



MINUTES

Minutes of a Special meeting of the **COUNCIL** held in the Bishop Mascal/Ludlow Conference Centre, Ludlow on **MONDAY 28TH SEPTEMBER AT 7.00PM**

FC 54/09 PRESENT

Chairman:	Councillor Taylor-Smith, Town Mayor
Vice Chairman:	Councillor Davies, Deputy Town Mayor
Councillors:	Councillors Aitken, Jackson, McCormack, Newbold, Parry, Pound, Smithers Pope and Hunt
Officers:	Veronica Calderbank, Town Clerk

FC55/09 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillors Callender Wilcox Mitchell and Glaze

Public Open Session (30 minutes) Members of the public were invited to make representations to the Council on any matters relating to the work of the Council or to raise any issues of concern.

The Mayor advised the Public when questioned of his position with regard to the Mayfair. He was challenged regarding his position and advised that he would take no part in the decision making processes of the Council.

As it was a quarterly meeting the Mayor set out the progress of the Council since the April Annual Meeting such as adoption of a Health and Safety policy and the progress on the repair works to the Buttercross. He also advised that the Linney was the subject of a feasibility study and would be going out to consultation in the next few weeks. He reminded the Members and the public that the 7% Council tax increase was needed to pay for the substantial works to be undertaken in the financial year to protect the Grade 1 listed Building.

He advised those present in a presentation of the proposals potentially for the Linney in more detail and the plans for developing Castle Gardens and the new Market proposals.

A local resident asked if Ludlow could be a Fair Trades Town and have this identified on the signage to the Town for the future

Quality status was raised and a Member asked if this would enable the Town Council to take over the roundabouts on the A49. The Council's Tree Warden said that there were issues relating to whether the areas should be retained as wild flower beds and that he had concerns as to the cutting of the roundabouts at the wrong times of year.

The Mayor thanked the public for their participation in the questions and answers session and advised there would be another on 4th January 2010.

FC56/09 MINUTES

Members of the 27th July 2009 and 5th August were approved as a true record (as amended by the correction of typographical errors).

FC57/09 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

In accordance with the terms of the Local Authorities (Model Code of Conduct) (England) Order 2007 issued under Section 51 of the Local Government Act 2000 Members declared interests as follows:

Personal Interests

<u>Member</u>	<u>Item</u>
Councillor Smithers	Business trader in the town and member of Ludlow In Bloom
Councillor Taylor-Smith	Family connection with Ludlow In Bloom and Pride of Place and resident of Mill Street
Councillor Mrs Parry	Member of Ludlow In Bloom

FC58/09 POLICY AND FINANCE COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Policy and Finance Committee meetings held on 20th July and 14th September 2009 were received.

FC59/09 SERVICES COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meeting held on 7th September 2009 were received

FC60/09 MARKET MATTERS

RESOLVED:- that the Trader Licence and Rules and Regulations for the good management of the Market be approved and introduced as soon as practicable

FC61/09 REPRESENTATIONAL COMMITTEE

Minutes of the meetings held on 11th August and 1st September 2009 were received

FC62/09 CIVIC ITEMS

NEW RECTOR Members were asked to note that the Rector is leaving Ludlow in the autumn and the Council are required to appoint a Mayor's Chaplain.

RESOLVED:- UNANIMOUS To ask Reverend James Stewart become the Council and Mayor's Chaplain.

Members considered a request to change the time of the Mayor's Sunday (traditionally 2nd Sunday in May). The Parade Marshall believes more young people would be able to attend and parade at a Service in the morning than the current afternoon service.

RESOLVED:- 8:0 That the time of the Mayor's Sunday Church Service be changed to morning service subject to the Church agreeing to this request if it could be accommodated

MAYOR MAKING AND ATM

RESOLVED:- Having been advised that the DATES 12TH May and 20th were not suitable for the LAR that the Town Clerk reports back on suitable dates which did not conflict with the Civic Society's meeting (at their request)

**FC63/09 REPRESENTATIVES ON OUTSIDE BODIES
Elizabeth Massey Almshouses**

RESOLVED:- 8:0 That Councillor Mrs Parry be appointed as a Trustee

FC64/09 Tourism

RESOLVED:- Unanimous That Councillor Mrs Parry be appointed as the Council's representative

FC65/09 STANDING ORDERS & FREEDOM OF INFORMATION

Members considered the full model draft Standing Orders received from NALC.

RESOLVED:- That a Working Group be formed and that Councillors Smithers Pope and Newbold consider these Standing Orders and report back to a future meeting of the Council with their recommendations and that the Publication Scheme be adopted and placed on the web site