LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT WORKING PARTY HELD ON 3 MAY 2022

PRESENT: Councillors Howells and Eakin

NON-COUNCIL: Nicola Forde, Steve Glennie-Smith, Ann Lumb, and Celia Kellet

ALSO PRESENT: Angela Price – Town Clerk

Councillor Helen l'Anson

230 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Harvey.

231 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None received.

232 TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP) WORKING PARTY MEETING HELD ON 11 JANUARY 2022

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of a Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Party held on 11 January 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record with the following amendment that Celia Kellet and Steve Glennie-Smith were both present at this meeting.

233 TO RECEIVE THE NOTES OF THE MEETING OF THE NDP STEERING GROUP MEETINGS HELD FROM 17 NOVEMBER 2021 TO 12 APRIL 2022 (58-65) INCLUSIVE

RESOLVED:

That the notes of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group meetings held from 17 November 2021 to 12 April 2022 (SG 58–65 inclusive) be received and noted.

234 TO RECEIVE THE UPDATED BUDGET AS OF 30 MARCH 2022 WITH THE CURRENT STATUS OF CONSULTANT PAYMENTS AND END OF YEAR GRANT REPORT

Councillor Howells informed members the Council are required to produce a Consultation Statement and a Basic Conditions statement for Reg 16. He asked members if they felt it would be appropriate to ask Bill Bloxsome to quote for all necessary works. Councillor Eakin agreed this would be a good idea.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That Councillor Howells contact Bill Bloxsome to request a quote for all necessary works, not previously quoted for in respect of Regulation 16.
- 2. That the updated budget be submitted to the next meeting of the Economy & Planning Committee.

235 UPDATED PROJECT TIMELINE

Councillor Howells provided an update on the project timeline. Anne Lumb noted the sensitivity of the town trail, particularly where there is a suggestion that the town needs lighting in order to make it more suitable and safer for both pedestrians and cyclists. She added that there is conflict with the people who are concerned with maintaining a wildlife corridor there and those who use the trail for travel.

It was recognised that there would be a need to agree with a drafting change to indicate whether or not it was felt that the plan should support the need for any lighting. Steve Glennie-Smith advised that he was against having lighting along the town trail, stating that cyclist already have lights on their bikes, and it is not unreasonable to ask pedestrians to carry a torch if they are walking along there at night. He believed that the money could be spent better elsewhere.

Following further discussion in respect of the Regulation 14 consultation it was

RESOLVED:

That members receive and note the updated project timeline.

236 DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS

It was noted that the next meeting of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Party would be scheduled after the Annual Council meeting.

The meeting ended at	7:30 pm.
Signed(Chair)	Dated