

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON THURSDAY 6 SEPTEMBER 2018
IN THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES, LEDBURY**

PRESENT: Councillors M Eakin, K Francis, E Harvey, J Hopkins, P Howells, D Knight, A Manns, N Morris, J Roberts, D Vesma, A Warmington (Chairman), D Whittler.

IN ATTENDANCE: M abOwain (Clerk) and L James (minutes); and 9 members of the public.

P.85 - 09.18 APOLOGIES:

Received from Councillors A Bradford and N Shields.

P.86 - 09.18 INTERESTS:

Cllr Manns declared an interest in items P93.03 and P93.04, having family and friends in both areas. Cllr Hopkins declared an interest in items P95 - 09.06 being resident in Parkway.

P.87 - 09.18 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:

- On behalf of the Friends of The Master's House, full and wholehearted support for item P.89 - 09.06 (1) (Planning Applications) was given. It was stated these plans would provide a visible link from the Master's House to the hospital building.
- Clare Blewitt spoke regarding item P.95 - 09.06 - Speed limit review A417 Parkway. She reported how the Herefordshire Council commissioned report gives an average speed of 48mph in the 40mph limit stretch, and there is a 'near miss' nearly every day. Almost all of the residents have signed a petition, and they would like implementation of "gates" to mark the village, and there were concerns regarding the accuracy of the report – where "slight injuries" were mentioned, the vehicle involved was written off. She referred to the accident in the village last Friday, and hoped that the pedestrian injured would recover from his significant injuries.
- Anthony Peake, on behalf of Ledbury Civic Society, spoke in support of item P.89 - 09.06 (1), stating that it was important to go forward with this, and hoped that the Town Council would get behind this scheme.
- Robin Oakey spoke regarding item P.89 - 09.06 (1). He was concerned that plans drawn up before the current scheme had been disregarded, and that the new plan would lead to a loss of overall car parking spaces. He spoke of his plan, which would replace the loss of spaces in the P.89 - 09.06 plans, alongside the barn in his plan, and included a walkway to The Feathers rear entrance.
- Mrs Jones expanded on her letter regarding item P93.04. Parking in the "access only" road means that legitimate vehicle owners such as residents, personal visitors or tradesmen cannot park. She is asking if there is anything that residents can do to preserve parking for residents, visitors, and tradesmen.

P.88 - 09.18 MINUTES:

Cllr Howells asked that his apologies were recorded on the Minutes of the Economic Development and Planning committee meeting of the 2nd August. Cllr Warmington proposed that the minutes should be accepted with the amendment that Cllr Howells name was added to the apologies. Cllr Roberts seconded this.

RESOLVED: The minutes were accepted with this amendment.

P.89 - 09.18 PLANNING APPLICATIONS:

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

1	150041	Landscaping of the Master's House to enhance its setting. The Master's House, St Katherine's, High Street, Ledbury, Herefordshire. HR8 1EA RESOLVED: to support the application.
2	182771	Proposed conversion of Barn to single dwelling. Underwood Barn, Staplow, Ledbury, Herefordshire. HR8 1BH RESOLVED: to support the application.

P.90 - 09.18 WORKS TO TREES:

1	183153	Works to Trees in a Conservation Area. Salix Caprea (Goat Willow) to be pollarded. Public Car Park, The Master's House, St Katherines, High Street, Ledbury, Herefordshire. HR8 1EA. RESOLVED: to support the application.
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P.91 - 09.18 PLANNING APPLICATION DECISIONS:

Appendix 2: Noted

P.92 - 09.18 LEDBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN

The Temporary Clerk, M abOwain has this in hand.

P.93 – 09.18 TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

- P.93.01** To consider a request for “No Through Road” Signage from a resident of Market Street.
The location of this sign was discussed. The Temporary Clerk has approached Balfour Beatty for clarification of approved locations. The Hospital has given permission to put signage on their building, but it was felt that this was not the best location. It was proposed by Cllr Warmington that the Temporary Clerk contact BT to obtain permission to place the “No Through Road” sign on BT post. Cllr Eakin seconded this.
Cllr Vesma agreed to contact Sat Nav companies to ensure that their mapping software was corrected to show a no through road.
RESOLVED: The Temporary Clerk to contact BT re permission to place No Through Road sign on BT post.
- P.93.02** To consider quotes for No Through Road signs. No quotes received.
- P.93.03** To consider correspondence from a resident of Mabel's Furlong regarding the grass verge at the Mabel's Furlong/Bray Avenue junction.
It was proposed by Cllr Eakin that the Temporary Clerk be tasked to find out costs of re-instating the concrete bollards. Cllr Warmington seconded this. It was requested that the costs of improving the signage as mentioned in appendix 3 was also sought.
RESOLVED: The Temporary Clerk to investigate costs of concrete bollards and improved signage.
- P.93.04** To consider correspondence from a resident regarding non-resident parking in Queen's Court. Three years ago Traffic Regulation Orders (TRO) for residents parking scheme for Queen's Court, Belle Orchard/Belle Orchard Close, and Masefield Avenue were proposed. At present, Hereford Council has given very low priority to these TRO's. Each TRO would cost in the region of £4,000 to implement. Annual passes would fund on-going costs. It was proposed by Cllr Howells that Herefordshire Council is approached to increase prioritisation of the TRO's. Cllr Eakins seconded this. It was also proposed by Cllr Eakins that a request was taken to Full Council to allocate £12,000 of the budget to cover TRO costs.

RESOLVED: To approach Herefordshire Council to increase prioritisation of the TRO's and that a request to allocate £12,000 for the TRO's to be taken to Full Council.

P.94 - 09.18 HEREFORDSHIRE CENTRE FOR COMMUNITY-LED HOUSING.

To consider inviting HCCLH to do a presentation to both Councillors and any interested local groups.

RESOLVED: Cllr Warmington will contact HCCLH to invite them to do such a presentation.

P.95 - 09.18 TO CONSIDER SPEED LIMIT REVIEW A417 PARKWAY.

This was discussed at length. It was agreed the report was disappointing, and Cllr Harvey proposed that the Town Council write to Herefordshire Council expressing dissatisfaction with the report, asking for clarification regarding "substantial traffic measures", and request that Herefordshire Council implement gates, Speed Identification Devices (SID's) and footpath improvements. This was seconded by Cllr Hopkins, and unanimously approved. Cllr Hopkins proposed that the Town Council consider funding gates and SID's if Herefordshire Council fail to provide these. This was seconded by Cllr Eakin, and unanimously approved.

RESOLVED: To request that Herefordshire Council implement gates, SID's and footpath improvements. If Herefordshire Council fail to provide improvements, the Town Council will consider funding these measures.

P.96 - 09.18 WORKING PARTY REPORTS

Town Plan Working Party of 14th August 2018.

Proposed by Cllr Harvey that the 2016 Town Plan adopted by this council is used to draw up the 2019/2020 budget, and it is recommend that the other two committees do likewise. Cllr Warmington seconded this.

RESOLVED: that the 2016 Town Plan adopted by the Town Council is used to formulate the 2019/2020 budget.

P.97 - 09.18 REPORT FROM HEALTHWATCH MEETING HELD ON 21ST AUGUST 2018.

Report not received.

P.98 - 09.18 REPORT FROM CLLR KNIGHT REGARDING CHARTER MARKET.

Cllr Knight reported that Cllr Knight and other traders are proposing to set up a group called "Ledbury in Tourism" to promote both the Charter Market and Ledbury town. The group are asking for a grant of £300 to cover initial advertising, and explained that many town businesses are prepared to help with further costs. Cllr Howell proposed to ask Full Council that a grant be made to "Ledbury in Tourism". Cllr Eakins seconded this.

RESOLVED: That Full Council is asked to approve a grant of £300 to "Ledbury in Tourism"

P.99 - 09.18 CORRESPONDENCE

P.99.01 P182628 Land South of the Leadon Way Ledbury

RESOLVED: To send a detailed reply acknowledging this correspondence.

P.99.02 Heavy Traffic in New Street.

Noted.

P100 – 09.18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDAS.

Next meeting to be held Thursday 4th October 2018 at 7.30pm.

The meeting ended at 9.22pm