

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes of a Meeting of
Ledbury Town Council
held on Wednesday 22nd July 2015
in St Katherine's Hall, Ledbury

Present: Councillors: The Town Mayor, Councillor A Crowe, Chairman

D Baker	R Barnes
P Bettington	M Eager
E Fieldhouse	A Manns
M Mackness	J Roberts
N Roberts	

In attendance: Mrs K Mitchell – Clerk to the Council
Mrs M Bradman – Deputy Clerk to the Council
7 Members of the public
1 representative of the press

C.32 - 07.15 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received and accepted for Councillors M Eakin, K Francis, A Harrison, E Harvey, N Morris, SJ Widdows, A Warmington and R Yeoman.

C.33 - 07.15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

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

C.34 - 07.15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to speak.

C.35 - 07.15 MINUTES

The Minutes of the Annual Council meeting held on 11th June, 2015, copies having been circulated, were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

C.36 - 07.15 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Mayor gave a verbal report on her mayoral activities since the last meeting.

The Town Mayor advised that a request had been received from the Ledbury Community Action group to use the Recreation Ground for a Fun Day on Saturday 29th August.

Members unanimously supported the request on the proviso that adjacent residents would be contacted about the event and the site cleared of all rubbish at the end of the day.

C.37 - 07.15 LEDBURY TOWN PLAN

Members were circulated with a report from Mr G Holliday, acting secretary of the Town Plan Working Party, on the group's activities since the last meeting.

RESOLVED: That the Report be noted.

C.38 - 07.15 HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS

Written reports from Ledbury ward Councillors Harvey, Warmington and Holton were received and noted.

Copies of the reports are available on the Town Council's website.

C.39 - 07.15 COMMITTEE REPORTS – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

1. Councillor M Mackness, Vice Chairman of the Economic Development and Planning Committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 25th June, 2015, copies having been circulated.

RESOLVED: That the minutes P.17-06.15 to P.27-06.15, be received and noted and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.

VOTING: Unanimous

2. Appeal

Ref: [143116](#) - Land to the South of Leadon Way, Ledbury.

Members considered a draft submission in respect of the above appeal to the Secretary of State against the decision by Herefordshire Council for refusal of Planning Permission. (refer P.22 - 06.15)

The following amendments were made:

Page 1. last paragraph – A417 corrected to read A449

Page 4. Last paragraph – amended to read 'The Ledbury Town Council is undertaking Neighbourhood Planning and is endeavouring to have its plan approved for Regulation 14 public consultation at the time this appeal is heard.....'

RESOLVED: That the draft response, as amended, be approved for submission to the Planning Inspectorate.

VOTING: Unanimous

3. Core Strategy Examination - Main Modifications - Addendum B

Herefordshire Council is carrying out a four week consultation on modifications to Policy SD2 in respect of wind energy. The Town Council is invited to submit comments no later than 10th August 2015.

RESOLVED: That the Economic Development & Planning Committee be given delegated authority to respond to the above consultation.

**VOTING: For 9
Abstentions 1**

C.40 - 07.15 COMMITTEE REPORTS – ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE

- 1. Councillor M Eager, Chairman of the Environment and Leisure Committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 2nd July 2015, copies having been circulated.

Referring to E.21-07.15, 3. Cemetery Fence: In view of a third quotation having been received, the Committee’s recommendation to approve a quotation for replacement fencing was rejected. The Clerk advised that a separate item to consider all three quotations had been placed on the agenda under item 9.2.

RESOLVED: That the minutes E.15-07.15 to E.24-07.15, as amended, be received and noted and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.

VOTING: Unanimous

- 2. Replacement of damaged fencing at the Cemetery.
Consideration of the above item was deferred to the end of the meeting.

C.41 - 07.15 COMMITTEE REPORTS – FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES

- 1. The Town Mayor, Councillor Annette Crowe, presented the minutes of the Finance & General Purposes Committee meeting held on the 9th July 2015, copies having been previously circulated.

RESOLVED: That the minutes F.20-07.15 to F.33-07.15 be received and noted and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.

VOTING: For 12
Abstentions 4

C.42 - 07.15 TRAINING - SOCIETY OF LOCAL COUNCIL CLERKS (SLCC)

Members considered authorisation of the Clerk and Deputy Clerk’s attendance at the SLCC National Conference in Hinkley, Leicestershire from Thursday 15th to Saturday 17th October 2015.

RESOLVED: That the Clerk and Deputy Clerk be authorised to attend the SLCC National Conference.

VOTING: Unanimous

C.43 - 07.15 LEDBURY PLACES PROJECT

No report available.

C.44 - 07.15 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES

1. Herefordshire Association of Local Councils Executive Committee meeting held on 15th July and East Area meeting held on 9th July. Members received a report prepared by Cllr K Francis.

RESOLVED: That the report be noted.

2. Ledbury Food Bank
Members reviewed the Town Council’s representation on Ledbury Food Bank.

RESOLVED: That Councillors Keith Francis Elaine Fieldhouse serve as Trustees on Ledbury Food Bank.

VOTING: Unanimous

Councillors D Baker and A Manns volunteered to join the rota for issuing of food vouchers.

C.45 - 07.15 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

The Clerk advised of general correspondence received in the office.

C.46 - 07.15 QUESTIONS TO THE TOWN MAYOR

In response to a question from Councillor J Roberts, members were advised that the Deputy Mayor had submitted apologies for absence due to personal circumstances.

Councillor Barnes asked the Mayor if she was aware that a complaint had been made against him to the Monitoring Officer at Herefordshire Council. She replied that she was not aware.

C.47 - 07.15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on 24th September, 2015.

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960
Due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted and pursuant to Section 1(2) of the above Act, a resolution was passed to exclude the public and press during discussion of the following agenda items. The confidential nature being the consideration of quotations.

C.40 - 07.15 COMMITTEE REPORTS – ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE...Continued

- 2. Replacement of damaged fencing at the Cemetery.
Members considered three quotations for replacement fencing.

RESOLVED: That the quotation for replacement fencing from S Large be approved, in the sum of £3,390 plus VAT.

VOTING: Unanimous

The meeting was closed at 9.53pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....