



MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the **REPRESENTATIONAL COMMITTEE** held at the Guildhall, Mill Street, Ludlow on **WEDNESDAY 14th MARCH 2018** at **7pm**.

R/266 **PRESENT**

Chair:	Councillor Ginger
Vice Chair	Councillor Sheward
Councillors:	Gill, Lyle, Mahalski and Pote
Officers:	Gina Wilding, Town Clerk Stephanie Williams, Admin Assistant
Also in attendance	Mr David Williamson Business Development Lead Forestry Commission Mr Richard Palmer Planning Director Forest Holidays

R/267 **HEALTH & SAFETY**

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

R/268 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillors Clarke, Garner, Jones and Paton

R/269 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
None

Conflicts of interest
None

Personal Interest

Cllr	Item	Reason
Pote	Item 15	Member of Ludlow 20's Plenty
Lyle	18/00795/LBC Item 15 Item 18	Knows the architect Knows Mr Currant Knows the organisers
Malhalski	18/01067/LBC	Knows the applicant and is a neighbour to the property

R/270 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION (15 minutes)

There were four members of the public present.

Mr D Carrant – Ludlow 20's Plenty Sustainable Transport Group

Mr Carrant encourages Ludlow Town Council to endorse the report by the group, which states that Ludlow 20's Plenty campaign is supported by local residents. A 20mph speed limit expanded out to the residential area of Ludlow and the two main routes into the town, would benefit the town.

Mr R Curry Bodenham, Ludlow Chamber of Trade and Commerce and Ludlow Millenium Green Trust

Mr Curry raised concerns over the Linney car park which has become almost unusable due to the poor condition of the surface following the winter.

R/271 LUDLOW'S UNITARY COUNCILLORS QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION

There were no Unitary Councillors present

R/272 MINUTES

RESOLVED (unanimous)
GG/DL

That the minutes of the Representational Committee meeting held on Wednesday 14th February 2018 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

R/273 ITEMS TO ACTION

The Chairman thanked the Town Clerk and staff for completing the items to action.

RESOLVED (unanimous)
GG/DL

To note the items to action

R/274 LUDLOW CONSERVATION AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LCAAC)

RESOLVED (unanimous)
CS/GG

To note the agenda of the meeting held on 14th March 2018 and the minutes of the meeting held on 14th February 2018.

R/275 **PRESENTATION****FOREST HOLIDAYS AND THE FORESTRY COMMISSION**

A copy of the presentation is attached

Following the presentation the Chair invited members to ask Mr David Williamson Business Development Lead Forestry Commission and Mr Richard Palmer Planning Director Forest Holidays questions.

Q: On page 15 of the presentation the outline marked in yellow, is this the boundary for the proposed site?

A: *The yellow line is an existing footpath around the area where the lodges will be situated. The total area of site is 125 acres and the proposed build area is 14 acres.*

Q: What measures will be taking to consider the impact on the following;

- Ecology
- Local economy
- Traffic
- Conservation area

A: *The lodges are formed on a stilt frame to lessen the impact on the area. The existing roadways within the forest will be utilised to contain the necessary services such as electricity, water and drainage. There will be no tarmacked area, all hard surfaces, where necessary will be loose stoned. Studies have shown in other sites that the impact on the wildlife has been minimal and in many of the sites it has been enhanced.*

The site will contain a small shop, café to accommodate guests and visitors, the access to the site from the Ludlow to Wigmore road will be improved and a toilet block and play area will be installed for visitors to the forest. Visitors to the site.

The traffic entering the site will be off peak flow therefore will not cause any disruption to the current flow of traffic, Shropshire Council and Hereford County Council Highways have been consulted, this will be included in the planning application.

Q: *The Forestry Commission's revenue from this development is stated as £200,000 per annum, how will this be invested in the local area?*

A: *Local District Managers manage the revenue which is distributed where necessary to improve and enhance the local infrastructure bringing significant benefits to the area. The area surrounding Juniper Hill is an established walking site attracting many visitors and locals, the toilet, car parking and play area facilities will enhance the area for the benefit of all.*

Q: *Does the Forestry have an effective voice in the partnership?*

A: *The Forestry Commission has a 15% stake in the partnership and retains ownership of the land throughout the lease.*

R/276 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL DECISIONS

**RESOLVED (unanimous)
GG/CS**

To note the decisions from Shropshire Council

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**RESOLVED (unanimous)
GG/TG**

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**RESOLVED (unanimous)
GG/CS**

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PLANNING APPLICATIONS

**R/279 18/00795/LBC 39 Linney Ludlow SY8 1EE
RESOLVED (unanimous)
CS/GG**

No objection

**R/280 18/00889/TPO 3 Ballard Close Ludlow SY8 1XH
RESOLVED (unanimous)
GG/CS**

To support Peter Norman, Tree Officer's comments,

The very large oak which is the subject of this application is one of several in the vicinity which are relics of the open countryside on which houses have now been built. Its age, size and natural form make it an irreplaceable feature in a prominent semi-public space and is therefore of very high public amenity. This is reflected in the fact that it is already protected by a TPO. The question therefore is whether the proposed work should be prevented, modified or allowed.

In its current state the tree shows evidence of the loss of large limbs in the past through storm damage or decay but it shows little sign of human intervention to remove or shorten limbs. There is therefore a danger of the proposed work (which includes shortening limbs on one side by as much as 3 metres and raising the crown to 5 metres clearance) substantially changing the natural form of the tree. In my opinion, the written application should be supported by photographic evidence marking the extent of the proposed

work for specific approval by Dougald Purce who has been actively involved in preservation of the relict oaks in this area.

That said, the tree does impinge substantially on immediate environs of Ballard Close and the private amenity of light and safety have to be considered. Fortunately the tree surgeon contracted for this work - Alan Jones - is well qualified and experienced in sympathetic treatment of such trees.

R/281 **18/00493/TCA Walcote House 17 Broad Street Ludlow SY8 1NG**
RESOLVED (unanimous)
GG/CS

No objection

R/282 **18/01067/LBC Victory House Mill Street Ludlow SY8 1AZ**

Councillor Malhalski updated members following an invitation by the owner to look at the works in Victory House. The works have been carried out with much thought and care, Materials of good quality have been used along with expertise craftsman.

RESOLVED (unanimous)
CS/TM

No objection

To write to Mr Douglas to acknowledge the effort and dedication that has been demonstrated to restore a prominent building within the town's Conservation Area.

R/283 **18/01080/FUL 64 Vashon Close Ludlow**
RESOLVED (unanimous)
GG/CS

No objection

R/284 **ROAD CLOSURE/TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT**

RESOLVED (unanimous)
GG/DL

To note the road closure – New Street Ludlow

R/285 **20's PLENTY FOR LUDLOW – PROGRESS REPORT FEBRUARY 2018**

The chair thanked Mr Currant for attending the meeting.

RESOLVED (unanimous)
GG/RP

To receive a hard copy of the group's proposal for the next Representational Committee meeting on 17th April 2018.

R/286 LUDLOW 10K RUN

RESOLVED (unanimous)
GG/DL

To write to the organisers to thank them for the information regarding the communication strategy, that they are taking to inform local residents and businesses in Ludlow about the event, road closures and timings. To also offer, once again, the opportunity for the organisers to have a pitch, free of charge on Events Square as an information point prior to the event.

R/287 FOREST HOLIDAYS / FORESTRY COMMISSION

RESOLVED (unanimous)
GG/DL

To submit questions to Councillor Lyle, within 7 days, to compile a questionnaire for Forest Homes/Forestry Commission on the proposed holiday village at Juniper Hill which will be submitted to the Town Clerk and brought to the next Representational Committee on 17th April.

R/288 GRANT APPLICATION – LUDLOW FRINGE FESTIVAL

RESOLVED (unanimous)
TG/DL

To award a grant of £200.00

Meeting closed at 8:37 pm

Chairman

Date

NB: Closed Session minutes will not be issued