

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of an Extraordinary Meeting of
Ledbury Town Council
held on
Thursday 3rd July 2014

Present: Councillors: The Deputy Town Mayor, Councillor R Yeoman – In the Chair.

P Bettington	A Bradford
A Conway	A Crowe
D Durham	M Eager
K Francis	E Harvey
J Roberts	C Stallard Daniels

In Attendance: Mrs K Mitchell – Clerk to the Council
Mrs M Bradman – Deputy Clerk
1 Member of the public; 1 Member of the Press

C.38–07.13 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted for Councillors R Barnes, R Hadley, C Jupp, C Ridler, M Roberts, T Widdows and P Winter.

C.39–07.13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interests made at this point in the meeting.

C.40–07.13 DISPENSATIONS

No applications for dispensations had been received.

C.41–07.13 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no members of the public who wished to speak.

C.42–07.13 CORE STRATEGY 2011-2031

Pre-Submission Final Consultation – 22nd May 2014 to 3rd July 2014.

The Chairman reminded members that the purpose of the consultation was to invite comments on the 'soundness' of the Core Strategy and that in order for it to be compliant it must be:

- Positively prepared
- Justified
- Effective
- Consistent with national policy

Members were circulated with a 'Test of Soundness Representation' as prepared, on behalf of Ledbury Town Council, by Foxley Tagg Planning consultants in consultation with Ledbury Town Council Members (refer C.21 - 06.14), together with a corresponding document containing the draft response in an online-submission format.

Members considered the above draft response on a page by page basis:

Policy LB1- Development in Ledbury

Page 3 – Para 3.1.3 - Amend to read:

The land south of Little Marcle should be removed from the plan as a proposed employment allocation and a deliverable alternative found, unless the Council can demonstrate how the Little Marcle Road site will be accessed.

Page 4 – Para 3.3 - Correction to read:

Policy LB1 LB2 directs 625 of the 800 dwellings that Ledbury requires over the Core Strategy plan period to the land north of the viaduct site. It is considered that in allocating this site the council has failed to consider all reasonable alternatives.

Page 5 – Para 3.3.1 - Include the following wording:

The current high school site should be assessed for its suitability as a land block for residential development, as per the assessment process utilised in the development of the SHLAA, and options for a new site for a high school be also similarly assessed.

Policy LB2 – Land north of the Viaduct

Page 6 – No change

Page 7 – No change

Page 8 – No change

Page 9 – No change

Page 10 – Para 4.4.6 - Amend to read:

~~The Housing numbers~~ located on the site north of the Viaduct ~~should be reduced and provision for accommodation, that meets the needs of the elderly, is not suitably located or sustainable in meeting the needs of older people.~~ The housing needs of this resident group should be met elsewhere in the town, in more central, suitable and therefore sustainable locations.

Page 11 – No change

Page 12 – Para 4.6 - Include the following wording:

We are not confident that appropriate land values and house prices have been used in the Economic Viability Assessment modelling for the Ledbury strategic housing site, to reflect the current land use designation of the viaduct site and the local market conditions. We have written evidence that neither local agent has been consulted on land values and dwelling prices during the final round of modelling work for EVA2014.

Page 13 – No change

Policy IDP1 – Infrastructure Delivery

Page 14 – No change

RESOLVED: That the draft representation to the Core Strategy Pre-submission consultation, as amended, be approved, adopted and submitted to Herefordshire Council.

VOTING: Unanimous

There being no further business the meeting closed at 7.50p.m.