

**LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL**

**MINUTES OF A MEETING  
OF THE ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE COMMITTEE  
HELD ON THURSDAY 10<sup>th</sup> MARCH, 2016  
IN THE MARKET HOUSE**

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**Present:** Councillor: P Bettington - Vice Chairman

Councillors: D Baker                      R Barnes  
                  A Bradford                     A Crowe  
                  M Eakin                                 E Fieldhouse  
                  K Francis                                A Manns  
                  J Roberts                                N Roberts  
                  R Yeoman

**In Attendance:** Mrs K Mitchell - Clerk to the Council

**E.23-03.16 APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs M Eager, E Harvey and N Morris.

**E.24-03.16 DECLARATIONS OF INTERESTS**

Cllr P Bettington declared a non-pecuniary interest in E.30-03.16. October Fair.

**E.25-03.16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

There were no members of the public present.

**E.26-03.16 MINUTES**

The Minutes of the meeting held on 11<sup>th</sup> February 2016, copies having been previously circulated, were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

**E.27-03.16 TOWN CENTRE**

Members considered applying to Herefordshire Council for pre-application planning advice for restoration works to the War Memorial, at a fee of £150.

**Recommendation to Full Council: To apply for pre-application planning advice.**

### **E.28-03.16 CEMETERY**

1. Members considered a request from a resident of Oakland Drive that the Council install fencing on the north eastern boundary of properties backing on to the cemetery extension along the line of an existing boundary hedge. Members were shown photographs of the area and given costs for fencing.

**Recommendation to Full Council: That fencing is not installed in this area.**

2. Gravedigging and grave preparation

Members considered allowing funeral directors to use their own grave diggers for interments, subject to them being pre-approved by the Town Council; booking and payments would then become the responsibility of the funeral director. All gravediggers would be required to abide by prescribed health and safety standards and a code of working practice.

**Recommendation to Full Council: That in principle, Funeral Directors be allowed to use their own gravediggers, but, that the matter be referred to the Cemetery Working Party to consider in further detail.**

### **E.29-03.16 THE PYTEL SCULPTURE**

The Clerk advised that the Helping Hand Company had generously offered to meet the cost of between £500 and £2,500 for a technical survey in order to gain approval from the Highway Authority for the structure to be erected in the Public Highway.

It was agreed that the Town Mayor send a letter of thanks to the Helping Hand Company.

### **E.30-03.16 WORKING PARTIES**

October Fair

Members received a report from the working party meeting held on 29th February, 2016, copies having been circulated.

**RESOLVED: That the report be noted.**

**That the request for a second Fair in March be referred back to the working party for further consideration.**

### **E.31-03.16 UPDATES – For information**

Members were shown photographs of the completed works to open up the vista from Dog Hill Wood.

**E.32-03.16 CORRESPONDENCE - for information**

The Clerk advised that the Churches in Ledbury had written requesting permission to hold a hog roast on the Recreation Ground on the afternoon of the 15<sup>th</sup> May which is Pentecost in the church calendar. The day itself will begin with a combined service in St Michaels at 10.30am, followed by the Hog Roast afterwards. All members of the Town Council were invited to attend along with the wider community. All members present were supportive of the event.

**E.33-03.16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND AGENDA ITEMS**

The next meeting of the Environment & Leisure Committee will be confirmed at the Annual Council meeting on 12<sup>th</sup> May, 2016.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 8.05p.m.

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