

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON 13 MAY 2021
VIA ZOOM**

PRESENT: Councillors: Bannister, Chowns, Howells, Hughes, Knight, Morris, and Troy

IN ATTENDANCE: Angie Price – Town Clerk

P419. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Harvey and Manns.

P420. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

P421. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

Councillor Bannister advised that the meeting would be a non-decision, non-voting meeting due to legislation for Council's to hold virtual meetings being withdrawn (minute no. C317 refers). He advised that any decision made in respect of the items discussed at the meeting would be made by the Clerk in consultation with the Chair and Vice Chair of the committee under delegated powers. All decisions will be reported to the Annual Meeting of Council on 24 June 2021.

P422. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 8 APRIL 2021 AS A CORRECT RECORD

Members of the Economic Development and Planning Committee received and noted the minutes of a meeting of the Economic Development & Planning Committee held on 8 April 2021.

P423. ACTION SHEET

Members were provided with the Economic Development and Planning Action Sheet.

The Action sheet was received and noted.

P424. PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

1. Planning Application 203223 – Land adjacent to The New House, Bromyard Road, Iledbury, HR8 1LG

No objections were raised in respect of this application

2. Planning Application 211130 – Swingate, Homend Crescent, Ledbury Herefordshire, HR8 1AQ

No objections were raised in respect of this application.

3. Planning Application 211145 – Carnreagh, Homend Crescent, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 1AH

No objections were raised in respect of this application.

P425. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

Members were provided with an up-to-date Planning Decisions table.

Councillor Howells noted that there was an error on one of the planning applications numbers. The Clerk advised that she change this for the next meeting of Economic Development and Planning Committee.

The list of planning application decisions was received and noted.

P426. **NOTIFICATION OF APPLICATION FOR GRANT OF PREMISES LICENCE**

Members were asked to receive and note the following applications for a premise licence.

- The Ledbury Ltd, 36 The Homend, ledbury, HR8 1AE

Councillor Knight advised members that she had met with the owner of the business at 36 The Homend and that she was supportive of the new shop due to the employment opportunities.

- The Ledbury Town FC, New Street, ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 2EL

Whilst members agreed with the principle of the licence, there were some concerns with the licence hours that had been requested and felt that it could result in noise nuisance for residents living nearby.

Members of the Economic Development and Planning Committee received and noted the above applications for grant of premises licence, noting that the Clerk in conjunction with the Chair and Vice Chair of the Committee agree a response in respect of both applications, noting that concerns had been raised in respect of the licensing hours requested by the Football Club

P427. **RESPONSE RECEIVED FROM MR WIGGIN MP**

Members were provided with a response received from Mr Wiggin in respect of the Local Electricity Bill.

Members of the Economic Development and Planning Committee received and noted the response received from Mr Wiggin in respect of the Local Electricity Bill.

P428. **FRITH AND CONIGREE WOODS**

Members were provided with a Forest Plan consultation of Frith and Conigree Woods.

Councillor Bannister suggested deferring the Forest Plan Consultation to the Environment and Leisure Committee and then subsequently, the NDP Working Party on Tuesday, 25 May 2021.

Members of the Economic Development and Planning Committee received and noted the Forest plan consultation, noting that it be deferred to the Environment and Leisure committee for discussion.

P429. **CORRESPONDANCE**

Members were provided with correspondence in relation to the following:

- Electric Charge points for new build properties

Councillor Bannister noted the correspondence that had been received from Mr Eager, and agreed with councillors that every effort is made in Economic Development and Planning meetings to discuss electric charging points for new builds. However, it was recognised that as this was not a requirement of the National Planning Policy Framework (NPPF) and therefore difficult to request it be enforced.

- Slow Ways

The Clerk advised that former councillor Nina shields was recently interviewed by the BBC in relation to Slow Ways. and suggested that this be referred to the Climate Change Working Party for further consideration

Councillor Knight suggested that the Slow Ways project be deferred to the Environment and Leisure committee and subsequently sent to the Climate Change Working Party.

Members of the Economic Development and Planning Committee received and noted the correspondence, noting that it be deferred to the Environment and Leisure committee for discussion.

P430. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

It was noted that the date of the next Economic Development and Planning Committee was scheduled for 10 June 2021 and that this would be an informal, non-decision-making meeting

The Meeting ended at 8.17 pm

Signed Dated