

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the **REPRESENTATIONAL COMMITTEE** held at the Guildhall, Mill Street, Ludlow on **WEDNESDAY 22nd OCTOBER 2014** at **7.00pm**.

R/124 PRESENT

Chairman: Councillor Ginger

Councillors: Gill, Holcombe(left meeting at 8:00pm), Kemp, Sheward and Smithers.

Officers: Gina Wilding Town Clerk,
Stephanie Williams, Admin Assistant

R/125 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/126 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Draper, Lyle.

R/127 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None

Conflicts of interest

None

Personal Interest:

Cllr Holcombe	14/04215/OUT	Knows the applicant
Cllr Holcome	14/0402OUT	Trustee for the Almshouses

R/128 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION (15 minutes)

There were three members of the public present

Nicola Bibby, New Street, Ludlow.
Sharon Webster, Chapel Row, Ludlow
Emma Summers, New Street, Ludlow

The proposed yellow lines on New Street has caused disagreement between residents in an otherwise friendly community. Residents were given assurance from Unitary Councillor Viv Parry that she would contact Glynn Shaw, Shropshire Council as to date there has been no correspondence from Shropshire Council.

Last week painted lines appeared in New Street, residents have since received reassurance that the line will be removed but they should not have been painted in the first place.

Residents would like an official letter from Shropshire Council to resolve the situation and an apology to residents. There are very few residents in favour of the yellow lines the majority of residents object to the proposal. The parked cars slow the traffic down and make the road safer for pedestrians.

The Chair thanked residents and requested that the Town Clerk write to Shropshire Council to request more information on the resolution of this matter and informed residents present that the other contacts are the Unitary Councillors, Boddington, Huffer and Parry.

R/129 LUDLOW'S UNITARY COUNCILLORS QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

Cllr Andy Boddington, Ludlow North

Parking Restrictions on New Street, Ludlow:

Cllr Boddington was concerned that a line had been painted in error in New Street. He consulted with residents on Saturday (18th October 2014) and will be calling a community meeting in the next couple of weeks once he has had time to organise and prepare information. He will be meeting with Senior Officers at Shropshire Council on 23rd October to relay the concerns of the residents of New Street and Chapel Row.

He thanked the residents present for coming to speak in the public open session and apologised for the current unresolved situation.

Planning applications:

Cllr Boddington explained to members that developers are increasing pressure on authorities to grant permission for new developments. SAMDev is not yet effective.

14/04328/FUL Land South of the A49: proposal for 215 houses with the developer threatening to twin track an application and an appeal simultaneously.

14/04215/OUT Burway Lane: 5 houses on the end of a bridleway. LTC are the local representatives and Cllr Boddington would be interested to hear members comments on this.

14/04328/FUL Land adjoining Castle Grange Linney Ludlow: Cllr Boddington would like to know members comments on this application.

R/130 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED (unanimous)
GG/PK

That the minutes of the Representational Committee meeting held on the 24th September 2014, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

R/131 **ITEMS TO ACTION**

RESOLVED (unanimous)
GG/JS

That the items to action be noted.

R/132 **LCAAC MINUTES**

RESOLVED (unanimous)
PK/JS

That the LCAAC agenda of 8th October 2014 and the minutes of 16th September be noted.

R/133 **NOTICES OF PLANNING DECISIONS FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL**

RESOLVED (unanimous)
GG/JS

That the decisions be noted.

12/05037/LBC	PENDING
12/04328/OUT	PENDING
13/02286/FUL	PENDING
13/02903/OUT	PENDING
13/03933/FUL	PENDING
14/00563/FUL	PENDING
14/02846/OUT	PENDING
14/03091/OUT	PENDING
14/03102/FUL	PENDING
14/03373/FUL	PENDING
14/03028/FUL	PENDING
14/03269/FUL	PENDING

R/134 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL DECISIONS GRANTED

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

RESOLVED (unanimous)
GG/PK

That the decisions be noted.

R/135 14/04474/TCA 137 Corve Street, Ludlow SY8 2PG

RESOLVED (unanimous)
GG/JS

No objection: members agreed to the comments received from Peter Norman, Ludlow Town Council's Tree Officer.

The plum tree in question appears is a multi- stemmed, self- seeded tree very close to the boundary wall. Although the crown is clearly visible from outside Harvest House and the Tesco car park area it does not have high public amenity and the owner plans replacement planting with hornbeams.

A TPO is not warranted.

R/136 14/04312/TPO Woodland South of Baker Close, Ludlow

RESOLVED (unanimous)
GG/JS

No objection: members agreed to the comments received from Peter Norman, Ludlow Town Council's Tree Officer.

The mass planting is protected by a TPO, thinning and reduction of individual trees is clearly a long-term necessity. The trees were presumably planted by the developer to screen the industrial estate from the houses in Baker Close to improve the amenity of the occupants. Their thinning will not significantly reduce the amenity of the general public and will increase the amenity of the residents.

No action required under the TPO.

R/137 14/04543/TCA 36 Broad Street Ludlow SY8 1SB

RESOLVED (unanimous)
JS/CS

Objection: members agreed with the comments from Peter Norman, Ludlow Town Council's Tree Officer and requested that Shropshire Councils Tree Officer also make a site visit to inspect the Mulberry Tree.

The trees subject of this application are in the rear garden of a Broad Street house not generally visible to the passing public However, the crowns,

particularly of the magnolia and the mulberry, do soften the skyline viewed from Silk Mill Lane and the bottom of Lower Raven Lane. Mulberries are a relatively unusual tree species to be publicly visible (most of the impressive old trees in Ludlow are in secluded gardens which cannot be seen) and the proposed reduction of the trees height by 1.8 metres will mean it is no longer visible. The only justification for the proposed action on the mulberry is that it is "over extended, conflicting with adjacent magnolia" whereas the magnolia is said to be both "over extended" and damaging adjacent garage wall and roof.

Members requested that the county tree officer to make a site visit and consider creating a TPO to prevent the proposed crown reduction of this mulberry. The proposed work on the magnolia could relieve the apparent overcrowding of the two crowns and retain a significant public amenity.

R/138 14/04282/TCA 1 & 11 Chandler Close Ludlow SY8 1SB

**RESOLVED (unanimous)
GG/JS**

Objection: members agreed to the comments received from Peter Norman, Ludlow Town Council's Tree Officer.

The ash proposed for felling is a self-seeded tree tight against the retaining wall. Root expansion has severely damaged the wall which is now temporarily supported with sandbags. Although the tree is clearly visible to the public it does not have high amenity value and felling is urgently required. However, unless either the stump of the felled tree is removed with a stump grinder to well below ground level or the stump is poisoned it is highly likely to re grow and root expansion will continue.

The birch outside no. 11 is also highly visible and has significant public amenity value. No justification is offered for the need for the works. Both the proposed thinning of individual branches and the lifting of the crown would retain the basic natural form of the tree whereas the proposed 30% crown reduction is likely to prompt uncharacteristic regrowth. Although this is not an uncommon species it is in an area with relatively few trees.

The birch warrants a TPO to restrict works to thinning and crown lifting only.

R/139 14/03969/P3JPA 4&5 Parys Road Ludlow SY8 1XY

**RESOLVED (unanimous)
JS/GG**

No objection

R/140 **14/04455/OUT Proposed Outline Development South of A49 Ludlow**

RESOLVED (unanimous)
GG/JS

To object to the proposal because Shropshire Council's decision reasons are still valid. LTC supported Shropshire Council's decision to refuse the application.

R/141 **14/04406/FUL 17 Maple Close Ludlow SY8 2PT**

RESOLVED (unanimous)
NH/JS

No objection

R/142 **14/04328/FUL Land adjoining Castle Grange, Linney, Ludlow**

RESOLVED (4:0:2)
NH/JS

Object for the following reasons:

- i) The land is in flood zone one and very close to flood zone three.
- ii) There are many local objections.
- iii) The land lies outside of the SAMDev boundary development.

R/143 **14/04215/OUT Development Land to the South of Burway Lane**

RESOLVED (4:0:2)
GG/NH

Object

The highways survey by the developers underestimated the likely levels of traffic to be generated. There are highway safety issues relating to vehicular access, lack of passing points and lack of footpaths in some parts especially beyond Haybridge.

The highway up to the point of Haybridge measurements are inaccurate and the estimated traffic flow at peak times is unrealistic.

The area is outside SAMDev development boundary. The proposed development will be detrimental to the visual amenity of an historic town.

R/144 **14/04022/FUL Proposed Development Land at Church Walk Ludlow**

RESOLVED (unanimous)
GG/PK

No objection

Members requested that Church Walk footpath be closed for the minimum time possible to enable the building works so that the public access is disrupted as little as possible.

R/145 **SuDS Consultation**

RESOLVED (unanimous)
GG/JS

Members noted the draft notes and standards and specified criteria for sustainable Drainage.

R/146 **Sheet Road**

RESOLVED (unanimous)
GG/PK

i) To object to the revised double yellow lines parking restrictions which were unnecessary in the area and were proposed without any further consultation taking place.

ii) To note the press release from The Department of Communities and Local Government.

R/147 **Foldgate Lane 7.5 tonne weight limit**

RESOLVED (unanimous)
GG/JS

No objection

Members supported the proposed 7.5 tonne weight limit with the exception of agricultural vehicles.

R/148 **Road Closure- Raven Lane**

RESOLVED (unanimous)
GG/JS

Members noted the road closure

R/149 **Road Closure- Julian Road**

RESOLVED (unanimous)
GG/JS

Members noted the road closure

Meeting closed at 8:05pm

Chairman

Date

NB: No Closed Session minutes will be issued