

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF AN EXTRAORDINARY MEETING OF ECONOMIC PLANNING
AND DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE
HELD ON THE 25 OF SEPTEMBER 2019
IN THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES, LEDBURY**

PRESENT: Councillors: Bannister, Harvey, Manns, Morris, Vesma
(Chair)

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk – Angela Price
Minute Taker - Oliva Bundy
Member of the public – Paul Kinnaird

P84. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Howells

P85. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

None received

P86. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Two members of the public were present

**P87. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF
THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON THE 12TH SEPTEMBER 2019**

The Town Clerk advised members that Mr John Thomas had been in contact with the office regarding the minute no. P68. Mr Thomas had advised that he did not believe the minute was correct in respect of the reference to triple glazing

“Mr Oakey, the barn licensee, responded to the points raised by the Mr Thomas.

He disagreed with the comments they had made and stated that he appreciated the Barn is very close to the Barn and that he had spoken to Mr Thomas’ landlord, who had informed him that he had offered to fit triple glazing into the property.”

Mr Thomas had stated that the discussion in reference to triple glazing had been in respect of the Barn and not his residence.

The Clerk asked Councillors whether they could recall this discussion and Councillors Vesma and Bannister agreed that they remembered a conversation from Mr Oakey regarding triple glazing for the Barn and also a conversation he had had with Mr Thomas’ landlord.

A vote was taken to agree the minutes without any amendments.

VOTING

4 Agreed

1 Abstention

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of Economic Planning and Development committee be approved and signed as correct record.

P88.

UPDATE ON GLADMAN DYMOCK ROAD APPEAL

(Discussions to include public realm transport infrastructure (in particular the need for a bridge across the by-pass))

Councillor Bannister advised that he had been looking at the documentation and responses that had been updated on the Herefordshire Council website for the Gladman appeal. He suggested that members create a statement for the Dymock Road appeal which was scheduled for 8 to 11 October 2019. He also advised that the Case Officer, Carl Brace, had left a robust response on the planning portal which supported Ledbury's NDP and mentioned the core strategy.

Councillor Vesma advised members that he and the Town Clerk had been in contact with a recommended LSCA consultant with regards to writing a robust statement for the appeal, he advised that the quote they had received was twice as much as the Clerk had been authorised to spend at the Extraordinary meeting of Full Council held on 12 September. Councillor Vesma asked members whether they thought it would be beneficial to have the help of an LSCA consultant when writing a statement.

He also advised that the consultant had some concerns about presenting a statement on behalf of the council - due to her previous experience, as Barristers don't usually take favour in planning professionals standing on behalf of the council.

Councillor Harvey felt that a decision had to be made tonight regarding hiring a consultant due to time restrictions. She advised identifying someone from the council to put the council's case at the enquiry and to ensure that they are prepared for cross examining by the developer's Barristers.

Members agreed that it would be beneficial to have two representatives of the Council present at the Gladman appeal and that due to time restrictions they felt that the LSCA consultant would not be needed.

Councillor Bannister, volunteered to stand as representatives on behalf of the council at the Gladman appeal, with a suggestion

that Councillor Howells be the second representative, noting that Councillor Harvey would be attending as a Ward Councillor for Hereford Council, but they agreed that they would liaise with one another via email to create a statement. Councillor Harvey advised that she would not be able to be present on Friday, 11 October 2019, the final day of the Inquiry due to other commitments.

RESOLVED:

That Councillor Bannister, Howells and Harvey liaise with The Town Clerk to create a statement on behalf of the Town Council to present at the Gladman Inquiry on the 8 – 11 October, 2019.

P89.

UPDATE ON BLOOR HOMES DEVELOPMENT AT THE VIADUCT SITE LEDBURY AND THE OUTCOME OF THE PARISH POLL

Councillor Harvey advised that since the last ED & PL meeting she had received correspondence from the governance team who manage the receipt of notices, and advised that she has a meeting with a Hereford Council Director On Friday, 27 September, 2019 in respect of a notice of motion she had requested. She suggested writing a letter to the Full Council at Hereford Council, if the notice of motion was denied and Members agreed that the Town Clerk should draft this letter if needed.

There was a discussion with regards to the Herefordshire planning portal and the current objection that was submitted on 7 February 2019 by the working party. Councillor Bannister suggested that The Town Clerk create an advance objection including the recent parish poll results and upload to the planning portal on behalf of the council.

There was a discussion on the Traffic Management Plan and the Town Clerk advised that there may be a draft report by Monday, 29 September 2019.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the Town Clerk speaks to the traffic management consultant Andrew Snowdon to see if the draft report could be provided earlier than the deadline date, either completed or in draft form.**
- 2. That the Town Clerk updates the planning website portal with a detailed objection on the viaduct site including the information of the parish poll**
- 3. That Councillor Harvey advise the Town Clerk of the outcome of her meeting on Friday, 27 September 2019 and subject to the outcome of that meeting the Clerk writes a letter to Hereford Full Council to support the request for the Notice of Motion.**

P90.

CONSULTATION ON REMOVAL OF BT PHONE BOXES

The Clerk had previously been asked by members to contact BT and enquire whether phone boxes that were scheduled for decommissioning could be removed and sited in an alternative place within the town.

The Clerk advised that she had been in contact with BT since the last meeting and that they had advised that it was not possible to re-site decommissioned phone boxes, due to the amount of work that would be involved. She suggested that they could be utilized as small libraries or to house a defibrillator.

Members agreed that they would like to ask the community if they had any ideas for the phone boxes and agreed that a library or defibrillator would work well for the town.

The Town Clerk suggested having a suggestion box in the reception area where members of the public could submit their ideas and advertising around the town on posters and on social media.

RESOLVED:

P91.

That the Town Clerk asks for suggestions from members of the public on how they would like the decommissioned Phone boxes to be used in the future.

DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the date of the next Economic Development & Planning meeting is scheduled on 10 October 2019

The Meeting ended at 7:43 pm

Signed

Dated 10 October 2019



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