

**MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE
HELD ON 8 OCTOBER 2020
VIA ZOOM**

PRESENT: Councillors: Bannister (Chair), Eakin, Howells, Manns, Morris, Knight,

IN ATTENDANCE: Angie Price – Town Clerk

P281. APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillors Harvey and Vesma

P282. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were received.

P283. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

No questions or comments were received from members of the public.

**P284. TO APPROVE AND SIGN THE MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE
ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT & PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON
10 SEPTEMBER 2020 AS A CORRECT RECORD**

Due to there being a page missing from the minutes, the Town Clerk advised that the minutes of the meeting of Economic Development and Planning would have to be deferred to the next meeting.

RESOLVED:

That the minutes of the meeting of the Economic Development & Planning Committee held on 10 September 2020 be deferred to the next meeting.

P285. PLANNING CONSULTATIONS

1. Planning Application 202679 – 15 The Homend, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 1BN

RESOLVED: NO OBJECTION – Subject to it meeting the criteria of the Neighbourhood Development Plan in respect of change of use in buildings within the Conservation Area.

2. Planning Application 202680 – 15 The Homend, Ledbury, Herefordshire, HR8 1BN **LISTED**

RESOLVED: NO OBJECTION – Subject to it meeting the criteria of the Neighbourhood Development Plan in respect of change of use in buildings within the Conservation Area.

3. Planning Application 202866– Bankside, Little Marcle Road, Herefordshire, HR8 2DR

RESOLVED: NO OBJECTION

4. Planning Application 202911 – Spindle Cottage, Upper Mitchell, Ledbury, Herefordshire

RESOLVED: NO OBJECTION

5. Planning Application 202980 –Ornua Ingredients, Ledbury, Dymock Road, HR8 2JQ

RESOLVED: NO OBJECTION

P286. **PLANNING DECISIONS**

Members were asked to receive and note the updated planning decisions.

The Town Clerk advised that she had not received correspondence in relation to the extension she had requested for planning applications **174808 & 200662**

RESOLVED: That the planning decisions be received and noted.

P287. **HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL RETAIL SEQUENTIAL & IMPACT ASSESSMENT – PLANNING APPLICATION P190114**

Members were provided with a retail sequential and impact assessment for the proposed Lidl food Store at Leadon Way.

There was a lengthy discussion on the impact in and around the town in relation to the figures detailed within the report.

Councillor Bannister advised that Deeley Group had requested a further meeting in November to discuss the proposed planning application.

Members agreed to schedule a meeting with Deeley before the next Economic Development and Planning Committee in November, and that the Town Clerk contact the Planning Officer to request an extension.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk organise a meeting with Deeley group on 4 November at 5:00pm, noting that a request be made to the Planning Officer for an extension on planning application P190114.

P288. **REQUEST FOR FUTHER MEETING FROM DEELEY GROUP LTD**

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk contact Deeley group with a view to organisation a further meeting to be held on 4 November 2020 at 5:00pm, noting that a request is made that a Planning Officer be present at that meeting and that an extension on planning application P190114, be requested.

P289. **HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL ANNUAL POSITION STATEMENT**

Members were provided with the Herefordshire Council Annual Position Statement on 5-Year Housing Land Supply 2020

Councillor Howells advised that Ward Councillors had received a briefing on the annual position statement and the mitigation efforts that Herefordshire Council are putting in place to resolve the phosphate issues in the River Lugg. Councillor Howells agreed to send a copy of the PowerPoint to the Clerk to circulate to members once he had received permission from Hereford.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That Councillor Howells send a copy of the briefing PowerPoint to the Town Clerk to circulate with members.**
- 2. That the Herefordshire Council Annual Position Statement on 5-Year Housing Land Supply 2020 be received and noted.**

P290. **UPDATE ON NEIGHBOURHOOD DEVELOPMENT PLAN (NDP) WORKING PARTY**

Councillor Howells updated members on the Neighbourhood Development Plan Working Party and advised that a Steering Group meeting had been booked for 15 October to discuss filling of the appropriate documents and evidence.

RESOLVED: That the update on the Neighbourhood Development Plan be received and noted.

P291. **UPDATE ON FOLLOWING WORKING PARTIES**

The Town Clerk received suggestions from members in relation to amalgamating the Town Marketing and Tourism Party & the Charter Market & Market House working party. Members agreed to the above suggestion and agreed that the Town Clerk rename the working party.

Councillor Knight asked to join the large planning application working party.

Major Application Working Party

Members were provided with notes of the meeting of the Major Application Working Party held on 24 September 2020. Councillor Bannister noted the following recommendations:

1. That the Economic Development & Planning Committee agree to meet with Deeley Group for further discussions in respect of the Leadon Vale proposals on either 13 or 14 October 2020.

RESOLVED: That the Economic Development & Planning Committee agree to meet with Deeley Group as per minute number P289.

2. To ensure that the Working Parties meet with quorum, as per the Councils Standing Orders, it should be agreed that there should be at least three councillors on each Working Party.

RESOLVED: A recommendation be submitted to the next meeting of Council that in order for all Working Parties to meet with quorum, as per the Councils Standing Orders there should be at least three Councillors on each Working Party.

3. That the Economic Development & Planning Committee give consideration to inviting Bovis and Barratts to a meeting to discuss their future plans for development in Ledbury.

RESOLVED: That the Town Clerk contact Planning Officers at Hereford Council to seek their advice in relation to inviting Bovis and Barratts Home to a meeting to discuss future plans for development in Ledbury.

4. That the Council consider producing a report on why the Council had decided to take up the Rule 6 Status and how they had managed the inquiry process and that a draft of this be prepared for consideration at the Economic Development & Planning Committee on 12 November 2020 and that it should be no more than 10 pages.

The Town Clerk received a summary report from the Larger Planning Application Working party and advised that she would circulate with councillors and members of the public.

Councillor Morris proposed that the report on the Viaduct be published in the November edition of the Ledbury Focus if possible.

RESOLVED:

- i. That a report be produced on why the Council had decided to take up the Rule 6 Status and how they had managed the inquiry process, noting that copies will be published on the Council's website and social media.
- ii. That a copy of the report provided by Councillor Howells be published in the November edition of the Ledbury Focus, if possible.
- iii. That the Larger Planning Application summary report be circulated to all committee members and uploaded to the town Council website.
- iv. That Councillor Knight be elected as a member of the Major Planning Application Working Party.

P292. **LEDBURY ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT INVESTMENT PLAN**

Members were provided with a verbal update on the Ledbury Economic Development investment plan.

Councillor Howells updated members on Ledbury investment plans and advised members that further information can be found on the notes that the Town Clerk had previously circulated.

RESOLVED:

That the verbal update from Councillor Howells be received and noted.

P293. **OUTDOOR SEATING UNDERNEATH THE MARKET HOUSE**

Councillor Knight advised that Ledbury Town Council do not have to apply for a licence for the outdoor seating under the Market House as the Market House is owned by the council. She visited the nearby town of Ross on Wye and advised the measures that they had put into place to provide outdoor seating.

Members agreed to purchase five folding tables and twenty chairs for the seating under the Market House, noting that that they would be stored in the committee room until the Council find alternative storage.

RECOMMENDATION: That the Town Clerk investigate the cost of five folding tables and twenty chairs and that a recommendation to purchase the outdoor furniture be sent the next meeting of the

Finance, Policy and General Purposes Committee on 26 November 2020

P294. LEDBURY TOWN TRAIL

Members were provided with the responses received from Balfour Beatty Living Places in respect of several questions asked in relation to the Town Trail.

Councillor Howells proposed that the Town Clerk continue to apply for a license to cultivate.

RESOLVED: That the Council continue to pursue the request for a licence to cultivate.

P295. ROUNDABOUTS

Members were provided with a report on the roundabouts which have been issued with a licence to cultivate in Ledbury.

The Clerk advised that Herefordshire Council are still looking into who the license belongs to on the Barrat roundabout in Ledbury.

RESOLVED: That the report be received and noted.

P296. CORPORATE PLAN – UPDATE FROM MEETING HELD ON 16 SEPTEMBER AND 7 OCTOBER 2020

Councillor Bannister updated members on the Corporate Plan and advised that a project plan and timeline will be circulated early next week.

RESOLVED: that the update on the Corporate Plan meeting held on 16 September and 7 October be received and noted.

P297. GEOSITE MAINTENANCE IN KNAPP LANE QUARRY

Members were provided with a draft information board for the Geosite Maintenance in Knapp Lane Quarry.

The Town Clerk advised that the above information was received after the Environment and Leisure Committee and that to make progress she had made the decision to defer to the Economic Development and Planning Committee.

Councillor Eakin proposed to agree in principle the purchase of the information board with the consideration of the chairs of finance, policy

and general purposes and Environment and Leisure Committee.

RESOLVED:

That the Town Clerk investigate the costs of a suitable information board, noting that the Council agree in principle the purchase of the information board with the consideration of the chairs of Finance, Policy and General Purposes and Environment and Leisure Committee.

P298. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

To note that the date of the next meeting of the Economic Development & Planning Committee is scheduled for Thursday, 12 November 2020 at 7.30 pm by virtual means.

The Meeting ended at 9:00pm.

Signed

Dated

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