



LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

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Minutes of a Meeting of

Ladbury Town Council

held on Thursday 8 December 2016

in The Methodist Church Hall, Ladbury

Present: Councillors: The Town Mayor, Councillor D Baker, Chairman
R Barnes A Bradford
A Crowe M Eager
M Eakin E Fieldhouse
K Francis A Harrison
E Harvey N Morris
J Roberts N Roberts
A Warmington J Simpson

In attendance: Mrs K Mitchell - Clerk to the Council
Mrs J Jupp - Admin Assistant
7 Members of the Public
Clive Jupp – Ladbury Places Project

C.143 - 12.16 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor A Manns.

C.144 - 12.16 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest

C.145 - 12.16 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

There were no requests from the members of the public present to speak.

C.146 – 12.16 MINUTES

Referring to C.132-11.16, Cllr Warmington pointed out that he had given a ward member report, which had been held over from the previous meeting.

The Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 3 November 2016 were then approved as an accurate record.

C.147 - 12.16 CHAIRMAN'S REPORT AND CORRESPONDENCE

The Mayor welcomed Cllr Simpson to the meeting as a new councillor.

The Mayor explained that she was in the process of compiling a report of her activities since the previous Full Council Meeting and would circulate to Councillors by email.

C.148 – 12.16 HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Cllr Warmington (West Ward) had produced a report which had been circulated to the meeting.

Cllr Harvey (North ward) gave a verbal report to the meeting advising that she had attended Scrutiny Committee meetings associated with the Council budget and that there would be significant cuts in various areas, some of which would affect the Town. Wellington Heath Parish Council had extended an invitation to all Councillors to attend a Neighbourhood Plan Meeting on Saturday 10 December 2017, in the Memorial Hall. Cllr Harvey provided an update on the Fastershire Project Broadband. Ledbury and Wellington Heath were now being included in a second tranche of the Project. More information was available on the website.

For expediency, the Chairman moved agenda item 11 forward.

C.149 - 12.16 LEDBURY PLACES PROJECT

Clive Jupp, reported that Ledbury Places had submitted a bid to the Heritage Lottery Fund on 8 December 2016 for a reduced scope of Stage One to cover the Heritage Centre, and the Barratt Browning Institute (BBI). The ownership of these buildings and the Burgage Hall and Butchers Row Museum would be transferred to Ledbury Places.

Mr Jupp thanked the Town Council for their letter of support. The outcome of the application should be heard by the end of March.

Cllr Eager asked if Herefordshire Council were contributing to necessary building works at the BBI ahead of the transfer of ownership. Mr Jupp confirmed that the transfer lease included funding for works which should have been carried out.

Cllr Eakin asked about the usage of the BBI. Mr Jupp advised that the top floor would be for office space. The BBI should be used for education and Ledbury Places were looking particularly at adult and young people's education. The Heritage Lottery Fund would fund building repairs but they expected to see a 10 year plan.

The Mayor thanked Mr Jupp for the report and he left the meeting.

C.150 - 12.16 COMMITTEE MATTERS - ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING

1. Cllr R Barnes, Chairman of the Economic Development & Planning Committee, presented the minutes of the meetings held on Thursday, 10 November 2016, copies having been previously circulated.

Referring to P.108-11.16 1 Bridge Street, Cllr Francis reported that he had spent a full week monitoring the traffic in this area between 8.00 – 9.00 am. Vehicular movement was not excessive and parked cars made it difficult to speed.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes P.100-11.16 to P.113-11.16 be received and noted and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.

VOTING: For 12
Abstentions 3

2. Members received the notes from the Town Plan Task & Finish Group meeting held on Monday 28th November, 2016, copies having been circulated. Cllr Francis highlighted the recommendations put forward by the group to help take the Town Plan objectives forward.

RESOLVED: That the notes from the Town Plan Task and Finish Group be received and noted and that any budgetary recommendations be considered at Committee level.

VOTING: For 13
Abstentions 2

3. Planning Applications

1.	<u>163234</u>	Proposed variation of Condition 6 of Planning Permission 153648 (proposed demolition of a pair of cottages and replacement with two new dwellings - to allow the provision of a garage to each dwelling) at 1&2 Orlham Cottages, Leddington, Ledbury. PLANNING PERMISSION
		RESOLVED: That the application be supported. VOTING: For 13 Abstentions 2
2.	<u>163458</u>	Proposed two storey rear extension at 25 Robinsons Meadow, Ledbury HR8 1SU FULL HOUSEHOLDER
		RESOLVED: That the application be supported. VOTING: For 12 Abstentions 3

C.151 – 12.16 COMMITTEE MATTERS - ENVIRONMENT & LEISURE

Councillor M Eager, Chairman of the Environment & Leisure Committee, presented the minutes of the meeting held on 17th November 2016, copies having been circulated.

Cllr Eager thanked all those involved in making the Christmas Lights Switch-On event on 26th November, such a success.

RESOLVED: That the Minutes E.82-11.16 to E.94-11.16 be received and noted, and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.

VOTING: For 13
Abstentions 2

C.152 - 12.16 COMMITTEE MATTERS - FINANCE & GENERAL PURPOSES

Councillor Keith Francis, Vice Chairman of the Finance & General Purposes Committee, presented the Minutes of the meeting held on 24 November 2016, copies having been circulated.

Referring to F.106-11.16, Boundary Commission Consultation; consultation responses had been collated by Cllr Francis and the Clerk and submitted by the 5th December 2016 deadline. Copies to be circulated to Cllrs for information.

Referring to F.107-1.16, Members further considered the possible introduction of an Allowance Scheme for Parish/Town Councillors. Some members felt that it could encourage younger people and those with carer responsibilities to stand for council. Following a lengthy discussion, it was

RESOLVED: Not to support the introduction of allowances for Ledbury Town Councillors.

VOTING: For 10
Against 4
Abstentions 1

RESOLVED: That the Minutes F.95-11.16 to F.112-11.16 be received and noted and that any recommendations contained therein be approved and adopted.

VOTING: For 13
Abstentions 2

C.153 - 12.16 COMMITTEE MEMBERSHIP

RESOLVED: That Councillor Simpson be appointed to serve on the Economic Development and Planning, Environment and Leisure and Finance and General Purposes Committees.

VOTING: For 14
Abstention 1

C.154 - 12.16 OUTSIDE BODIES

Councillor Francis gave a brief summary of the subjects covered by speakers at the HALC Annual Conference held on Saturday 21st November which had including presentations by West Mercia Police and Police and Crime Commissioner John Campion. Other topics included the adverse impact of social media.

C.155 – 12.16 GENERAL CORRESPONDANCE

A list of correspondence received in the office had been circulated with Councillor's packs.

C.156 - 12.16 NOTICE OF MOTION 3/2016

Proposed by Councillor A Harrison and seconded by Councillor N Morris.

That: The following wording shall be added to the statement on recording of meetings included on all of our agendas.

“The council asks those recording proceedings not to edit the film or recordings in such a way that could lead to misinterpretation of the proceedings, or infringe the core values of the Council. This includes refraining from editing an image or views expressed in a way that may ridicule, or show lack of respect towards those being filmed or recorded”.

Councillor Harrison put forward his reasoning in support of the motion. A long discussion took place during which it was highlighted how difficult it would be to enforce or police such a proposal with films on YouTube able to be edited and blogging and tweeting etc. taking place continuously.

VOTING: For 4
Against 8
Abstentions 3

The motion was LOST.

RESOLVED: That the matter be referred to the Policies and Procedures Working Party to consider drawing up a Social Media Policy.

VOTING:	For	13
	Against	1
	Abstention	1

C.157 - 12.16 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING

A special Full Council Meeting will be held on 15 December 2016 in the Methodist Hall Ledbury, to receive a presentation on the progress of the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP).

Reports from NDP meetings held since the last Full Council meeting (3 November) will be presented at the above meeting

The next scheduled Full Council meeting will be held on 2 February 2017 at the Community Hall Lawnside Road Ledbury.

The Mayor wished everyone a Happy Christmas and New Year and the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.