

LEDBURY TOWN COUNCIL

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF AN PLANNING, ECONOMY & TOURISM
COMMITTEE
HELD ON 9 MARCH 2023**

PRESENT: Councillors Bannister, Bradford, Howells, Hughes, Morris (Chair), and Shields

ALSO PRESENT: Angela Price – Town Clerk
Sophie Jarvis – Minute Taker

P740. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received from Councillors Manns and Sims.

P741. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST AND WRITTEN REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

RESOLVED:

No declarations of interest were received.

P742. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

RESOLVED:

No members of the public were present.

P743. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF THE PLANNING, ECONOMY & TOURISM COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 09 FEBRUARY 2023.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the Planning, Economy & Tourism Committee held on 9 February 2023 be approved and signed as a correct record.

P744. TO REVIEW THE ACTION SHEET

The Clerk gave the following updates on the outstanding actions on the action sheet.

P730(3) – That the litter picker volunteer be approached to see if they would be interested in helping with the market on Tuesday and Saturday.



The Clerk informed members that this had been completed and that the litter picker volunteer had said he would rather have for a full-time job than a part-time one. As a result of this outcome, they have been given a Town Maintenance job application form to complete and return.

P732 – That the decision on the tear off maps be delayed.

This action is no longer being pursued.

P736(2) – That the Clerk email Herefordshire Council planning department to query why planning application no. 223555 had been refused – Y Pass Fish & Chip Shop

The Clerk informed members that she had received a response from Herefordshire Council to say that this application had been refused because of the lack of information and paperwork.

Members agreed that they would like to show support by helping Y Pass Fish & Chip Shop with this application. Councillor Morris has already approached them once to help but will do so again to offer some more help.

RESOLVED:

That the contents of the action sheet be received and noted.

P745. OUTCOME OF ENQUIRY IN RELATION TO CHARTER MARKETS STATUS

Members stated that it was good to see a new fruit & vegetable trader at the Charter Market every Tuesday.

RESOLVED:

That the information received by NABMA noting that the Charter Market rights remain in the ownership of Ledbury Town Council until such time they decide to no longer hold this, was received and noted.

P746. PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

i. Planning Application No. 230319

Proposed detached garage/workshop in rear garden of semi-detached dwelling – 5 Staplow Cottages, Staplow, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 1NP

RESOLVED:

No objection.



RESOLVED:

1. That Councillor Howells will provide the relevant NDP Policies to the Clerk for use in responding to this application.
 2. If the application meets the NDP Policies the Clerk is instructed to provide a response of no objection.
- vi. Planning Application No. 220783

Little Bush Pitch Traveller Site – retrospective permission – a decision has been made to refer this to the planning committee at Hereford Council. Members noted that there had been no changes to the proposal since the consultation. Notwithstanding the use of the building, concern was expressed that it was not in accord with the approved plan. Hereford Council Officers had confirmed that the dimensions of the building tally with approved elevations, though the footprint on the plan was wrong. Furthermore, concern was expressed that the previous permission remains extant and includes an occupancy condition for travellers. Part of the current proposal is to “give up” that permission.

Members noted that both Councillor Harvey and Councillor Howells had produced good reports as Ward Councillors on this planning application. Councillor Howells informed members that he would attend the next Hereford Planning meeting taking place on Wednesday, 15 March 2023 to voice the general opinion of this Council and mention points from both reports regarding this application. All members were in favour of this.

RESOLVED:

Objection on the grounds sited within the Ward Councillor reports

P747. TABLED APPLICATIONS

Planning Application No. 230543

Demolition of existing garage and outbuilding and erection of replacement attached garage - Elmscroft New Street Ledbury Herefordshire HR8 2EE

RESOLVED:

Members requested an extension on this application due to it being received on the same day as the Planning meeting and therefore not been available to view on Herefordshire Council's website.

ii. Planning Application No. 230401

T1 Leylandii Elwoodii, tree is brown on garden facing side due to lack of light in lower canopy, very close to garden wall and may cause issue in the near future – remove. T2 Golden conifer, tree takes up more garden than required, starting to cause damage to fence – remove. T3 Cherry tree, growing next to neighbours roof and trunk will be touching it in the next couple of years – remove – 2 Church Street, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 1DH

RESOLVED:

No objection.

iii. Planning Application No. 230334

Proposed extension to an existing slurry store – Woodfield Farm, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 2JB

RESOLVED:

No objection.

iv. Planning Application No. 230608

T1 Mixed hedge – remove Elder and trim hedge - Rose Cottage Belle Orchard Ledbury Herefordshire HR8 1DD

RESOLVED:

No objection.

v. Planning Application No. 223516

Application for Technical Details Consent for a development of 5 dwellings - Old Kennels Farm Bromyard Road Ledbury Herefordshire HR8 1LG

Members noted that the AONB had made no objections on this planning application. it was suggested that the NDP should be referenced in respect of particular policies that may relate to this application. Councillor Howells agreed that he would provide the Clerk with the Policy details for inclusion in a response in respect of the application. However, if this application meets the criteria laid out within the NDP document then there will be no objections.



P748. PLANNING DECISIONS

RESOLVED:

That the planning decisions document be received and noted.

P749. MEETING WITH BLOOR DEVELOPMENTS

Members were informed that Councillor Howells and Hughes attended the meeting with Bloor Developments and Councillor Howells gave a verbal update on the outcomes of this meeting:

- Bloor Developments are ensuring that they are protecting the viaduct site, advising that proposed design enable the viaduct to be viewed from vantage points within this phase of the development
- This development will commence toward the end of 2023 – date TBC.
- Benches will be put in place along the canal pathway.
- Drop kerbs will be implemented where possible.
- The houses will be in a position where major floodings should not affect them.
- Suitable trees and vegetation will be planted throughout the site.
- There will be a play area for residents and there will be a management plan to obtain this area.
- Bloor Developments had completed a major research project to try and match the architecture in Ledbury to these new builds as much as possible.

Members discussed having a bus service which could access this new housing site and believed that there should be sufficient bus bays and turning areas for buses to get through this site, should a bus contractor wish to provide a service. Members raised the content of a report that the Council had submitted to Hereford Council Planners in respect of bus infrastructure on this development. However, neither Bloor or Chloe Smart could recall having seen the report. It was agreed that the Clerk would forward this to both parties.

Members also suggested that the public need to be made aware of the canal that they are planning of putting in place and that they should be informed that it will be fully functional.

Members discussed that the security of the new footpaths and agreed that this should be investigated and checked with the safer neighbourhood team of West Mercia Police to establish whether the paths will be safe in the winter/dark. It was also requested that the lighting for these paths should be environmentally friendly to help reduce light pollution.

P750. KEEPING CONSISTENCY WHEN CONSIDERING PLANNING APPLICATIONS

RESOLVED:

To note that the Clerk has asked for this to be an item on the agenda at the next Town Clerk's meeting.

P751. PUBLIC PATH DIVERSION ORDER – FOOTPATH ZB1 (PART) LEDBURY

RESOLVED:

That the Public Path Diversion Order – Footpath ZB1 was received and noted.

P752. SECTION 106 (STANDING ITEM)

RESOLVED:

That the Section 106 item was received and noted.

P753. NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP)

RESOLVED:

That the Neighbourhood Development Plan update was received and noted.

P754. WITHDRAWAL OF LONDON TRAINS FROM HEREFORD

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk write a letter to Sir Bill Wiggin MP similar to those from Mr Davies and Colwall Parish Council to support the comments in which they have made regarding the withdrawal of London trains from Hereford.

P755. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the date of the next meeting of the Economy, Planning & Tourism Committee is scheduled for 13 April 2023.

P756. EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC

RESOLVED:

That in accordance with Section 12(2) of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted, it is advisable in the public

interest that the press and public are excluded from the remainder of the meeting.

P757. POSSIBLE USE OF CATENARY WIRES IN HOMEND FOR ADVERTISING BANNERS

Members were advised that if they wanted to go ahead with purchasing banners for advertising in the Homend it would not be possible to fund this via The Great Places to Visit fund, due to timescales and funds. However, the Clerk advised that it may be possible to fund this from the Tourism budget line within the 2023/24 budget.

Members agreed that this style of banners may not be appropriate as stated by the Highways team at Herefordshire Council and that it would be a good idea to investigate banners that can be attached to lamp posts instead. It was stated that this option had been investigated previously with substantial research being undertaken. Members suggested that this information and proposal previously made should be located and brought back to the next meeting.

Members also suggested that 2 more prices from other companies should be received to stay in line with the usual procedure of receiving 3 quotes.

Councillor Bradford left the meeting at 8:13pm.

One member suggested that the Poetry Festival should be approached to see what company they have used to purchase their banners from in the past.

All members were in favour of these suggestions.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the proposal made at a previous meeting about the use of advertising banners on lamp posts be found and revisited at the next meeting.**
- 2. That 2 more quotes be received for the possible use of catenary wires in Homend for advertising banners.**

The meeting ended at 8:14pm.

Signed
(Chair)

Dated 09/08/2023

