

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the **SERVICES COMMITTEE** meeting held on **WEDNESDAY 12th April 2023 AT 7PM** in the Clun Room, Ludlow Mascall Centre.

S22/129 PRESENT

Chairman: Councillor B. Waite

Councillors: Ginger, Jones (7.00pm-7.27pm), Parry, and S Waite.

Officers: Kate Adams, Deputy Town Clerk
Julie Cox, Finance Assistant
Mark Hilton, Deputy DLF Supervisor
Tony Caton, Market Officer

S22/130 WELCOME AND ESSENTIAL HOUSEKEEPING INFORMATION

Chairman Councillor B Waite welcomed everyone to the Services Committee meeting at the Mascall Centre and explained housekeeping information.

S22/131 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.

S22/132 APOLOGIES

Apologies were received from Councillor's Childs, Garner, Laurie, Lyle and O'Neill.

S22/133 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests
None declared.

Conflicts of Interest
Councillor Parry Ludlow in Bloom

Personal Interests
None declared.

S22/134 PUBLIC OPEN SESSION (15 minutes)

There was one member of the public present.

A member of the public requested that the Town Clerk hold regular meetings with the Traders. They also requested that the No Parking signs on the market square be present 24 hours a day.

A member of the public spoke on behalf of himself and another market trader. They are expressing an objection to the recent rise in the charge for overnight electricity usage on the Market Square. Stating this was too high and an unfair cost. Stating that Traders had not been consulted prior to the electricity charge being increased and the pitch fee being introduced. The fee of £5 is too high, having checked equipment they use no more than £2 each overnight. The new overnight pitch fee has never been discussed, and there hasn't been a fee for this previously.

They would like to ask the Committee to reassess these figures and to completely remove the overnight pitch fee. One reason they like to leave trailers overnight is it is so difficult in the morning to get on the square considering the number of vehicles parked overnight. There have been problems with this for many years. Could the signs used in the daytime be left overnight chained to structures to dissuade people from parking? Being charged an overnight pitch fee is unfair and he has photos of vehicles parked if anyone would like to see the problem.

S22/135 LUDLOW UNITARY COUNCILLORS SESSION

Unitary Councillor Parry was present but did not have any updates.

S22/136 MINUTES

RESOLVED BW/SW (3:1:1)

That the open and closed minutes of Services Committee meeting held on Wednesday 1st March 2023 be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

S22/137 ITEMS TO ACTION

RESOLVED BW/GG (4:0:1)

That the items to action from Services Committee on Wednesday 1st March 2023 be noted.

S22/138 CYLIST AND PEDESTRIAN SAFETY AWARENESS FOR DRIVERS

RESOLVED RJ/VP (unanimous)

That the new Highway Code information from the Government website is shared onto the Ludlow Town Council website.

S22/139 GRAVE DIGGING WORKS AND CHARGES

RECOMMENDED BW/GG (unanimous)

That the second fee option of an additional £150.00 for grave digging works needing a mechanical digger is recommended and referred to Full Council.

S22/140 LUDLOW MARKET UPDATE

RESOLVED GG/BW (unanimous)

That the update from the Market Manager is noted and thanked for his work.

S22/141 RESOLVED BW/SW (unanimous)

That the information provided by NABMA is noted.

S22/142 RESOLVED BW/GG (4:0:1)

That a bad weather policy be drafted for whole market lets and if a market is cancelled due to inclement weather a refund will be provided.

S22/143 OVERNIGHT MARKET ELECTRICITY CHARGES

RECOMMENDED GG/RJ (4:0:1)

That the wording of the fee is amended to read: Overnight electric usage (including pitch fee) and that the fees for overnight pitch fees and electricity are brought back to Services Committee after 23rd July 2023 for review.

S22/144 HOUSMAN PLAY AREA SAFETY SURFACE

RESOLVED GG/SW (unanimous)

That the quotations provided be revisited to include costings for DLF completing works if bark is purchased on a supply only basis, also to establish which budget can be used for this work. Information to be brought back to the next Services Committee.

S22/145 RESOLVED BW/GG (unanimous)

That the future works required to the safety surface be noted.

7.27pm Councillor Jones left the meeting.

S22/146 EXCLUSION OF PRESS AND PUBLIC: PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

RESOLVED BW/VP (unanimous)

To excluded from the meeting for the following item(s) of business pursuant to section 1 of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960, on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted.

The meeting closed at 7.44pm

Chairman

Date