stallard Daniels volunteered their help.

C.57 - 08.13 ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE (ACV)

The Town Council are given notice that a nomination has been received by Herefordshire Council to list the Recreation Ground, Ledbury as an Asset of Community Value under the Localism Act 2011. (Refer C.51 - 08.13) Following a query at the last meeting regarding an incorrect statement in the notification letter, the Clerk was able to confirm that this was a typographical error, and that Herefordshire Council had confirmed that property is not offered for formal tender, nor is it currently offered for sale under any process.

RESOLVED: That the Town Council confirm ownership of the land and that it has no objection to the nomination.

VOTING: Unanimous

C.58 - 08.13 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor C Jupp gave a short report from the Carnival Committee. He advised that unfortunately the Ledbury Rotary Club would no longer be able to run the Park and Ride scheme on Carnival day. The Committee is currently exploring other avenues but would welcome any offers of help.

C.59 - 08.13 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk gave details of general correspondence received in the office.

C.60 - 08.13 QUESTIONS TO THE TOWN MAYOR, PURSUANT TO STANDING ORDER NO.8.

Councillor Jupp asked for the Town Mayor's indulgence, whilst he gave a brief update regarding costs and staff contracts for the Approved Premises Licence for Marriages and Civil Partnership Ceremonies in the Town Council Offices. He alerted members to the possibility of a referendum should the Town Council's precept increase by 2% or more.

Councillor Crowe asked the Town Mayor if the Town Council would consider proposing that certain areas in the Town are designated as breast feeding areas. He replied that he would look into the matter.

Councillor Francis asked the Town Mayor a question about the use of mobile devices during meetings. He advised that he had received representations from members of the public about Councillors making

critical comments on social media sites and asked whether the Town Council should have a policy on social media. The Town Mayor agreed to refer the matter to the relevant committee for consideration.

C.61 - 08.13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Full Council meeting is scheduled to take place on Thursday 3rd October, 2013.

Members were reminded that the Economic Development & Planning Committee meeting originally scheduled for the 19th September had been moved to 26th September, 2013.

The being no further business the meeting closed at 8.04pm.

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