

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL
MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 1st SEPTEMBER 2016
IN THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES, LEDBURY

PRESENT: Councillors R Barnes (Chairman)
D Baker A Bradford
M Eakin E Fieldhouse
K Francis A Manns

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs K Mitchell - Clerk to the Council
Mrs B Stump - Clerical Officer
5 Members of the Public

P.76 - 09.16 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors, A Crowe, M Eager; N Morris, J Roberts, N Roberts and A Warmington.

P.77 - 09.16 INTERESTS

None declared at this point in the meeting.

P.78 - 09.16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

1. The Manager at the Coop Supermarket spoke in support of planning application 161956 (P.80- 9-16, 8) and advised the meeting that he had identified the need for deliveries on Sundays and Bank Holidays and would like to help resolve the issues raised by residents.
2. A resident of New Street spoke against planning application 161956 (P.80-09-16, 8). He spoke on behalf of five owners of properties in New Street who had written collectively to the Town and Herefordshire Councils stating their concerns about disturbance and loss of amenity should the application to vary existing conditions be permitted.
3. Three local residents spoke in support of a petition signed by 82 local residents regarding speeding issues in Bridge Street, Ledbury. (P87- 09-16). Concerns were raised about the dangers of crossing the road safely whilst walking children to school, particularly at the junctions with Oatleys Crescent and Long Acres

due to volume of traffic, restricted vision and inconsiderately parked vehicles.

The Chairman advised that the issue would be referred to the Traffic Management working party for discussion with a view to making recommendations to the Highways authority and Balfour Beatty.

P.79 - 09.16 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Economic Development and Planning Committee meeting held on 4th August 2016 were confirmed as an accurate record, and signed by the Chairman.

P.80 - 09.16 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

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

1. <u>162014</u>	Proposed residential dwelling at Land adjacent to Fern Croft, Victoria Road, Ledbury HR8 2DD PLANNING PERMISSION RESOLVED: That the application be supported.
2. <u>161933</u>	Proposed log store at Old Pasture, Hillfield Drive, Ledbury HR8 1BH FULL HOUSEHOLDER RESOLVED: That the application be supported.
3. <u>162285</u>	Internal alterations (retrospective) at Crispin House, 5 Church Lane, Ledbury HR8 1DW LISTED BUILDING CONSENT RESOLVED: That the application be supported.
4. <u>162421</u>	Proposed construction of enclosed front entrance porch and conversion of car port to form office/study at Badgers Holt, Upperfields, Ledbury HR8 1LE. FULL HOUSEHOLDER RESOLVED: That the application be supported.
5. <u>162404</u>	Agriculture Building for the housing of Livestock at Plaistow Farm, Ledbury HR8 2PU. PLANNING PERMISSION RESOLVED: That the application be supported.
6. <u>162464</u>	Alterations and single storey extension (replacement of existing side extension) at 33 Queens Way, Ledbury HR8 2AY. FULL HOUSEHOLDER RESOLVED: That the application be supported.
7. <u>162465</u>	Proposed detached dwelling at land adjacent to 33 Queens Way, Ledbury HR8 2AY. PLANNING PERMISSION RESOLVED: That the application be supported.

8. 161956 (Amended)	Application for variation of condition 4 of planning permission DCNE2004/0241/F to enable deliveries of fresh produce to the site on Sundays and Bank Holidays at the Coop Supermarket, New Street, Ledbury HR8 2EZ. PLANNING PERMISSION
	RESOLVED: That the application be deferred until an up to date Noise Impact Assessment is available relating specifically to Ledbury.

P.81 - 09.16 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.82 - 09.16 HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL PLANNING PORTAL

Cllr Francis expressed his dissatisfaction with the contents of Herefordshire Council's planning portal in that a number of representations from Ledbury residents regarding a specific application were not on the website and that Councillors were therefore unable to access the latest information when examining planning applications.

RESOLVED: That a letter be written to Herefordshire Council expressing the Towns Council's concern about the poor quality of some plans and the lack of information on the website.

P.83 - 09.16 SECTION 106 MONIES

Referring to the s106 schedule (previously circulated P.67-08.16) The Chairman advised that additional information had been requested from Herefordshire Council but not yet received.

RESOLVED: That a Task and Finish Group be formed to go through comments received from Councillors and, review the Schedule of Section 106 monies and allocate priorities accordingly.

Members: Cllrs R Barnes, A Bradford and A Manns.

As councilors could not be nominated in their absence, the Chairman requested that Councillors Crowe, Eager and Warmington, who had already submitted comments but were unable to attend the meeting, be asked if they would like to become members of the Task and Finish Group.

P.84 - 09.16 CHARTER MARKET

The Report from the Charter Market Working Party meeting held on 28th June 2016 was noted. The next meeting will be on 20th September at 7pm when the primary business will be to go through the new regulation document. It was agreed that it would not be appropriate for the traders or members of the Food Group to be invited to that meeting.

P.85- 09.16 CONSULTATIONS

1. Herefordshire Council - Travellers Site Development Plan Documents Preferred Options. (The document, once adopted will form part of The Herefordshire Local Plan)
Consultation period 25 July – 19 September.
The Preferred Options Document, accompanying documents and on-line questionnaire are available at www.herefordshire.gov.uk/traveller-sites-consultation
Questionnaire
2. Safer West Mercia Plan 2016 (Draft)
The consultation is open until 23:59 on Friday 16th September 2016.
Please contact the office if you require a hard copy. Copies available online at:
<https://www.westmercia.police.uk/article/21291/Commissioner-Unveils-Safer-West-Mercia-Plan-for-Consultation>

In view of there being no Full Council meeting to ratify any committee recommendation before the consultation deadlines, Members were encouraged to respond as individuals.

P.86 - 09.16 SIGNAGE

Members were circulated with a plan for town centre signs as prepared by Robin Quant of Balfour Beatty following a site meeting Councillors on Thursday, 28th July (refer P.64 - 06.16, 1). The Chairman asked that the plan be forwarded to all Councillors for comments and that Mr Quant be asked to produce costings for the signs.

P.87 - 09.16 CORRESPONDENCE

1. Local residents who attended the meeting to speak at Public Participation (see P.78 - 09.16 3) had submitted a petition regarding speeding issues in Bridge Street, a copy of which had been

delivered to the Town Council. The matter will be put before the next Traffic Management Working Party meeting.

- 2. A resident had written regarding parking problems in Bank Crescent causing problems with delivery vehicles and concern over access for emergency services. This item would be referred to the Traffic Management Working Party.
- 3. A resident had emailed regarding an inaccessible footway between Ledbury and Parkway. The Chairman confirmed that the area requiring cutting was the responsibility of Herefordshire Council and its contractor, Balfour Beatty and that the matter had be referred to them.
- 4. An Eastnor resident had written regarding the poor state of the road surface in The Homend. This had been passed on to Herefordshire Council.
- 5. The Clerk reported that an invitation had been received from Herefordshire Planners inviting Councillors to a Planning update for Parish Councils on Thursday, 6 October when matters such as Neighbourhood Development Plans, CIL monies, Planning Applications and how Parish Councils contribute would be on the agenda. If any Councillor wished to attend, they should inform the Clerk.

P.88-09.16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA

The next meeting of the Economic Development & Planning Committee will be held on Thursday, 6th October 2016.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.

CHAIRMAN..... DATE