

**MINUTES OF A MEETING
OF ECONOMIC PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT
COMMITTEE
HELD ON THE 10th OCTOBER
IN THE TOWN COUNCIL OFFICES, LEDBURY**

PRESENT: Councillors Bannister, Eakin, Howells, Knight, Manns, Morris, Vesma (Chair)

IN ATTENDANCE: The Town Clerk – Angela Price
The Minute Taker- Oliva Bundy
Anna Gillings – Gillings Planning
Max Paddick – Freeholder of land adjacent to St Martins Way

P67 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Harvey

P68 DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Manns had a pecuniary interest in agenda item 14 and signed a Declaration of Interest Form.

P69 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No members of the public wished to speak.

P70 TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON THE 25 SEPTEMBER 2019

The Town Clerk advised members that the TPA report was received at Full Council on the 3rd October. She explained that members agreed to defer this the economic planning committee due to the late correspondence. The Clerk advised that the traffic management company would charge £140 per hour, plus travel to meet members at the Council, alternatively he could do a conference call at the cost of £140 per hour.

There was a lengthy discussion regarding the outcome of the TPA report and members felt that the best option would be to book a conference call. Councillor Vesma suggested asking the company as a 'good will of gesture' that they provide some time to speak to Councillors free of charge.

Members agreed that The Clerk would contact the traffic management company to book a conference call on Wednesday the 16th October at 4pm.

RESOLVED:

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

2. That the Town Clerk arranges a conference call with the Traffic Management company on Wednesday the 16th October 2019 at 4:00pm.

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PRESENTATION FROM GILLINGS REGARDING THE ERECTION OF 64-BED CARE HOME AT LAND ADJACENT MARTINS WAY, LEDBURY

The Chair welcomed Anna Gilling's from Gillings Planning and Max Paddick the freeholder to the meeting to give a presentation in respect of the planning application for the erection of a 64- bed care home adjacent to Martins Way.

Anna Gilling's advised members that the Environmental Health Officer objected to the previous planning application due to the concerns over noise and the footprint of the building. She advised that the new planning has slightly changed and the objection has now been withdrawn.

Anna provided members with a power point presentation on the changes to the proposed Care home and advised that the footprint has been made smaller by removing the top floor and reducing the beds from 67 to 64. She also advised that they are providing acoustic fencing around the development and introducing a landscape scheme which will help soften the appearance of the Care home.

Max advised members of the value that the care home could bring to Ledbury including an extra service and careers.

Both representatives thanked members for their time.

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PLANNING CONSOLATIONS

Planning Application 190568

A vote was taken to support the erection of a 64-bed care home.

VOTING

2 Abstention

2 For

2 Against

The Chairman, Councillor Vesma decided to support planning application 190568 by Gillings due to the value it would bring to the town

RESOLVED: NO OBJECTIONS

Planning Application 190254

RESOLVED: NO COMMENT

Planning Application 193180

RESOLVED: NO COMMENT

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PLANNING APPLICATION DECISION

Members were provided with the updated Planning Application Decision table.

RESOLVED

That the planning application decisions be received and noted.

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APPLICATION BY BOVIS HOME IN RESPECT OF LAND SOUTH OF LEADON WAY

Members were provided with copies of letters that a local resident sent to Herefordshire Planning Department in objection to the Bovis Homes application to build 140 houses off Leadon Way.

The Clerk also provided members with a post meeting note from Bovis Homes following questions from Councillors at the Economic Planning Meeting on the 12th September.

Councillor Bannister advised that there are 70 objections on the Herefordshire Council planning portal as opposed to the 700 on the previous Bovis Homes application. He felt that many people didn't know that they had to re-submit their vote.

Members agreed that they would like The Town Clerk to contact Herefordshire Council and apply for an estimation and in the meantime arrange a task and finish group to meet on the 21st October 2019.

RESOLVED:

- 1 **That members receive and note the letter from a local resident with concerns of the Bovis Homes Application.**
- 2 **That the Town Clerk contact Herefordshire Council and ask for an extension on the application by Bovis Homes.**

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UPDATE ON THE LEDBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN, INCLUDING THE MEETING HELD ON THE 12TH AUGUST AND THE 3RD OF SEPTEMBER 2019.

Members were asked to receive and note the minutes of a NDP working party held on the 12th August and the 3rd September.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the NDP Working Party be noted and received.

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RECEIVE NOTES FROM A MEETING OF THE TOWN WORKING GROUP HELD ON THE 25TH JUNE 2019 AND THE 17TH SEPTEMBER 2019

Members were asked to receive and note the minutes of the town working party group held on the 25th June and 17th September 2019

The Clerk provided members with a website development update from the Town Working Party which advised members of the statement of requirement for the 'Explore Ledbury' website.

Member agreed to defer this to the ICT Working Party.

RESOLVED:

- 1 **That the notes of the Town Working Party be received and Noted.**
- 2 **That the statement of requirement for Explore Ledbury be deferred to the next ICT Working Party.**

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LETTER FROM LOCAL RESIDENT REGARDING ALCOHOL RESTRICTION

Members were provided with copies of letters that a local resident concerns with alcohol being consumed in restriction zones at the Boxing Day Hunt in Ledbury.

The resident also advised that unlike other organisations, The Ledbury Hunt do not apply for a road closure on Boxing Day.

The Clerk advised there might be a Bye Law with regards to the road closure and suggested investigating for the next EP&D meeting on the 14th November 2019.

Councillor Vesma proposed that The Town Clerk writes to the Ledbury Hunt asking to enquire if they are going to apply for an alcohol exemption this year.

Councillor Howells left the meeting at 20:20

RESOLVED:

- 1 **That the Town Clerk writes to the Ledbury Hunt to enquire if they are going to apply for an alcohol exemption for Boxing Day.**
- 2 **That the Town Clerk investigates if there are any Bye Laws regarding road closures for the Hunt on Boxing Day.**

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LEDBURY TOWN TRAIL

The Town Clerk advised members that this agenda item was deferred from the last ED&P meeting on the 12th September and advised members that further correspondence had been added.

Members were provided with copies of letters from local residents enquiring whether the council could apply for 'Licence to cultivate' for Ledbury volunteers to manage the Town Trail.

Members agreed that The Town Clerk contacts Herefordshire Council to apply for a licence to cultivate.

RESOLVED:

The Town Clerk contacts Herefordshire Council to apply for a 'licence to cultivate' for the Town trail.

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HEREFORD TRANSPORT PACKAGE

Members were provided with correspondence from Herefordshire Council regarding the decision to pause and review major transport infrastructure projects.

RESOLVED:

That the correspondence from Herefordshire council be received and noted.

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ROUNDABOUTS

Members were provided with two applications to sponsor the roundabout on the Ledbury Bye pass and were asked to go ahead with 1 application.

After a lengthy discussion members voted and it was agreed that application from Three Choirs would be accepted.

RESOLVED:

That the application made by Three Choirs for the sponsor of the roundabout on the Ledbury By Pass be accepted.

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UPDATE ON SERVICES PROVIDED AT LEDBURY INTERMEDIATE CARE UNIT

Members were provided with an update on the services provided at Ledbury Intermediate Care Unit.

RESOLVED:

That the update from the clinical commissioning group be receive and noted.

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BT PHONE BOXES

The Town Clerk updated members on the correspondence she had received from BT regarding the phone boxes. She provided members with a graph of a recent survey on social media where the council asked members what they would like to see in the decommissioned phone boxes.

The suggestions included a defibrillator, mini library and seed swap.

Members agreed that they would like to put a recommendation to Full Council to adopt the phone boxes for the suggestions above.

RECOMMENDATION

That a recommendation be submitted to the next meeting of Full Council to adopt the decommissioned phone Boxes on Bridge Street and Biddulph Way, and that it be recommended that these be used as defibrillator housing, small libraries and seed swap points.

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DATE OF NEXT MEETING

That date of the next meeting of the Economic Planning and Development committee is scheduled for the 14th November 2019 at 7:30pm

The Meeting ended at 20:36

Signed

Dated