

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING
COMMITTEE
HELD ON 15TH AUGUST 2019
IN THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES, LEDBURY**

PRESENT Councillors Bannister (Vice Chair), Eakin, Knight, Morris, Harvey

IN ATTENDANCE The Town Clerk- Angela Price
The Minute Taker- Olivia Bundy
Hereford Reporter- Carmello Garcia
Ledbury Resident – Paul Kinnaird

E24 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Manns and Vesma.

E25 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None Received

E26 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Paul Kinnaird and Carmello Garcia

**E27 TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES AS A CORRECT RECORD THE
MINUTES OF THE MEETINGS OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND
PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 11TH JULY**

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Economic Development and Planning Committee, held on the 11 July 2019, be approved and signed as a correct record.

E28 PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

1. Planning Application 191962

RESOLVED: No Objection

2. Planning Application 192286

RESOLVED: No Objection

3. Planning Application 192313

RESOLVED: No Objection

4. Planning Application 192338

RESOLVED: No Objection

5. Planning Application 192371

Some members felt that there was insufficient information in respect of this application and therefore could not make an informed decision.

The result of the vote for this application was 2 in favour and 2 abstentions.

RESOLVED: No Objection

6. Planning Application 192404

RESOLVED: No Objection

7. Planning Application 192482

A member of the public, Paul Kinnaird, expressed his concerns with the proposed planning application by Bovis Homes due to the lack of consideration to the Town Council's Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) and the Core Strategy for Herefordshire. He advised that currently there were only 7 recorded objections to the planning application, whereas

There was a lengthy discussion between Councillors regarding the outline planning permission to the land south of Leadon Way, and it was decided that the grounds of objection were:

1. No evidence that Ledbury NDP has been taken into consideration
2. No active travel or transport connections
3. No contributions to making Ledbury sustainable

Councillor Harvey felt that the council needed more time to make an informed decision and proposed creating a 'Task and Finish' group. Members agreed with this suggestion and it was agreed that the Task & Finish Group would be made include the following:-

Councillor's Eakin, Bannister, Morris, Harvey, Vesma and local resident Paul Kinnaird.

Members noted that there were only 7 objections on the Herefordshire Planning Portal and suggested that it would be useful for members of the public to be updated via social media, website or the notice board.

RESOLVED

1. **That the Town Clerk contacts Herefordshire Council to extend the deadline of October 22 and defer the response to planning application 192482 to the next Economic Planning and Development on the 12th September 2019.**

2. That a Task and Finish Group is created with the above members
3. That the latest planning applications be presented to the public via the website/ social media and updated regularly

E30 NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT/ VARIATION OF PREMISE LICENCE

Members were asked to consider the application for grant/variation licence for the premises 33 Homend, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 1BP- planning number 192313.

Although the closing date had been missed, members agreed to accept the application for a licence at the above premise.

RESOLVED:

That members agreed to the Licence application for 33, The Homend, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 1BP

E31 PLANNING APPLICATION DECISIONS

Members were requested to received and note an update on planning application decisions.

RESOLVED:

That Members receive and note the planning application decisions.

E32 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON LEDBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN, INCLUDING NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON THE 2nd JULY

Councillor Howells updated members on the progress of finding a Landscape Sensitivity and Capacity Assessment Consultant. He advised that they NDP Working Party had had a very productive meeting with Carly Tinkler in respect of her role and how members of the Working Party could assist with the preparation of the LSCA. He also advised that he was hoping to have a meeting with Dave Tristram from Hereford Council regarding the potential funding that the council could receive for future work to the NDP.

E33 RESOLVED:

That the update and notes from a meeting of the NDP working party committee be received and noted.

E34 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE FOR THE TOWN WORKING PARTY

None Received

E35 BT PHONE BOX REMOVAL

Members were asked to consider notification of intention to remove the telephone box at Bridge Street by BT.

The Town Clerk advised that the telephone box was a red telephone box and suggested that the council may wish to make a request to utilise the phone box as a library or a space to keep a defibrillator like many other Parish towns do.

Councillor Morris felt that the telephone box at St Katherine's needed replacing and members agreed that a request should be made to BT for the telephone box at St Katherine's be replaced with the one on Bridge Street. The Town Clerk advised that the outcome on this request may depend on whether the Red Telephone Box on Bridge Street has been recorded as a listed building but that she write to BT and make the request on behalf of the Council.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk writes to BT to ask whether they could replace the telephone box at St Katherine's with the box on Bridge Street.

E36

CHARTER MARKET WORKING PARTY COMMITTEE

The Town Clerk advised members that the Charter Market Working Party did not go ahead on the 25th July 2019 due to low attendance. However, she advised that the Councillors that had been in attendance had an informal discussion about how the Charter Market Group could progress in the future and it was agreed that the Market Traders be approached to see if they are interested in joining Councillors on the Working Party. It was agreed that if Traders were interested the meetings should be held on a Tuesday afternoon in future to accommodate the Traders.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the Town Clerk speaks to the Market Traders and invite them to be part of the Charter Market Working Party.**
- 2. That a further meeting of the Charter Market Working Party taking into account the interest from the Market Traders.**

E37

EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED that in accordance with section 1 (2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public are excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

PRIORITIES FOR SUPPORTING THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE IS SCHEDULED FOR 12TH SEPTEMBER 2019

It was decided in the Full Council meeting on the 1st of August 2019 that Members of the Economic Planning and Development Committee were to have delegated powers and make the decision on which Traffic Management Consultant they would like to hire with regards to the Gladman site.

After a lengthy discussion members decided that they would like to proceed with the quote 3 at the cost of £4,500 plus VAT.

RESOLVED:

That the company that had provided quote 3 be commissioned to carry out the Traffic Management Assessment on behalf of the Town Council.

The meeting Closed at 8:49 pm.

Signature.....
(Committee Chair)

Date.....

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