

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF AN ECONOMY & PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD
ON
19 MAY 2022**

PRESENT: Councillors Bannister, Howells, Hughes and Morris

ALSO PRESENT: Angela Price – Town Clerk
Amy Howells – Minute Taker

PUBLIC PRESENT: There were 14 members of the public present.

P574 ELECTION OF CHAIR FOR THE 2022/23 MUNICIPAL YEAR

Members were asked to nominate a Chair for the 2022/23 municipal year; Councillor Bannister nominated Councillor Morris who declined the nomination. Councillor Howells nominated Councillor Bradford, but he was not in attendance to be able to accept or decline. It was decided that Councillor Morris act as temporary Chair for the purpose of this meeting and that the nomination of Chair would be postponed to the next meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the nomination of Chair of the Economy & Planning Committee be deferred to the meeting scheduled for 16 June 2022.

P575 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Bradford, Harvey, Knight and Manns.

P576 TO RECEIVE ANY DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENTION

Councillor Howells declared a pecuniary interest in Agenda Item 20.

P577 NOLAN PRINCIPLES

RESOLVED:

That the Nolan Principles be received and noted.

P578 TERMS OF REFERENCE

Members raised the following amendments in respect of the Terms of Reference:

a. Under delegated powers:

- Paragraph 1 should read “Neighbourhood Development Plan”.
- Paragraph 8 should read “alleged development conditions”.

b. Establishment of Terms of Reference and review

- Paragraph 1 amend to read “Economy & Planning”

c. Appendix 2 – Retail Areas and Provision

- To take into account the change of planning codes A2 and A5, which were amended in September 2022.

RESOLVED:

1. **That the Terms of Reference be approved, subject to the amendments listed above.**
2. **That the setting up of Working Parties be deferred to be considered at the meeting of the committee scheduled for 16 June 2022, due to only four Committee members being present.**

P579 ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIR FOR THE 2022/23 MUNICIPAL YEAR

It was proposed by Councillor Howells that this item be deferred to the next meeting for election of Vice-Chair for the 2022/23 municipal year.

RESOLVED:

That this item was deferred to the next meeting of Economy & Planning.

P580 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

RESOLVED:

1. **To suspend standing orders to allow more than the stated time for members of the public to speak at meetings, due to the nature of the items being discussed.**
2. **That items 15 and 20 be brought forward to address the matters the public were here to speak about.**

Four members of public were present regarding Item 15, they expressed their concern in respect of the proposed removal of the trees and bund on the

development of land as this will affect the noise of the bypass and air pollution on Spring Grove Road.

Members thanked the residents for bringing this issue to the attention of the Committee and advised that they would address this in their response in respect of the application, and with Vistry Homes should they meet with them in the future to discuss this application.

Councillor Howells left the meeting at 7:28pm

There were several members of the public present for Item 20, Mr David Thomas and his brother read out two statements which will be attached to these minutes once received.

The Chair thank Mr Thomas and his brother for their statements and advised that they should write to the Chief Executive of Herefordshire Council to bring the issues to his attention for further consideration. He explained that the Town Council had little influence in these matters, but wished them well in their endeavours.

Councillor Howells re-joined the meeting at 8:00pm

P581 TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 14 APRIL 2022

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 14 April 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record.

P582 TO REVIEW THE ACTION SHEET

RESOLVED:

That the Action sheet be received and noted.

P583 TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE ECONOMY & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 3 MARCH 2022

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 14 April 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record.

P584 TO REVIEW THE ACTION SHEET

RESOLVED:

That the Action Sheet be received and noted.

P585 RURAL MARKET TOWN GROUP – AREA PROFILES AND FAIR FUNDING SUMMARY

RESOLVED:

That members received and noted the information provided.

P586 PLANNING CONSULTATION

13.1 Application No. 221183 – 101 Robinsons Meadow, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 1SX

RESOLVED:

No objection.

13.2 Application No. 221285 – Upper Hall Lodge, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 1JA

RESOLVED:

No objection

13.3 Application No.221306 – Ledbury Hand Car Wash, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 1LG

Councillor Hughes advised that there were concerns in respect of drainage, noting that Herefordshire Council flood officers have suggested they need more information regarding this before they could comment, and that they needed more information on how they will be able to drain the site. Councillor Hughes proposed that committee wait until further information has been received in respect of this before providing a comment on this application.

RESOLVED:

That members wait for more information to be provided in respect of flood and drainage issues before submitting a comment on this application.

13.4 Application No. 221468 – Arknell Farm, Horse Road, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 1LS

Councillor Bannister noted Horse Road is not Ledbury Parish.

RESOLVED:

No objection. However, the Clerk to ask a question of Herefordshire Council regarding whether this application is in the Ledbury parish.

- 13.5 Application No. 235782 – Hall House Farm, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 2JE

Councillor Hughes noted that the application does not come up on the website with the number given.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk re check the number given and members to revisit at the next meeting.

- 13.6 Application No. 221507 – Abbey House, 37 The Homend, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 1BP

Councillor Howells questioned if this building was listed due to being in a conservation area.

RESOLVED:

No objection but the Clerk to establish whether there is a Listed Building application in respect of this due to it being in the conservation area.

- 13.7 Application No.220857 – 17-19 The Homend, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 1BN

RESOLVED:

To note that this application has been withdrawn.

P587 PLANNING DECISIONS

RESOLVED:

That the Planning Decisions be received and noted.

P588 OUTCOME OF MEETING WITH VISTRY HOMES – PLANNING APPLICATION NO. 220855 RESERVED MATTERS

Four members of the public were present at the meeting and expressed their views in relation to the plans by Vistry Homes to interrupt the bund adjacent to Spring Grove Road. Councillor Howells believed representation should be made to Herefordshire Council regarding the matter of air pollution and noise from the bypass if the trees and bund are removed.

Councillor Howells gave an update on a meeting with Vistry Homes regarding application no. 220855, he noted that the breach of the bund and removal of trees was not discussed and thanked the members of the public who attended for bringing this to the committees attention. Councillor Morris added that members understood the issue and were supportive towards the public, he

added that the Council would include these points in their response to Herefordshire planning.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the Clerk investigates to establish whether there is a preservation order on the Oak tree in the field next to the bypass concerned.**
- 2. That representation be made to Herefordshire Council regarding the removal of the trees and breach of the bund.**

P589. a. MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT WORKING PARTY HELD ON 29 MARCH AND 3 MAY 2022

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the minutes of the Traffic Management Working Party meetings held on 29 March and 3 May 2022 be approved and signed as a correct record.**
- 2. That the Clerk write to Herefordshire Council for Twenty's Plenty to be considered in Ledbury on the High Street and surrounding areas.**
- 3. That the Clerk contact Gareth Davis to offer support from Ledbury Town Council in respect of "A Community Station Partnership for Ledbury/Colwall".**

b. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP)

Councillor Howells provided Members with an update on the current status of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Regulation 14. He also asked Members to give consideration to a quote received from Bill Bloxsome in relation to some additional work to prepare a Basic Condition Statement and Consultation Statement at a cost of £800.

RECOMMENDATION:

- 1. That members received and noted the update.**
- 2. That a recommendation be submitted to the Finance, Policy & General Purposes Committee that the quotation received from Bill Bloxsome in respect of the provision of Basic Conditions Statement and Consultations Statement at a cost of £800.**

c. MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE MARKETS WORKING PARTY HELD ON 22 APRIL 2022

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Markets Working Party meeting held on 22 April 2022 be received and noted as a correct record.

P590 NOTES OF A LOCAL PLAN POLICY OPTIONS MEETING

RESOLVED:

That the notes of a Local Plan Policy options meeting be received and noted, noting that these would provide useful information in respect of the Spatial Plan Consultation response.

P591 SPATIAL PLAN CONSULTATION – DRAFT RESPONSE

Members were reminded that Councillors Bannister and Howells had offered to draft a response, and whilst it was noted that the council had been given an extension to the deadline for the return of their response, this had yet to be completed.

RESOLVED:

That the Spatial Plan Consultation draft response be differed to a meeting of Full Council on 9 June 2022.

P592 NOTIFICATION OF TREE PRESERVATION ORDER

RESOLVED:

That the notification of tree preservation order be received and noted.

P593 Further to the discussion held under “Public Participation” Members considered whether there was anything the council could do to support Mr Thomas.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the Clerk investigate whether the Barn are breaching any of the licencing conditions placed upon the Barn and report back to a future meeting of the committee.**
- 2. The Clerk to write a letter to Mr Thomas and inform him that the council are gathering information from Herefordshire Council.**

EP21 CORPORATE PLAN

The Clerk advised that she would be organising a workshop with Councillors and staff regarding the Corporate Plan after to take place in June.

EP22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

RESOLVED:

To note that the next meeting of the Economy & Planning Committee was scheduled for 16 June 2022 at 7:00PM.

The meeting ended at 8.35 pm.

Signed Dated
(Chair)

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