

In attendance: Mrs K Mitchell - Clerk to the Council
Mrs M Bradman - Deputy Clerk to the Council
16 members of the public and Press.
County Councillor Emma Holton

All members present.

The meeting observed a minutes' silence in honor of former Councillor, Mr Bill Francis, who had passed away on 16th February 2016. Mr Francis had served on the Town Council for a total period of 17 years between 1979 and 2000.

The Deputy Mayor announced that the Value of the month, was 'honesty'.

It was proposed and seconded that consideration of the accuracy of the Minutes be held in private session.

A named vote was taken.

Voting:

For: 6
M Eakin A Harrison
E Harvey M Mackness
N Morris A Warmington

Against: 11
D Baker R Barnes
P Bettington A Bradford
A Crowe M Eager
E Fieldhouse K Francis
N Roberts J Roberts
R Yeoman

Absentions: 1
A Manns

The vote being lost, it was further proposed that the minutes be confirmed as a correct record.

Voting:

For: 10
Against: 5
Absentions: 3

For expediency the Chairman brought agenda item 9.2 forward.

C.44 - 04.16 COMMITTEE MATTERS - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

Note: Ward Councillor Emma Holton left the chamber during discussion of the following planning application

Members considered the following planning application:

<u>160606</u>	Proposed extension to existing factory building and erection of a limited assortment discount foodstore (Class A1), car parking, landscaping and associated works for Galebreaker Group & ALDI, Galebreaker House, Leadon Way, Ledbury HR8 2SS. PLANNING PERMISSION
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Following lengthy debate, it was

RESOLVED: That the application be supported, with the following comments:

1. That the design layout be swapped end to end in order to minimise the effects on residential properties of noise from delivery lorries and cooling fans.

2. That the car park barrier is secured at night to prevent misuse of the car park by "joy riders".
3. The Council is supportive of the maximum sum of public realm monies and transport measures going forward to offset the impact of the development, and in consultation with Herefordshire Council and Ledbury Town Council.

A named vote was taken.

Voting:

For: 13

D Baker	R Barnes
P Bettington	A Bradford
M Eager	M Eakin
E Fieldhouse	K Francis
M Mackness	A Manns
N Roberts	J Roberts
R Yeoman	

Against: 1

A Crowe

Absentions: 4

A Harrison
E Harvey
N Morris
A Warmington

In view of the lateness of the hour and considering the business still to be transacted, the meeting was adjourned at 9pm for a short comfort break.

Cllr A Manns left the meeting at this point.

The meeting was reconvened at 9.10pm.

C.45 - 04.16 HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Ward members for Ledbury South - Cllr Holton and Ledbury North - Cllr Harvey presented their reports to the meeting.

C.46 - 04.16 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Town Mayor gave a report on her activities since the last meeting. She was pleased to report that a third meeting of the Youth Council had taken place and that its members were being encouraged to become involved with the Youth Drop-In Centre, Ledbury Carnival and the Neighbourhood Development Plan.

The Mayor informed members that she had received various correspondence relating to the Grievance process which due to its confidential nature could not be shared.

The Town Mayor asked members to remember Ledbury's 21st casualty of WWI:

- Private John Cale 1st Battalion King's Shropshire Light Infantry South Staffordshire Regiment, who died on 22nd April 1916

The Deputy Mayor, Councillor Keith Francis, informed the meeting that the Queen's 90th birthday would be marked by 'Bill the Bell' making a special proclamation under the Market House at 12 noon on 21st April.

The meeting was also reminded that Community Day will be held on Saturday, 11th June.

C.47 - 04.16 NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Members received a report of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Management Team meeting held on 4th April 2016.

RESOLVED: That the Report be noted and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.

**VOTING: For: 14
Absentions: 3**

Councillor Eakin left the meeting at this point.

C.48 - 04.16 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.49 - 04.16 COMMITTEE REPORTS – ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

1. Cllr E Harvey, Chairman of the Economic Development and Planning Committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd March, 2016, copies having been circulated.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes P.24-03.16 to P.34-03.16 be received and noted and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.

VOTING: For: 15
Absentions: 1

2. CIL Consultation

RESOLVED: That the matter be deferred to the next Economic Development & Planning Committee and that the Committee be given delegated authority to respond.

VOTING: Unanimous

3. Disabled Car Parking – re advisory disabled parking bay in Lawnside Road.

RESOLVED: That the matter be deferred to the next Economic Development & Planning Committee and that the Committee be given delegated authority to respond.

VOTING: Unanimous

C.50 - 04.16 COMMITTEE REPORTS – ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE

Councillor M Eager, Chairman of the Environment and Leisure Committee presented the minutes of the meeting held on 10th March, 2016, copies having been circulated.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes E.23-03.16 to E.37-03.16, as amended, be received and noted, and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.

VOTING: For 14
Abstentions 2

C.51 - 04.16 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 17th March 2016, copies having been previously circulated.
2. Referring to F.32-03.16 it was agreed that the matter be referred back to the task and finish group for further consideration.

RESOLVED: That the minutes F.26-03.16 to F39-3.16 be received and noted and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.

VOTING: For 15
Abstentions 1

2. Members considered the purchase of bunting for the town centre. Following debate it was,

RESOLVED: That a budget of £500 be approved for the purchase of Union Flag bunting to decorate the town.

VOTING: For 9
Against 4
Abstentions 3

It was further RESOLVED : The permission be given to fly Union Flags from the Market House for Armed Forces Day on Saturday 25th June, 2016.

VOTING: For 15
Abstentions 1

Councillors Harrison and Warmington left the meeting at this point.

C.52 - 04.16 LEDBURY PLACES PROJECT

Cllr Yeoman informed members that the Ledbury Places AGM would be held on 3rd May 2016.

C.53 - 04.16 OUTSIDE BODIES

Members were advised that a report from the Market Towns Forum meeting held on 23rd March would be presented to the next Economic

Development and Planning meeting on 14th April, 2016.

C.54 - 04.16 PROPOSED CYCLE OF MEETINGS FOR 2016/17

Members were given advance notice of the proposed cycle of meetings for 2016/17 and requested to consider any changes prior to adoption at the Annual Council meeting on 12th May 2016.

C.55 - 04.16 GENERAL CORRESPONDENCE

A list of general correspondence received in the office was circulated to members for information.

Members were advised that the Town Mayor and Deputy Mayor would be meeting the Manager of Tesco Stores to discuss funding opportunities for projects to enhance public spaces.

C.56 - 04.16 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Annual Council meeting is scheduled to take place on 12th May, 2016.

Councillor Bradford left the meeting at this point.

C.57 - 04.16 EMPLOYMENT MATTER

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 employment matters.

The parties involved in the grievance process left the meeting at this point.

The Mayor gave an update on the grievance process.

The meeting closed at 10.20pm.

Chairman.....

Date.....12.05.2016.....