



LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL
Minutes Extraordinary Meeting of
Ledbury Town Council
held on Monday 14th May 2018
in The Town Council Offices, Ledbury

PRESENT:

Deputy Town Mayor: K. Francis

Councillors: D Baker, M Eakins, A Harrison, E Harvey, J Hopkins,
A Manns, N Morris, J Roberts, N Shields, A Warmington

In attendance: J. Eva (Deputy Clerk) and J. Jupp (Clerical Assistant)
Four members of the public

C.55 - 05.18 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs E Fieldhouse (Town Mayor) and A Bradford.

C.56 - 05.18 INTERESTS

Cllr Harvey declared a pecuniary interest in Item 5 Judicial Review. Cllr Harrison suggested that members of the Standing Committee may have a possible pecuniary interest in Item 5.2 Draft Order and legal matters.

C.57 - 05.18 POLLING CARDS

Members considered whether polling cards are required for the impending election in Ledbury North and others that may occur.

A discussion ensued and it was suggested that in order to save the Council money a request for polling cards to be issued per household, rather than to each individual, will be made. If this is not possible, the Council would still make a request for polling cards.

RESOLVED: to request polling cards for the impending election in Ledbury North and others that may occur.

C.58 - 05.18 EXCLUSION OF THE PRESS AND PUBLIC

Public Bodies (Admission to Meeting) Act 1960 Section 1 extended by Local Government Act 1972 Section 100) In order to consider confidential legal matters, the Chairman proposed to exclude members of the public. The proposal was seconded by Councillor Manns and duly carried.

RESOLVED: that under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, the press and public is excluded from the Meeting for the following items of business.

VOTING: 10 FOR AND 1 AGAINST

C.59 - 05.18 SUSPEND STANDING ORDERS

The Chairman proposed to suspend Standing Orders to enable two new items, not on the agenda, to be discussed.

RESOLVED: to temporarily suspend Standing Orders to approve staff PAYE and National Insurance payments and to consider appointing the Clerical Officer as a bank signatory until a new Clerk is appointed.

VOTING: UNANIMOUS

C.60 - 05.18 STAFFING ISSUES AND NEW BANK SIGNATORY

60.1 Staff Issues – PAYE and National Insurance payments

RESOLVED: to accept the payments.

VOTING: UNANIMOUS

60.2 Bank Signatory

RESOLVED: to appoint the Clerical Officer as a temporary bank signatory and online primary administrator until a new Clerk is appointed.

VOTING: UNANIMOUS

Cllr Shields suggested that following the appointment of the new Standing Committee, on the 24th May, members should meet to consider appropriate pay for employees taking on responsibilities beyond their job descriptions, for the durations that this is necessary.

C.61 - 05.18 TO REINSTATE STANDING ORDERS

RESOLVED: to reinstate Standing Orders.

VOTING: UNANIMOUS

8.14pm Cllr Harvey left the meeting.

C. 62 - 05.18 JUDICIAL REVIEW

62.1 To receive and note the draft judgement of Mrs Justice Cockerill.

RESOLVED: to note the draft judgement of Mrs Justice Cockerill.

62.2 To consider the draft order in line with legal advice and to authorise solicitors to negotiate financial matters on behalf of the Council

A proposal in regard financial matters was made.

RESOLVED: that this proposal is accepted.

62.3 To consider and approve the draft press release from the Town Council's solicitors for issue when the final judgement is made.

Paragraph 1

To make the changes as recommended by Councillors.

VOTE: 9 FOR and 1 ABSTENTION

RESOLVED: To make those changes.

Paragraph 2

To make the changes as recommended by Councillors.

VOTE: 9 FOR and 1 ABSTENTION

RESOLVED: To make those changes.

Paragraph 3

No amendments were suggested.

Paragraph 4

To remove this paragraph as recommended by Councillors.

VOTE: 9 FOR and 1 ABSTENTION

RESOLVED: To remove this paragraph.

Paragraph 5

To make the changes as recommended by Councillors.

VOTE: 9 FOR and 1 ABSTENTION

RESOLVED: To make those changes.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.40pm

CHAIRMAN Date