

**LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL**  
**Minutes of a Meeting of**  
**Ledbury Town Council**  
**held on Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> October 2015**  
**in The Market House, Ledbury**

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

D Baker	R Barnes
P Bettington	M Eager
M Eakin	E Fieldhouse
K Francis	A Harrison
E Harvey	M Mackness
A Manns	N Morris
J Roberts	N Roberts
A Warmington	R Yeoman.

In attendance: Mrs K Mitchell – Clerk to the Council  
Mrs M Bradman – Deputy Clerk to the Council  
Herefordshire Cllr E Holton – ward member Ledbury south  
30 Members of the public

**C.73 - 10.15 APOLOGIES**

All members were present.

**C.74 - 10.15 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

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

**C.75 - 10.15 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION**

One member of the public spoke in support of Notice of Motion 1/2015 (refer C.83 - 10.15) and two spoke against.

**C.76 - 10.15 MINUTES**

1. The Minutes of the meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2015, copies having been circulated, were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.
2. The Minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2015, copies having been circulated, were confirmed as an accurate record and signed by the Chairman.

**C.77 - 10.15 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE**

1. The Town Mayor reported on her mayoral activities between 4<sup>th</sup> and 25<sup>th</sup> October, 2015.

The Town Mayor asked members to remember Ledbury's 16<sup>th</sup> to 20<sup>th</sup> casualties of WWI:

- Private Frank Walters and Private John Cooper both of the King's Shropshire Light Infantry, who died on 5<sup>th</sup> and 16<sup>th</sup> October 1915 respectively
- Private Charles Dennis Warren and Private Frank Davies both of the Herefordshire Regiment who died on 15<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> November respectively
- Private Walter Bradley of the Durham Light Infantry who died on 16<sup>th</sup> November 2015.

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Keith Francis, informed the meeting that he had attended the installation of the new vicar, Keith Hilton Turvey and suggested that the town council send a letter of congratulations on his new appointment.

#### **C.78 - 10.15 LEDBURY TOWN PLAN**

Mr G Holliday, acting secretary of the Town Plan Working Party, presented a report, copies having been circulated, on the group's activities since the last meeting.

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

#### **C.79 - 10.15 HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLOR'S REPORTS**

Ledbury ward Councillors Harvey, Warmington and Holton presented their reports on activities at county level. (Copies available on the Town Council's website).

#### **C.80 - 10.15 COMMITTEE REPORTS – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING**

1. Councillor E Harvey, Chairman of the Economic Development and Planning Committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> October, 2015, copies having been circulated.

**RESOLVED: That the minutes P.59-10.15 to P.69-10.15, be received and noted and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.**

**VOTING: For 15  
Abstentions 2**

#### **C.81 - 10.15 COMMITTEE REPORTS – ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE**

1. Councillor M Eager, Chairman of the Environment and Leisure Committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 8<sup>th</sup> October, 2015, copies having been circulated.

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes E.39-10.15 to E.52-10.15, be received and noted and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.

**VOTING:** For 14  
Abstentions 3

2. Consideration of quotations for ground works to be carried out in the cemetery not covered by Western Power for the installation of the separate electricity supply to the chapel/cottage.  
The Clerk advised that three companies had been invited to quote for the work but unfortunately not all had been received in time for the meeting.

**RESOLVED:** That the Environment & Leisure Committee be given delegated authority to approve works at its meeting on 12th November, 2015.

**VOTING:** For 14  
Against 1  
Abstentions 2

## **C.82 - 10.15 COMMITTEE REPORTS – FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES**

1. Councillor A Harrison, Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, presented the minutes of the meeting held on the 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2015, copies having been previously circulated.

**RESOLVED:** That the minutes F.44-10.15 to F.55-10.15, be received and noted and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.

**VOTING:** For 11  
Against 5  
Abstentions 1

2. Members considered quotations for improvements to the bay windows in the Town Council office reception area.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED:** That the quotation for electrical works be approved in the sum of £253 and for decoration in the sum of £350.

**C.83 - 10.15 NOTICE OF MOTION**

**1. 1/2015**

Proposed by Councillor Yeoman, seconded by Councillor Eager

**That “This Council resolves that the Neighbourhood Plan Working Party is to be dissolved with immediate effect and the completion of the town’s Neighbourhood Plan is to be controlled and managed by the town’s contracted consultants (Foxley Tagg) who can then freely draw on the people they consider best suited to the remaining tasks”.**

Following a lengthy debate, a named vote was taken.

**VOTING: For (10)**

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

**Against (6)**

N Morris	E Harvey
A Harrison	M Eakin
K Francis	A Warmington

**Abstentions (1)**

M Mackness

**The Motion was carried.**

*The meeting was adjourned at 9.55pm for a comfort break and was reconvened at 10.07pm.*

**2. 2/2015**

Proposed by Councillor Harvey, seconded by Councillor Warmington

Following an email to all councillors and public Blog piece by a local resident raising questions concerning the need for this town Council to properly prepare for the future demands of public service, it is proposed:

**That “This Council:**

- i. Debates and agrees the points of substance raised in the correspondence;**
- ii. Tasks the appropriate committee/working group to undertake an investigation of the points identified; and**
- iii. Requests that a report be made back to council detailing recommendations for action - in time for any necessary provision to be made in the 2016-17 budget to ensure that any such approved recommendations can be implemented in a timely manner”.**

Following debate, Cllr Harvey withdrew the motion, advising that she would revise it for presentation at the next Full Council meeting.

*Cllrs Baker and Bettington left the meeting at 10.40pm*

**C.84 - 10.15 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

1. To consider delegated powers for the Neighbourhood Plan working party.

Due to the decision of the Notice of Motion 1/2015 the agenda item was not considered.

2. To consider the release of the Neighbourhood Plan Newsletter in light of a threat of legal action from a working party member and the legal opinion received from NALC.

**RESOLVED: That the Neighbourhood Plan newsletter is not released.**

**VOTING:**

<b>For</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>1</b>
<b>Abstentions</b>	<b>1</b>

**C.85 - 10.15 ELECTION**

Casual vacancy - south ward

Members considered whether to have poll cards printed and delivered for the election on 3<sup>rd</sup> December, should it be contested, at an estimated cost of £2,260.

Following discussion, it was

**RESOLVED: That in the event of a contested election, poll cards be requested.**

**VOTING:**

<b>For</b>	<b>10</b>
<b>Against</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>Abstentions</b>	<b>1</b>

**C.86 - 10.15 LEDBURY PLACES PROJECT**

Members were circulated with a written report

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

**C.87 - 10.15 REPORTS FROM OUTSIDE BODIES**

None to report.

**C.88 - 10.15 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE**

The Clerk advised of general correspondence received in the office.

**C.89 - 10.15 QUESTIONS TO THE TOWN MAYOR**

Cllr Mackness asked the Mayor how the Neighbourhood Plan project will now move forward and will interested people still be able to take part in the process. Cllr Crowe informed members that she would report back following a meeting with the consultants.

**C.90 - 10.15 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The next scheduled meeting will be held on 3rd December, 2015.

The meeting was closed at 10.46pm.

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