



## MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the **REPRESENTATIONAL COMMITTEE** held at the Guildhall, Mill Street, Ludlow on **WEDNESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2018** at **7pm**.

### R/207 PRESENT

Chair:	Councillor Ginger
Vice Chair	Councillor Sheward
Councillors:	Councillors Clarke, Lyle, Malhalski, O'Neil, Pote
Officers:	Gina Wilding, Town Clerk Stephanie Williams, Committee Officer

### R/208 HEALTH & SAFETY

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

### R/209 APOLOGIES

No apologies were received from Councillors

### R/210 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

#### Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None

#### Conflicts of interest

Lyle	Item 22	Knows Philip Holder
Pote	Item 21	Member of Ludlow Transport Group

#### Personal Interest

Lyle	18/05461/REM 18/05660/TCA	Knows the objector Knows the applicant
Sheward	18/05173/FUL	Member of the Quaker Group, adjoining property

**R/211 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION (15 minutes)**

There were two members of the public present.

Denise Thompson Chair of the Ludlow 21 Sustainable Transport Group statement

We want to thank you for discussing aspects of Electric Vehicle strategy tonight. Our group has been involved with this topic for over a year but we are aware that, nationally, the switch to electric vehicles is growing rapidly and we are keen to see its profile raised locally. In August, sales of hybrid and electric cars accounted for 1 in every 12 cars purchased in the UK while the total number of vehicles registered was up 23% on the same period last year. This trend is irreversible and, since last year, the National Grid has doubled its estimate of the number of EVs on the road by 2040. The new figure of 36 million means that by then, ev saturation point will have been reached with all new vehicles being EVs.

It is against this background that we would like to ask you to encourage Shropshire Council to develop an EV strategy similar to that of Telford and Wrekin. That strategy is on page 69 of your documents and, essentially, it recognises the many benefits of Ultra Low Emission Vehicles (ULEVs) especially in terms of carbon reduction, improved air quality and public health and that usage of ULEVs by residents and the demand for charging infrastructure are increasing across the region. The strategy then explains how Telford and Wrekin Council will support and encourage growth in the EV market in sufficient detail to enable economic planning.

Electric cars are now appearing regularly in Ludlow and several visitors have complained about the lack of ev charging points; they have to travel to Bromfield, Leominster or Church Stretton to charge their vehicles. In addition, the recent Community Plan questionnaire found that 75% of responders wanted more EV charging points in the town. So, as well as developing an EV Charging strategy, we would encourage you to request Shropshire Council to install rapid charging points in our car parks. It is this that my colleague, Philip Adams, will be talking about.

We would like Ludlow to be a leader in espousing the EV revolution because we think it would be good for business, good for our health and ensure that Ludlow continues to be the destination of choice in Shropshire. There are large amounts of government money available to install charging points and Ludlow shouldn't have to miss out on that.

Finally, I just wanted to reassure you that all the work our group does will continue to be submitted to the In and Out of Ludlow forum for approval and we will continue to support everything Ludlow Town Council does to create more sustainable transport solutions in our town.

Mr Philip Adams of Corve Street Statement.

I am a member of *Ludlow Sustainable Transport Group*. I attend the '*In and Out of Ludlow forum*' and am a recent electric car owner. Thank you for including this item on the agenda and listening to what I have to say.

Very soon after the government announced its *Road to Zero* strategy last July, County Councillor Andy Boddington asked Shropshire Council what its plans were with regards requiring EV charging points in:

- New developments-(infrastructure planning)
- Street lighting columns
- Council-owned car parks

It is the County's policy regarding Council-owned car parks that I wish to bring to your attention tonight.

Councillor Davenport, Portfolio Holder for Transport, replied that the County's plans for EV charging would be 'embedded in Transport Plan LTP4' to be launched in Autumn 2018.

When it came to Council-owned car parks he referred to:

- 10x 7kW chargers being considered for Frankwell
- Grant funding for two rapid chargers at Ludlow Food Centre
- Grant funding for another rapid charger at Easthope, Church Stretton

It is noteworthy that on page 97 of the *Road to Zero* Strategy, it says these will be installed in 2018 as a result of a Highways England grant.

He also said he would be seeking the views of Parish and Town Councils. It was for that reason that I requested tonight's agenda item 21.

In the meantime, the matter was raised under *Park and Ride* at the *In and Out of Ludlow* forum on 27 November. The meeting recommended that I submit a Public Question to Transport Portfolio holder Davenport. This question is to be heard tomorrow morning and reads:

1. Why has the Council decided to spend grant funding to install electric vehicle rapid charging points at Ludlow Food Centre and Easthope Car Park in Church Stretton, locations where fast (7kW) chargers already exist and the use of such equipment on private land can be denied to the public.
2. Aren't locations such as at the Park and Ride in Ludlow Eco Park, which is owned by the Council and promises greater benefit to potential users and to the Council, more appropriate.
3. What plans does Shropshire Council have to install fast chargers in its Ludlow car parks at Upper Galdeford, Smithfield, Castle Street and the park and ride?'

It is important for County to realise that Ludlow Town Council is a well-informed and progressive council when it comes to such matters and should not be surprised to see correspondence from Ludlow Town Council requesting such important information.

## **R/212 LUDLOW'S UNITARY COUNCILLORS QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

There was one Unitary Councillors present.

Councillor Andy Boddington, Shropshire Unitary Councillor, North.

### **A – Boards**

Councillor Boddington informed members that the Overview Scrutiny Committee at Shropshire Council plan to license every A – Board in the County. This will be discussed at the Overview Scrutiny Committee on Friday 14<sup>th</sup> December, Councillor Boddington will keep members informed.

He said the current guidelines on A – Boards are vague. Shropshire Council plan to introduce a permit scheme similar to the pavement permit scheme, businesses will be charged per A – Board.

### **Place Plan Review – Site Allocation**

Councillor Boddington will be updating his blog over the coming weeks

There would not be a huge impact on Ludlow if large development sites do not go ahead. Smaller green field/infill sites have services such as water, gas, electric and roads which would be more cost effective to developers. The site at Fishmore Quarry has been empty for 11 years, with planning granted in 2016 with no sale to developers. The Bromfield Road site will require a roundabout off the A49 as the only access on to the site at a huge expense to developers.

### **South Shropshire National Park**

Councillor Boddington attended the Local Joint Committee meeting where views were mixed over the proposal. This was not the time to put in views on the proposal as far more information is required. It would take up to a decade to implement.

## **R/213 MINUTES**

### **RESOLVED (6:0:1)**

**GG/CS**

To approve the minutes of the Representational Committee meeting held on Wednesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 as a correct record.

## **R/214 ITEMS TO ACTION**

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

### **RESOLVED (unanimous)**

**GG/CS**

To note the items to action.

**R/215 LUDLOW CONSERVATION AREA ADVISORY COMMITTEE (LCAAC)**

**RESOLVED (Unanimous)**  
**CS/GG**

To note the LCAAC minutes of the meeting held on 14<sup>th</sup> November 2018 and the agenda for the meeting to be held on 9<sup>th</sup> January 2018.

**R/216 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL DECISIONS- PENDING**

**RESOLVED (Unanimous)**  
**GG/CS**

To note the pending decisions from Shropshire Council.

**R/217 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL DECISIONS- GRANTED**

**RESOLVED (Unanimous)**  
**GG/CS**

To note Shropshire Councils decisions - Granted

**R/218 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL DISCHARGE OF CONDITIONS/VARIATIONS**

**RESOLVED (Unanimous)**  
**GG/CS**

To note Shropshire Councils discharge of conditions

**R/219 ENFORCEMENT**  
**RESOLVED (Unanimous)**  
**GG/TM**

To note the enforcement actions

**PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**R/220 18/05173/FUL The Old Forge Corve Street Ludlow SY8 1DX**  
Erection of single storey extension

**RESOLVED (Unanimous)**

Object

The proposed single storey extension was an overdevelopment of the site

**R/221 18/05461/REM Proposed Residential Development South of A49 Ludlow**

**RESOLVED (Unanimous)  
GG/DL**

To object to the application because there is:

- Only 13% provision of affordable housing, which is insufficient. The statutory requirement is 15%
- an attempt to instate the unworkable footbridge, which is unacceptable impact in terms of scale and visual impact, across the River Corve to Fishmore
- A lack of consideration and implementation of energy efficiency measure. The proposal should include provision for solar panels, porous ground surfaces, rain water harvesting, and electric charging points for vehicles.

Members also reiterated their previous comments made in October 2013: *Members object to the outline application in the current form. There are issues of potential flooding, over-burdening of the existing infrastructure and road safety that need to be addressed.*

**R/222 18/05660/TCA Grove Villa 16 St. Julians Avenue Ludlow SY8 1ET**

To remove 1 Lilac Tree (front garden) to fell or reduce by 20% 1 magnolia tree (rear garden) and reduce by 20% 1 cherry tree (rear garden) within Ludlow Conservation Area

**RESOLVED (unanimous)  
GG/CS**

No Objection

The lilac scheduled for removal is a poor specimen in a front garden with many other shrubs. It is largely obscured from view by the hedge through which it grows and has no public amenity value. The two other trees are in a secluded back garden.

**R/223 18/05661/TCA The Old Rectory College Street Ludlow**

To carry out a 33 % reduction of 1 Silver Birch tree within the Ludlow Conservation Area

**RESOLVED (unanimous)  
GG/CS**

To recommend that the County Tree Officer impose a TPO on this tree to prevent crown reduction for the following reasons:

*The large birch which is the subject of this application is prominently visible from Castle Square car park to which it contributes significant public amenity. From the car park, the views of surrounding buildings are softened by the presence of large trees. On the south side is the large copper beech overhanging the public toilets. On the west side the crowns of large trees in the college and castle grounds soften the outline of buildings. On the east side this birch is the only significant tree performing the same function.*

*I expressed the view, in comments on a draft tree policy for LTC, that there should be an assumption in favour of retention of natural tree cover on private property unless there are good reasons for removal. In the present case the owner proposes a 30% reduction over the entire crown (see photo supporting the application) without any aesthetic, practical or other justification. The tree stands in grass well away from surrounding walls or other structures and well away from the Town Wall.*

*In my opinion the proposed crown reduction will have a serious deleterious effect on the aesthetic properties of the tree, will expose it to the possibility of disease through extensive pruning wounds and will stimulate uncharacteristic new growth spoiling its current weeping form.*

Members expressed their wish to write to thank Mr Norman in appreciation of this efforts to provide his comments at short notice.

**R/224 SMALL CORE AND PROJECT SUPPORT GRANT**

**RESOLVED** (unanimous)  
**GG/CS**

To note no applications were received

**R/225 PAVEMENT PERMIT – FRENCH PANTRY TOWER STREET LUDLOW**

**RESOLVED** (unanimous)  
**GG/DL**

To support the pavement permit

**R/226 LOCAL PLAN REVIEW – PREFERRED SITES CONSULTATION**

**RESOLVED** (unanimous)  
**CS/GG**

Members considered the Place Plan Review – Preferred Sites Consultation and requested that the Town Clerk summarises member's comments and complete the questionnaire and submit to Shropshire Council

**R/227 ROAD SAFETY – PEDESTRIAN CROSSING**

**a) Old Street Crossing**

**RESOLVED** (unanimous)  
**GG/TM**

Members restate previous comments are reiterated to Shropshire Council and request a progress update on the installation of the crossing.

**b) Sandpits Road Crossing**

**RESOLVED** (unanimous)  
**CS/TM**

To acknowledge that the zig-zag road markings and the double yellow lines had been remarked and were now much clearer.

To restate previous comments to Shropshire Council in support of their request that a pedestrian crossing / school patrol are installed to calm traffic and prevent an incident.

**c) Station Drive Surgery Crossing**

**RESOLVED** (unanimous)  
**GG/MC**

To fully supported the proposal from Station Drive Surgery to install a pedestrian crossing to the surgery

**R/228 SUSPENSION OF BUS STOP CASTLE STREET/ MILL STREET**

**RESOLVED** (unanimous)  
**GG/MC**

To write to Shropshire Council and the contractor to ask that they provide a correctly scaled map showing the Ludlow Assembly Rooms, Castle Street, Castle Square and Mill Street to enable full consideration of the impact of the suspended bus stops, the pedestrian access relating to the position of skips and the crane, and the provision being made to ensure adequate access for traders and customers of the market and surrounding shops for the duration of the works.



**R/229 ROAD CLOSURE**

**RESOLVED** (unanimous)  
**GG/CS**

To note the road closure

**R/230 PARKING RESTRICTIONS GRAVEL HILL / HILLSIDE**

**RESOLVED** (unanimous)  
**GG/CS**

To note the Town Council's prior approval of the proposed parking restriction

**R/231 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL'S ELECTRIC VEHICLE STRATEGY AND LUDLOW'S SUSTAINABLE TRANSPORT GROUP**

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

That:

- Shropshire Council should declare its strategy for Electric Vehicles and the steps it intends to take to support the local economies through its EV policy
- Electric Vehicle (EV) charging points funded by public money should not be installed on private land where access can be restricted by the land owner.
- EV charging points should not be positioned solely outside of the town because it encourages out of the town shopping centre to the detriment of the fragile economy of the market town.
- Investment should be made to provide rapid electric charging points in the public car parks within the town at Castle Street, Smithfield and Galdeford; and at the Eco Park.

**R/232 SOUTH SHROPSHIRE NATIONAL PARK**

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

To write to the ANOB Trust and Shropshire Council stating that:

- Without more detailed contextual information, the town council could not comment for or against the proposal for an AONB from Ironbridge thru the existing South Shropshire Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty in South Shropshire including Ludlow with Stiperstones and Clee Hills and on into Mortimer Forest.
- The area appeared to lack any cohesion – it seemed to be a jumble of many varied environments.
- There is no detailed explanation of the ways an AONB would change the development, planning, housing and industry
- There is no assessment of how the increase in tourism would impact the local infrastructure and what measures might need to be considered to manage this change within the local economy.
- There is no consideration of how and where to deliver parking provision and accommodation for visitors
- There is no consideration for the impact on the environment, ecosystems, and wild life.
- There was no consideration of how farming would be affected

Meeting closed at 8.08 pm

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Chairman

Date

NB: Closed Session minutes will not be issued