

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF AN EXTRAORDINARY FULL COUNCIL HELD ON
14 MARCH 2022**

PRESENT: Councillors Bannister, Howells, Knight, Morris, Sinclair, Troy and Whattler

ALSO PRESENT: Angela Price – Town

C530 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Bradford, Chowns, Eakin, Harvey, Hughes and Manns.

C531 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

C532 TO RECEIVE AND NOTE THE NOLAN PRINCIPLES

RESOLVED:

That the Nolan Principles be received and noted.

C533 TO CONSIDER QUESTIONS/COMMENTS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE PROVISIONS OF STANDING ORDERS 3(E) AND 3(F)

None received.

C534 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

To note that the next meeting of Full Council is scheduled for 31 March 2022 at 7.00 pm.

C535 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That in accordance with Section 1(2) of the Public Bodies Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, the press and public are excluded from the remainder of the meeting

C536 LEDBURY WAR MEMORIAL – TO CONSIDER RESPONSE FROM TSW SOICITORS

Members were provided with a copy of a response received from The Stone Workshop's solicitors in response to the counteroffer agreed by Ledbury Town Council following its meeting held on 9 February 2022, together with an accompanying commentary note with acceptance or otherwise implications from the Council's solicitors.

In the response from the Stone Workshop a further counteroffer had been proposed.

Each Councillor was given the opportunity to give their opinion in respect of the counteroffer and following considerable discussion it was the opinion of Council that this was likely to be the best offer to be forthcoming from the Contractor. However, it was felt that the offer should not be accepted as presented, but that the Council should insist on caveats being placed upon the final agreement.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That a request be made for a Statement of Finances from The Stone Workshop and that this incorporates the period from when the Council made the first payment to them in June 2020 to the present day.**
- 2. Subject to the outcome of the Statement of Finances the following caveats be incorporated in any payment agreement:**

If it proves that their finances are as indicated by TSW then the Council would be prepared to accept their offer to pay in instalments however, they would wish for the following caveats to be included in the agreement:

- If TSW default on a payment, then the Council would expect full payment immediately**
- If TSW fail to make full payment, as above, then LTC would reserve the right to take further legal action against them**

However, if upon receipt of the Statement of Finances it proves that TSW's finance are greater than they have indicated then the Council would ask either for increased monthly payments with a shorter payback period, or even that the £10,000 be paid as a one-off payment.

- 3. That upon receipt of the Financial Statement a further meeting of Council be called to give consideration to the way forward.**

The meeting ended at 7.50 pm.

Signed Dated
(Town Mayor)

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