

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON 11 JUNE 2020
VIA ZOOM**

PRESENT: Councillors: Bannister, Eakin, Howells (Town Mayor – ex-officio), Manns, Morris and Vesma (Chairman)

IN ATTENDANCE: Angie Price – Town Clerk

P205. APOLOGIES

None received

P206. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

P207. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No questions or comments were received from members of the public.

**P208. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE OF 21 MAY
2020 AS A CORRECT RECORD**

Councillor Bannister advised that he was in the process of setting up a Working Party as agreed in the previous Economic Development & Planning Committee meeting, to discuss the planning application 200752- Land to the South of Leadon Way.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Economic Development & Planning Committee held on 21 May 2020 be approved and signed as a correct record.

P209. PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

1. Planning Application 200946 – Oakland House, The Homend, Ledbury

A named vote was taken

FOR : 5

Councillor Bannister
Councillor Morris
Councillor Manns

Councillor Eakin
Councillor Knight

ABSTENTION: 1

Councillor Harvey

RESOLVED: NO OBJECTION

2. Planning Application 201422 – 1 Church Lane, Ledbury

A named vote was taken:

FOR: 4

Councillor Morris
Councillor Bannister
Councillor Manns
Councillor Knight

AGAINST: 2

Councillor Vesma
Councillor Eakin

ABSTENTION: 1

Councillor Harvey

RESOLVED: NO OBJECTION – It is to be noted that Councillors Vesma and Eakin voted against planning application 201422 due to the criteria of the policies in NDP not being met and the property being located in Church Lane which holds a primary retail frontage. Both Councillors felt that they should be consistent when making decisions on change of use for properties in Ledbury and therefore decided against the planning application.

Following the discussion on retail and Ledbury's economy, members agreed that at the next Economic Development and Planning meeting they would like to discuss ways that the Council can support businesses and traders, and encourage visitor economy following the Covid-19 Pandemic.

3. Planning Application 201523– Bowling Green Cottage, Ledbury

RESOLVED: NO OBJECTION

4. Planning Application 201574 – 7 Long Acres, Ledbury

A named vote was taken

FOR: 5

Councillor Bannister
Councillor Eakin
Councillor Morris
Councillor Manns
Councillor Knight

ABSTENTION: 1

Councillor Harvey

RESOLVED: NO OBJECTION

P210. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

Councillor Howells advised that he had requested that planning application 103404 be redirected as he felt that there was already history of planning at Little Bush Ledbury. He had subsequently received an email from Kevin bishop advising that the last submitted planning was retrospective and that planning officers would consider a review of this.

RESOLVED: That the list of planning application decisions be received and noted.

P211. **NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT/VARIATION OF PREMISES LICENCE**

Members were advised that a notification had been received from Herefordshire Council Licensing Department in respect of a proposed License change at the following premise:

The Shed, Rear of Lanrak House, New Street.

RESOLVED: NO OBJECTION

P212. **HEREFORD COUNCIL CYCLING & WALKING COVID RESPONSE**

Councillor Howells advised members that Herefordshire Council are looking into strategies and ways to promote more active travel throughout Herefordshire. He advised that there is funding in place for a special walking and cycling scheme for Market Towns including Ledbury. He advised that the following were being considered for implementation:

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- I. 20-mile hour speed limit through parts of Town to create wider cycling paths
- II. Woodley Road to possibly become one way
- III. Parking changes to the High Street to widen footpaths
- IV. Closing church lane to allow social distancing with the exemption of deliveries.

Members were provided with a copy of the Cycling and Walking Covid Response from Herefordshire Council.

Councillor Harvey felt that Ledbury needed much vegetation clearance and work on drainage, particularly along the town and trail path from Little Marcle Road to Orchard Lane. She felt that it would become a popular route for children and parents walking to school especially in winter months.

She also advised the of the possibility of Herefordshire Council applying for one countrywide TRO for all 20 mph zones across all Urban areas. She explained that there would be significant advertising and consultation expenses which should be achieved through the funding.

RESOLVED:

1. **That the Cycling and Walking Covid Response be received and noted**
2. **That Councillor Howells advises Herefordshire Council that the Cycling and Walking Response was received and noted and that it was agreed that the Town Clerk would arrange a meeting between Ward Members, Town Councillors and Herefordshire Council.**

P213. **LEDBURY RECYCLING CENTRE**

Councillor Howells advised members that he had received an email form the Cabinet Member who is responsible for Ledbury Recycling Centre. He explained that due to Ledbury only opening part-time and having low resources it was decided that staff would be transferred to help with other Covid related duties. He stated that Hereford council is keen to open additional sites when it can, however its first priority has been to be able to provide a restricted service at its two largest facilities where the contractors are able to put in place the additional measures required to protect both staff and the public.

Councillor Harvey advised that Ross-on-Wye Recycling Centre have introduced a booking system which is working for the town and residents.

RESOLVED: Members received and noted the update from Councillor Harvey and Councillor Howells.

P214. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

To note that the date of the next meeting of the Economic Development & Planning Committee is scheduled for Thursday, 9 July 2020 at 7.30 pm by virtual means.

The Meeting ended at 8.40 pm.

Signed

Dated

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