

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON 21 NOVEMBER 2019
IN THE MARKET HOUSE, LEDBURY**

PRESENT **Councillors: Bannister, Eakin, Harvey, Howells (Ex Officio), Morris Vesma (Chair)**

IN ATTENDANCE: **The Town Clerk – Angela Price
The Minute Taker – Olivia Bundy**

P116. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor Manns

P117. DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

Councillor Vesma declared a pecuniary interest in agenda item 14, Consultation on the Future Homes Standard and signed a Declaration of Interest form accordingly.

P118. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

None received

P119. MINUTES

Members were asked to approve and sign the minutes of an extraordinary meeting of Economic Development and Planning Committee held on 30 October 2019

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of Economic Development and Planning be approved and signed as a correct record.

P120. PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

1) Planning application 193297

RESOLVED: No Objection

2) Planning application 193379

RESOLVED: No Objection

3) Planning application 193521

RESOLVED: No Objections

4) Planning application 193576

RESOLVED: No Objections

5) Planning application 193582

RESOLVED: No Objections

No objections subject to the provision of secure covered cycle parking for staff, as requested by Ledbury Cycle Forum.

6) Planning application 192645

RESOLVED: No Objections

7) Planning application 193645

RESOLVED: Members noted that this application had been withdrawn.

8) Planning application 193648

RESOLVED: No Objections

No objections, but to note the concerns from residents of Ledbury as per their comments recorded on the portal.

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PLANNING APPLICATION DECISIONS

RESOLVED:

That the planning application decision report be received and noted.

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FURTHER INFORMATION FROM BOVIS HOMES & TURLEY

Members were provided with a copy of the correspondence sent from Fiona Milden regarding the footpaths across the land north of Leadon Way

Councillor Bannister advised members that he disagreed that the TR1.1 supported the Neighbourhood Development Plan as suggested in the letter. He also advised that he had been in contact with David Gossip, the Senior Planning Officer at Hereford Council and confirmed that Nursing Homes are not currently included in the Core Strategy however this could change as the Core Strategy is being reviewed.

Councillor Vesma suggested that a letter be sent to Bovis Homes advising that Ledbury Town Council would be prepared to offer access via their land that would be more suitable and safer for pedestrians on the grounds that would incorporate a bridge.

The Clerk informed members that the Council did own the land at Jubilee Close.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the letter from Fiona Milden is Received and Noted.**
- 2. That a letter be sent to Bovis Homes advising the Council would be prepared to offer access via their land on the grounds that a bridge is provided.**

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TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE LEDBURY NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN, INCLUDING NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 23 SEPTEMBER 2019

RESOLVED:

That the notes of a meeting of The Ledbury Neighbourhood Plan be received and noted.

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TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON TOWN PLAN WORKING GROUP, INCLUDING NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 30 OCTOBER 2019

Councillor Morris expressed his concerns that that Town Working Group were not moving forward as expected due to there being no committee to report to. He suggested that The Town Clerk attend the next meeting on of the Group, scheduled for 14 January 2020.

The Clerk suggested bringing the Town Working Group back under the umbrella of the Council and that she would prepare a report to the next Full Council Meeting on 5 December 2019.

RESOLVED:

1. That the notes of a Meeting of the Town Plan Working Group be received and noted.
2. That the Town Clerk and a member of staff attend the next Town Meeting of the group, scheduled for 14 January 2020.
3. That the Town Clerk prepares a report to Full Council requesting authorisation to put to the Town Working Group back under the umbrella of the Council.

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TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT WORKING PARTY, INCLUDING NOTES OF A MEETING HELD ON 2^D OCTOBER 2019

RESOLVED:

That the update on the Traffic Management Party, including notes of a meeting held on 22 October 2019 be deferred to the next Planning Meeting on the 12 December 2019.

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UPDATE ON TASK AND FINISH GROUP

Councillor Bannister advised that the minutes of a meeting held on 9 September 2019 were based on the Gladman appeal which was successful.

Councillor Howells advised that he had a meeting with Planning Officers on 22 November 2019 and proposed that he requests that in the future a discussion could be held pre application.

The Town Clerk advised members that Pre-Application discussions had already been introduced in Wales, and that a recommendation be made to Full Council to lobby Central Government to introduce a similar process to that of Wales in England.

RESOLVED:

1. **To seek consultation with Herefordshire Planning Department including relevant Stake Holders.**

RECOMMENDATION

To lobby Central Government to ask for the introduction of a pre-application process similar to that in Wales.

P127. DECISION TO REVIEW MAJOR TRANSPORT INFRASTRUCTURE PROJECTS

RESOLVED:

That Members received and noted the correspondence from Hereford Council, noting the decision to review Major Transport infrastructure projects.

P128. HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL TRAVELLERS SITES DEVELOPMENT PLAN

Members were asked to receive and note the Travellers Sites Development Plan from Herefordshire Council.

Councillor Harvey joined the meeting at 18:50.

RESOLVED:

That the Travellers Sites Development Plan be received and noted.

P129. CONSULTATION ON THE FUTURE HOMES STANDARD

Members were provided with a copy of Herefordshire Councils Consultation on The Future Homes Standard.

Councillor Vesma proposed that the agenda item be deferred to the next Economic Planning Meeting due to time constraints.

RESOLVED:

That agenda item 14 be deferred to the next Economic Development and Planning meeting on 12 December 2019.

P130. RURAL SERVICES NETWORK

Members were provided with correspondence from the Rural Towns Group.

Councillor Harvey felt that the work of the Rural/Market Town Group was valuable and proposed that as a County Councillor she contacts other Market Towns to prepare a collective response.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That Members received and Noted the correspondence from Rural/Market Towns Group**
- 2. That Councillor Harvey contacts other County Councillors and Market Towns to prepare a collective response.**

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CONSIDERATION OF ITEMS FOR 2020/21 BUDGET

Members were asked to give consideration to the 2020/21 budget and decide on the items they would like to recommend to the next Finance, Policy and General Purposes committee on 28 November 2019

The Town Clerk advised that the Town Cleaner would come under the Economic Planning and Development Budget rather than the Environment and Leisure. Councillor Harvey suggested that the Lengthsman Scheme should also come under the Economic Development & Planning Budget.

Councillor Howells felt that the budget for the Traffic Management Working Party should be increased to £10,000.

There was a lengthy discussion on the Charter Market and members agreed that it would be beneficial to look into the costs of hiring Street Management Consultants to run the Charter Market in Ledbury for 3 years. The Town Clerk suggested inviting the Consultants to the next meeting to advise members how they could build up the current Charter Market.

RECOMMENDATION

- 1. That the Lengthsman Scheme be placed under the Economic Development & Planning Budget.**
- 2. That the budget for traffic management be increased to £10,000 in 2020/21 due to there being a number of projects the Working Party would like to bring forward, such as SID's and other traffic calming projects.**
- 3. That consideration be given to a possible increase in the Charter Market for 2020/21 with a view to engaging Street Management Consultants to help improve and manage the Market in Ledbury.**

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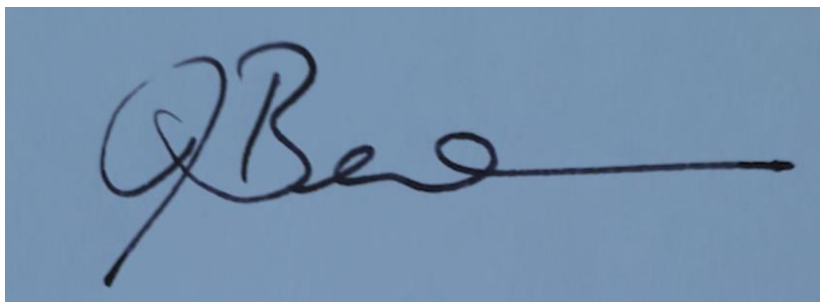
DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next Economic Development and Planning Meeting will be held on 12 December 2019 in the Council Offices.

Meeting closed at 19:29

Signed

Date: 12 December 2019

A handwritten signature in black ink on a blue rectangular background. The signature is cursive and appears to read 'J. Be...' followed by a long horizontal line ending in a small arrowhead.