

**LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE  
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE  
HELD ON THURSDAY 4<sup>th</sup> MAY 2017  
IN THE MARKET HOUSE, LEDBURY**

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**PRESENT:** Councillors R Barnes (Chairman)  
D Baker A Bradford  
A Crowe M Eager  
M Eakin E Fieldhouse  
K Francis A Manns  
J Roberts J Simpson  
H Wilce

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

**P.46 - 05.17 APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Cllrs N Morris, N Roberts and A Warmington.

**P.47 - 05.17 INTERESTS**

None declared.

**P.48 - 05.17 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

1. Referring to P.50 - 05.17 : 1, five residents of New Street spoke of their concerns about potential noise resulting from planning application 171213, the installation of new plant refrigeration units at the Coop Supermarket. Concern was expressed about a major discrepancy with the Noise Impact Assessment (NIA) which did not match the application.
2. Referring to P.55 – 05.17 : 1, a member of Ledbury in Bloom (LiB) read a letter from its Chairman about the proposed route for the Britain in Bloom judging day, Monday, 17<sup>th</sup> July. Concern was expressed about the state of the middle three roundabouts on Leadon Way which would therefore be visible to the judges when on route. The Chairman of LiB suggested it could be helpful if Ledbury Town Council took over the licensing of the roundabouts from Herefordshire Council, and offered the group's assistance if this were the case.

**P.49 – 05.17 MINUTES**

1. The Minutes of the Economic Development & Planning committee meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> March were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.
2. The Minutes of the Extraordinary Economic Development & Planning Committee meeting for plans only, held on 20<sup>th</sup> April, were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**P.50 - 05.17 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

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

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| 1. | <u>171213</u> | <p>Installation of new plant units to side of store at <b>Co-op Supermarket, New Street, Ledbury HR8 2EZ.</b><br/>           PLANNING PERMISSION</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the decision be deferred until clarification is received regarding the Noise Impact Assessment (NIA). The NIA does not match the application, which is a major discrepancy. The supermarket is surrounded by residential properties. Concern was expressed that the NIA was not carried out in the <i>current</i> proposed location of the units; and that the survey was undertaken internally, rather than externally. The Committee requested that the Environmental Officer is contacted regarding these issues.</p> |
| 2. | <u>171391</u> | <p>Proposed single storey rear extension and two storey side extension at <b>25 Robinsons Meadow, Ledbury HR8 1SU.</b><br/>           FULL HOUSEHOLDER</p> <p><b>RESOLVED:</b> That the application be supported.</p>  |

**P.51 - 05.17 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.52 – 05.17 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT**

Members received the report from the Traffic Management Task & Finish group meeting held on Monday 20<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and considered the recommendation contained therein.

**RESOLVED: To approve the report and recommendations contained therein with the following amendments:**

1. Referring to item 3.Speeding in the Southend: The Chairman told Members that a meeting had been arranged on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May with Mr Ray Wallace, Senior Engineer Network Regulation at BBLP to assess the possibility of a mini roundabout at Southend/Mabels Furlong junction.
2. Referring to Item 3. Masefield Avenue Residents Permit Parking Zones: Members discussed the merits of paying a £4,000 administration fee to fast track Traffic Regulation orders to implement permits at Masefield Avenue. It was noted that there are insufficient funds in the traffic management budget (£2,000).

**RESOLVED: To not support the payment of a £400 administration fee for a TRO at Masefield Avenue for a residents' permit parking zone.**

3. Referring to Item 3.Worcester Road:  
The Chairman is in touch with a concerned resident regarding the surface of the road which is scheduled for resurfacing shortly.
4. Referring to Item 5. Road Markings: The Southend:  
The proposed 'SLOW' markings will be discussed at a site meeting with Mr Wallace on Tuesday, 9<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

**RESOLVED: That a recommendation on the installation of 'SLOW' markings at the Southend will be deferred pending the outcome of the meeting with BBLP on 9<sup>th</sup> May.**

#### **P.53 – 05.17 CHARTER MARKET**

1. The Chairman presented the notes of the Working Party held on Monday, 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017.

**RESOLVED: To approve the report of the Working Party Meeting held on Monday 27<sup>th</sup> March 2017 and recommendations contained therein.**

2. Members considered the issue of exclusivity for market traders. The exclusivity clause had been removed from the Charter Market Terms and Conditions.

**RESOLVED: That there will be no change to the Charter Market Terms and Conditions.**

#### **P.54 – 05.17 TOWN PROMOTION**

The Chairman gave a verbal report of the initial meeting of the Town Promotion Working Party held on Monday 24<sup>th</sup> April. Representatives of Ledbury Places, the Town Twinning Association, Ledbury Food Group, the Town Plan Group and members of the public attended. The production of a new leaflet promoting heritage aspects of the town is welcomed. The Working Party will meet again on Monday 22<sup>nd</sup> May. The Civic Society, the TIC, Ledbury Places and the Church would be invited with a view to creating a Steering Group at which the Town Council will have a representative.

#### **P.55 – 05.17 ROUNDABOUTS**

1. Members were updated on the Roundabout Sponsor Agreement/Licences and learned that the draft document was not being received with enthusiasm by potential and existing sponsors. An Exchange of Letters between the Town Council could be an alternative, but a maintenance schedule would still be required. Should the Town Council decline to take on the licences, Herefordshire Council would only tend the roundabouts when overgrowth became a health and safety issue. In this event, they would merely clear the growth.

**RESOLVED: That a Task and Finish Group be formed to examine the draft Roundabout Sponsor Agreement/Licences document.**

**Membership to comprise:**

**Cllrs D Baker, A Bradford, M Eakin, A Manns and J Roberts; plus a representative from Ledbury in Bloom.**

**RESOLVED: That the Town Council advertises for potential roundabout sponsors.**

2. Gloucester Road Roundabout

Members received an update on progress regarding the illumination of the Pytel sculpture on the roundabout. Herefordshire Council had agreed to accept connection from signage illumination already on the roundabout; however, planning permission would be required and

permission from the highway authority on any installation. To take this project further, more enquiries and options need to be investigated.

**RESOLVED: That a Task and Finish Group be formed to enquire further into the feasibility of illuminating the sculpture.**

**Membership to comprise:  
Cllrs Eager and Simpson.**

**P.56 – 05.17 LICENSING – HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL**

The Town Council has been consulted on an application for a new Grant of Club Premise Certificate for Ledbury Cricket Club for the sale/supply of alcohol on the premises, from Monday to Sunday 10.00-23.00.

**RESOLVED: That the application be supported.**

**P.57 – 05.17 SECTION 106 LEGISLATION AND PRACTICE**

Members had previously received a copy of a presentation recently given to the Herefordshire Market Towns Forum. The Chairman requested Members consider the headings for *contributions for different types of development* shown at Figure S1 in the presentation and forward to him their suggestions for infrastructure allocation of Section 106 monies. These would be collated and forwarded to Herefordshire Council.

**P.58 – 04.17 CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk read a communication from Herefordshire Council advising that a Public Realm Contribution of £120,833 had been received from the developer of the Galebreaker site for landscaping improvements to the Master's House.

**P.59 - 04.17 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ITEMS FOR THE AGENDA**

The next scheduled meeting of the Economic Development & Planning Committee will be confirmed at the meeting of Annual Council to be held on Thursday, 11<sup>th</sup> May 2017.

Cllr Crowe thanked the Chairman for his Chairmanship of the Economic Development & Planning Committee over the past year.

The meeting closed at 9.15pm.

CHAIRMAN..... DATE .....