

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the **REPRESENTATIONAL COMMITTEE** held at the Guildhall, Mill Street, Ludlow on **WEDNESDAY 27th AUGUST 2014** at **7.00pm**.

R/84 PRESENT

Chairman: Councillor Ginger

Councillors: Draper, Gill, Holcombe, Perks (ex-officio from 7.40 pm), Sheward and Smithers.

Officers: Gina Wilding Town Clerk,
Naomi Brotherton, Senior Secretary/Admin Assistant

Also attending Cllr Viv Parry, Shropshire Council, Unitary Councillor
Cllr Andy Boddington, Shropshire Council, Unitary Councillor

R/85 HEALTH & SAFETY

The Chairman informed Councillors and members of the public of the fire exits, fire assembly point and asked that everyone sign the attendance log.

R/86 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Lyle and Kemp.

R/87 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None

Conflicts of interest

None

Personal Interest:

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| Cllr Sheward | 14/03373/FUL | Knows the applicant |
| Cllr Draper | Item 12b | In-laws live on Sheet Road |

R/88 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION (15 minutes)

There were no members of the public present.

R/89 **LUDLOW'S UNITARY COUNCILLORS QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

Andy Boddington, Ludlow North

Councillor Boddington said that he welcomed Councillor Shewards paper and urged the Town Council to work on a Neighbourhood Plan. He stated that although SamDev would partially reached this goal, the Neighbourhood plan would give the Town greater protection under the Localism Bill. Councillor Boddington added that there were still real concerns that Shropshire would continue to meet the five year supply of housing.

Viv Parry, Ludlow South

Councillor Parry explained that she had requested the double yellow lines on Sheet Road in response to the report of an incident in Kennet Bank, where an ambulance had had problems exiting onto Sheet Road. She added Shropshire Council had carried out a consultation and stated that vehicle activated signs (VAS) may be available to deter speeding vehicles.

R/90 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED (unanimous)
PD/TG

That the minutes of the Representational Committee meeting held on the 30th July 2014, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

R/91 **ITEMS TO ACTION**

The Chair asked that thanks be passed onto staff as all the items to action had been completed.

RESOLVED (unanimous)
PD/CS

That the items to action be noted.

R/92 **LCAAC MINUTES**

RESOLVED (unanimous)
GG/PD

That the LCAAC minutes of 5th August 2014 be noted.

R/93 **NOTICES OF PLANNING DECISIONS FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED (unanimous)
JS/PD

That the decisions be noted.

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| 12/05037/LBC | PENDING |
| 12/04328/OUT | PENDING |
| 13/02286/FUL | PENDING |
| 13/02903/OUT | PENDING |
| 13/03933/FUL | PENDING |
| 13/03862/OUT | PENDING |
| 13/03933/FUL | PENDING |
| 14/00563/FUL | PENDING |
| 14/02846/OUT | PENDING |
| 14/00651/COU | PENDING |
| 14/03179/TCA | NO OBJECTION |
| 14/02821/FUL | PENDING |
| 14/03091/OUT | PENDING |
| 14/03102/FUL | PENDING |
| 14/03177/FUL | PENDING |

R/94 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL DECISIONS GRANTED

The Chair highlighted that all the decisions granted had been in line with the recommendations made by Ludlow Town Council.

RESOLVED (unanimous)
GG/JS

That the decisions be noted.

R/95 14/03373/FUL – 17 GREENACRES, LUDLOW, SY8 1LU

The Chair commented that there was no change in the roofline and no concerns raised by neighbours, therefore he felt that there could be no objections. Councillor Smithers agreed and added that this property was not in a conservation area.

RESOLVED (unanimous)
JS/PD

No objection

R/96 14/03028/FUL – THE GATEHOUSE, TOWER STREET, LUDLOW, SY8 1RL

RESOLVED (unanimous)
GG/JS

No objection

R/97 **14/03269/FUL – MELVERLEY, BURWAY LANE, LUDLOW, SY8 1DT**

The Chair commented that this application proposed extensive ground work but it was outside the conversation area and did not impact on the streetscene. Councillor Draper commented that there were many distinctive properties on Burway Lane already and therefore there was a precedent for atypical architecture.

RESOLVED (unanimous)
GG/PD

No objection

R/98 **HOUSING MIX AND LAND USE IN LUDLOW**

The Chair stated that he felt that the recommendations in the report should be discussed separately. He proposed that Councillor Sheward should be thanked for his time in compiling the information and report and that this information be noted.

RESOLVED (unanimous)
GG/JS

That:-

- i) Councillor Sheward be thanked for his report;
- ii) The report is noted.

R/99 **NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN**

The Chair asked the Town Clerk to explain the function of the Neighbourhood Plan. The Town Clerk explained that the Neighbourhood Plan had a statutory status and was a community led group who identified a particular area and what would be important for the Town. She emphasised that local communities could be involved and that it needed a 50% sign off by referendum to come into practice. Having a Neighbourhood Plan would put Ludlow into a stronger position in the future. She stated that housing was a good start for discussion for the Neighbourhood Plan, in which views of other groups could be invited, such as the Civic Society and Ludlow Town Residents Association.

The Chair suggested that a specific set of standard questions were drawn together which could be circulated to all Estate Agents in the area. In light of the Bank of England indicating that it was inevitable that interest rates were going to rise Ludlow could be in a position where it had a bank of housing stock which no-one could afford.

Councillor Smithers agreed with the Chair, pointing out that the Town Council currently had a Town Plan, which already addressed some issues including housing and transport.

The Chair reminded the Committee that one of the remits of the Neighbourhood Plan was that it could recommend the type of houses that Ludlow required and

all organisations and residents views could be included via consultation.

Councillor Draper asked that Councillor Sheward was thanked for his report.

RESOLVED (unanimous)
JS/PD

That:-

- i) Councillor Sheward be thanked for his report;
- ii) the Town Council set up an initial Neighbour Plan meeting to further discuss planning issues specific to the future growth of Ludlow with the Civic Society and other organisations.

R/100 PROPOSED DOUBLE YELLOW LINES, SHEET ROAD

The Chair explained the report and also drew the Committee's attention to the email attachment from the Senior Traffic Engineer at Shropshire Council. He then invited the Committee's comments.

Councillor Gill stated that he was not in favour of either erecting signs, which he felt would be ignored or painting double yellow lines. He went on to say that residents needed somewhere to park their cars if they did not have a driveway and that if double yellow lines were imposed then the problem would be moved onto another area of the Town. Councillor Gill added that parked vehicles naturally calmed traffic and if parking was prohibited this would increase speeding.

Councillor Draper agreed with Councillor Gill and informed the Committee that there was a trend on Facebook for youths to record their speeds using Vehicle Activated Signs.

Councillor Smithers commented that speeding was a perennial problem which in his opinion would be resolved with mobile speed cameras.

7.40 pm Councillor Perks entered the meeting

Following a question from the Chair Councillor Parry confirmed that the speed limit on Sheet Road was previously 40mph but that it was currently 30mph.

Councillor Sheward commented that whilst he was against double yellow lines being introduced on Sheet Road he stated that Kennet Bank had its own challenges being narrow, it's gradient and lack of turning.

Following permission from the Chair, Councillor Perks added that although the Police were in favour of engineered solutions they were in favour of parked cars which calmed traffic.

RESOLVED (unanimous)
PD/TG

That:-

- i) Members do not support the proposed double yellow lines on Sheet

- Road;
- ii) The Senior Traffic Engineer is invited to a future meeting to discuss other traffic calming options for Sheet Road.

R/101 ROAD CLOSURE NOTICE – FREEDOM OF THE TOWN – 20TH SEPTEMBER 2014

The Chair thanked the Town Clerk and asked that thanks be passed onto the DLF and office staff for their role in organising this event.

RESOLVED (unanimous)
PD/JS

That the Road Closure Notice for Freedom of the Town be noted.

R/102 ROAD CLOSURE, HIGH CLIFF, WHITCLIFFE, LUDLOW

RESOLVED (unanimous)

That the Road Closure Notice for High Cliff, Whitcliffe be noted.

Meeting closed at 7.45pm

Chairman

Date

NB: No Closed Session minutes will be issued