

# **MINUTES**

Minutes of a meeting of the **REPRESENTATIONAL COMMITTEE** held at the Severn and Wye Room, Mascall Centre, Ludlow on **TUESDAY 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023** at **7pm**.

# R/245 PRESENT

Chair:	Councillor Ginger	
Councillors:	Councillors Adams, Gill, Lyle, O'Neil, Parry, Pote, Tapley, Thompson, B Waite, S Waite	
Officers:	Gina Wilding, Town Clerk Charlotte Ambrazas Committee Officer	

# R/246 HEALTH AND SAFETY

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

#### R/247 RECORDING OF MEETINGS

The Chairman notified those present that under the Openness of Local Government Regulations 2014, recording and broadcasting is permitted during public session of Council Meetings.

#### R/248 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Cllr Jones

#### R/249 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests None declared.

Conflicts of Interest

Name	Item	Reason
Cllr Parry		Ludlow in Bloom

#### Personal Interest

Name	Item	Reason
Cllr Lyle	26 Julian Rd	Knows applicant
Cllr Parry	23/00775/FUL	Knows the applicant
Cllr Pote	22/05760/LBC	Knows owner
	23/00821/LBC	Knows owner

# R/250 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION (15 minutes)

There were 8 members of the public present

# Resident of Mill Street made the following representation on the EVCP's

Residents 1<sup>st</sup> learnt of the EV points in Mill Street mid 2021 and voiced objections at Full council. When asked to justify the decision to put the EV charging points in, it was said there was a survey carried out in December 2020 early 2021. Then during April 2022 marks appeared on Mill street and residents protested to Shirehall. Shirehall and local cllrs attended a site meeting on 25<sup>th</sup> April and no one notified the residents. The contractors arrived and moved marks on the pavement 30 m down the road.

# Resident of Broad Street made the following representation on the proposed EVCP installation:

Why install the EV charging points in Mill and Broad street when residents were not consulted and its obvious that the town car parks are more suitable for residents and visitors and would not impact negatively on the day to day lives of the residents. Government guidelines state that to obtain funding the council has to demonstrate a demand from the residents, not visitors or self-serving pressure groups. The EV charger will be in front of my property making an obstruction. Doesn't comply with the traffic Act 1984.

# R/251 <u>LUDLOW'S UNITARY COUNCILLORS QUESTION AND ANSWER</u> <u>SESSION</u>

Unitary Councillor Parry was present but made no comment

#### R/252 MINUTES

#### RESOLVED GG/PA (10:0:1)

To approve the minutes of 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023 as a correct record for the Chairman to sign.

# R/253 ELECTRIC VEHICLE CHARGING POINTS

#### Ian Nellings address the committee

The grant funding for EVCP was available with certain criteria the sites had to be on council owned land, the chargers were offered to those with no off road parking, needed to be installed where a supply was at a suitable distance.

The timeline for the Grant Funding is very tight and if the EVCP's hadn't been applied for when they were then no EVCP's would have been secured. 20 EVCP's have been secured for around the County of Shropshire and when the grant funding was first available the carparks were not an option.

There are complaints on both sides why are we getting and why aren't we getting EVCP's but In 2-3 years' time EVCP's will be sort after. The position of the EVCP's will not suit everyone and the objections made have been heard.

The criteria has been changed and the EVCP's will not be put into Broad Street. They will be installed into Castle Street Carpark or Corve Street.

#### Cllr S Waite

The issue is with siting and lack of consultation. Centre of Ludlow Broad Street and Mill Street are historic and EVCPs do not fit in. there are plenty of other places for them to go.

#### Cllr Parry

Residents affected should have been consulted on Mill Street and Broad Street, but this was not done. There are also grade II listed cobbles on Broad Street.

#### Cllr B Waite

Why were we not told that the decision to move the EVCP's from Broad Street to Carparks was decided.

The Chairman thanked Ian Nelling for attending.

# R/254 ITEMS TO ACTION

#### **RESOLVED** GG/TG (unanimous)

To note the items to action of 7<sup>th</sup> February 2023.

# R/255 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL DECISIONS PENDING

#### **RESOLVED GG/BW (unanimous)**

That the decisions pending by Shropshire Council be noted.

# R/256 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL DECISIONS

#### **RESOLVED GG/DT (unanimous)**

That the decisions by Shropshire Council be noted.

# R/257 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

# 22/05760/LBC 1 and 2 Market Street, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 1BP

Works to demolish rear wall of Nos 1 & 2 Market street and rebuild, carry out internal repairs and renovation as per the detailed schedule of works affecting a Grade II Listed Building

# RESOLVED DL/VP (9:1:1)

To Object for the following reason

- i) Defer until the information that Shropshire Council Historic environment asked for is made available.
- R/25823/00157/ADV 9 Castle Street, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 1AS<br/>Erect and display 1no fascia sign to shop front

# **RESOLVED GG/RP (unanimous)**

No Objection

# R/259 <u>23/00606/ADV</u> Ludlow Motors, Burway Trading Estate, Bromfield Road, Ludlow, Shropshire.

Erect and Display various signage - Sign A - Illuminated 'Suzuki Entrance Gate' sign Sign B - Illuminated 'Suzuki' fascia sign Sign C - Illuminated 'Suzuki totem' sign Sign D - Non illuminated 'Suzuki' fascia sign Sign E -Non illuminated 'Suzuki Service Centre' sign

# **<u>RESOLVED</u>** DL/DT (unanimous)

To Object for the following reasons

i) Internally Illuminated signs are not acceptable.

R/260 <u>23/00752/TCA 36 Julian Road, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 1HA</u> Crown reduce by 20% 1no Liquid Amber within Ludlow (Gravel Hill) Conservation Area

RESOLVED GG/DL (10:0:1)

No Objection

R/261 <u>23/00775/FUL Laurel Cottage , Station Drive, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 2PQ.</u> Single storey extension to front elevation to provide extended porch and small WC room.

# RESOLVED DT/PA (6:5:0)

To Object for the following reasons

i) Front door is not a like for like replacement and should be timber

# R/262 23/00661/FUL 67 New Street, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 2NJ

Reconfiguration of existing garage, with a first-floor extension above and single storey rear extension

#### RESOLVED GG/RP (10:0:1)

No Objection

# R/263 <u>23/00821/LBC Cromwell Cottage , 18 Bell Lane, Ludlow, Shropshire,</u> <u>SY8 1BN.</u>

installation of replacement front and rear external doors and frames and form canopy over rear door

# **RESOLVED GG/PA (unanimous)**

No Objection providing the door meets British standards.

#### R/264 ROAD CLOSURES/ TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT

#### **<u>RESOLVED</u> GG/TG (unanimous)**

To note the road closures and traffic management

#### R/265 BUILDINGS, BUILDING LAND AND TREES

#### RESOLVED VP/GG (10:0:1)

To note the spreadsheet information.

To write to Shropshire council regarding the Leylandii hedge at 1 St Johns Road which is overhanging the pavement.

#### R/266 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL'S DRAFT SUSTAINABLE AFFORDABLE WARMTH CONSULTATION

#### **RESOLVED** DL/DT (unanimous)

To respond to Shropshire Council's consultation with the following points.

General Comments:

The Objectives of the strategy, to tackle fuel poverty through sustainable measures to provide affordable warmth whilst increasing the energy performance of homes and reduce carbon emissions, are clear.

Their validity is based on Zero Carbon Britain's principles of powering down energy demand and powering up renewable energy and are applied to Shropshire housing.

The explanation of the strategy's philosophy healthy people and healthy environment is easy to understand and explains the link between them.

Specific points:

1. The Action Plan should not be in an Appendix, it should immediately follow the Introduction.

2. The priorities for action in the plan, listed under each of the three objectives on pages 4 to 16, should be merged into the Action Plan to make it more credible and easier to monitor.

3. Objective 2 would benefit from a financial balance sheet of cost estimates and funding possibilities for each year of the strategy to determine what 'breadth' of pathway is possible.

4. The use of words such as 'ongoing' should stop, and their meaning be more precisely defined to make progress measurable.

5. The remaining information in pages 4-16 should then become Appendices because they contain the legal and research background underpinning the strategy.

6. The document refers to ECO4 - a government initiative for insulating homes for poorer households and which SC has adopted in its "ECO4 flexible eligibility statement of intent in July 2022".

7. We urge SC to tap into the new funding initiative ECO+, a £1bn scheme focusing on installing loft and cavity wall insulation.

which the government is due to unveil in April and will run alongside ECO4., and advise that cavity wall insulation should be suitable and good quality otherwise it can generate damp which creates problems in the future.

# R/267 SHREWSBURY NORTH WEST RELEIF ROAD

# **RESOLVED GG/DT (unanimous)**

# To approve and submit the proposed objection

# **Proposed objection:**

Ludlow Town Council would like to re-object to the North West Relief Road planning application following the submission of new documents to the planning portal by Shropshire Council in February 2023.

The Council had hoped that the council would amend the scheme to acknowledge the huge concerns over the project's spiralling costs; its inability to sustainably tackle Shrewsbury's traffic congestion; its devastating environmental impact; and the record-breaking level of public concern that has been voiced since it was announced in 2019.

However, the council has failed to address the concerns of members of the public and local organisations including Shrewsbury, Oswestry, Bridgnorth, and Ludlow town councils.

Ludlow Town Council's previously communicated concerns are that Shropshire Council should urgently disinvest from the environmentally and financially destructive North West Relief Road. The scheme is undemocratic in view of the huge weight of public and professional opposition, runs counter to all the COP26 proposals, is based on historic, now incorrect, assumptions about the growth in car numbers and will make us one of the most fossil fuel polluting counties in the UK.

The new plans show that the application area is now around 40% larger than originally proposed, with additional new access roads. This will cause even more damage to irreplaceable veteran trees, hedgerows and vital wildlife habitats, making a mockery of Shropshire Council's claim to be taking the climate and nature crises seriously. Shropshire Council declared a climate emergency in 2019 and committed to reducing emissions across the county. The council has also expressed support for the Climate & Ecology Bill, which seeks to put into law the need to urgently halt the climate and nature crises. The NWRR's carbon footprint and destruction of nature cannot be squared with either of these aims. Given Shropshire Council's failure to reconsider this scheme in any meaningful way, Ludlow Town Council would like to reiterate its ongoing objection to the NWRR.

Meeting closed at 7:46pm.

Chairman

Date