

MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the **REPRESENTATIONAL COMMITTEE** held in the Ludlow Conference Centre, Lower Galdeford, Ludlow on **TUESDAY 22nd SEPTEMBER 2009** at **7PM**

R214/08/09 PRESENT

Chairman: Cllr Wilcox

Vice Chairman: Cllr Hunt

Councillors: Callender, Jackson, McCormack, Parry (7.28pm) and Smithers

Officers: Hannah Coleman, Assistant Clerk

R215/08/09 APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Aitken

R216/08/09 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>
Cllrs Callender, Hunt, McCormack, Smithers and Wilcox	5.
Cllr Wilcox	6. 09/01811/FUL and 09/01812/LBC
Cllr Smithers	7. 09/02303/FUL and 09/02304/LBC
Cllr Hunt	7. 09/02350/FUL and 09/02351/LBC
Cllr Jackson	7. 09/02350/FUL and 09/02351/LBC
Cllr Wilcox	7. 09/02350/FUL and 09/02351/LBC
Cllr Hunt	8. b)

R217/08/09 **OPEN SESSION** – There were no members of the public present.

R218/08/09 **MINUTES**

RESOLVED

that the Minutes of the meeting of the **REPRESENTATIONAL COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 1ST SEPTEMBER 2009** be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

R219/08/09 **URGENT BUSINESS**

TOWN COUNCIL TREE WARDEN – It was noted that Peter Norman, the Tree Warden for Ludlow Town Council, had written to the Town Clerk to clarify what his current role was and to establish future requirements. It had been resolved at the Policy & Finance Committee that the Chairmen of the Representational and Services Committees should meet with the Town Clerk to form a recommendation.

The Committee **AGREED** that the Council should ask Mr Norman to continue in his duties as an expert Tree Warden and ensure that contact was made with him to acknowledge his letter and keep him informed of progress.

R220/08/09 **NOTICES OF DECISIONS BY SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL**

The following decisions were **NOTED**:

09/00171/FUL Grant Planning Permission
09/00964/ADV Grant Advertisement Consent
09/01227/FUL Grant Planning Permission
09/01238/CON Grant Listed Building Consent
09/01811/FUL Withdrawn
09/01812/LBC Withdrawn
09/00990/LBC Grant Listed Building Consent
09/00989/FUL Grant Planning Permission

R221/08/09 **PLANNING APPLICATIONS FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL**

Application Number	09/02303/FUL	Parish	Ludlow	No objection
Location	1 Castle Street Ludlow Shropshire SY8 1AS			
Proposal	Installation of ventilation extract duct and refrigeration plant			
Agent/Applicant and Address	Mr M Titley c/o Mr Michael Ettinger, Ettinger and Ettinger, Westcroft, Crabtree Drive, Skellow, Doncaster, South Yorkshire			
OS Reference	Received Date	Valid Date	Consultation Expiry	
351074 - 274585	20th August 2009	20th August 2009	22nd September 2009	

Application Number	09/02304/LBC	Parish	Ludlow	No objection
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Location 1 Castle Street Ludlow Shropshire SY8 1AS

Proposal Internal works and installation of ventilation extract duct and refrigeration plant

Agent/Applicant and Address Tates Limited c/o Mr Michael Ettinger, Ettinger and Ettinger, Westcroft, Crabgate Drive, Skellow, Doncaster, South Yorkshire

OS Reference	Received Date	Valid Date	Consultation Expiry
351074 - 274585	20th August 2009	20th August 2009	22nd September 2009

LTC Comments 303-304: Members would like to be satisfied that potential noise levels have been looked into, especially in this residential area where the levels should be kept to a minimum.

Application Number	09/02350/FUL	Parish	Ludlow	No objection
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Location Harp House 72 Lower Broad Street Ludlow Shropshire SY8 1PH

Proposal Erection of conservatory to rear; formation of french doors and close up existing door to rear

Agent/Applicant and Address Mr S Turner c/o Mr D Davies, David R Davies (C and A E) Ltd, 23 Charlton Rise, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 1ND,

OS Reference	Received Date	Valid Date	Consultation Expiry
351199 - 274343	24th August 2009	24th August 2009	23rd September 2009

Application Number	09/02351/LBC	Parish	Ludlow	No objection
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Location Harp House 72 Lower Broad Street Ludlow Shropshire SY8 1PH

Proposal Erection of conservatory to rear; formation of french doors and close up existing door to rear

Agent/Applicant and Address Mr S Turner c/o Mr D Davies, David R Davies (C and A E) Ltd, 23 Charlton Rise, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 1ND,

OS Reference	Received Date	Valid Date	Consultation Expiry
351199 - 274343	24th August 2009	24th August 2009	23rd September 2009

Application Number 09/02325/TCA **Parish** Ludlow **No objection**

Location The Croft 12 Dinham Ludlow Shropshire SY8 1EJ

Proposal To remove overhanging branches of one purple cherry plum and fell one hazelnut tree within ludlow conservation area

Agent/Applicant and Address Mr Thomas H Caulcott 12 Dinham, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 1EJ,

OS Reference	Received Date	Valid Date	Consultation Expiry
350927 - 274498	26th August 2009	26th August 2009	15th September 2009

Application Number 09/02413/TCA **Parish** Ludlow **No objection**

Location Castle Walk House Linney Ludlow Shropshire SY8 1EG

Proposal To fell one sycamore, four ash and three thuja trees, and prune one laurel within ludlow conservation area

Agent/Applicant and Address Mrs Gill Dowden Castle Walk House, Linney, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 1EG

OS Reference	Received Date	Valid Date	Consultation Expiry
350896 - 274706	3rd September 2009	3rd September 2009	

LTC Comments: Members would prefer to see a reduction in the number of trees felled if possible, rather than all 8 to be felled

Application Number 09/02406/TCA **Parish** Ludlow **No objection**

Location 29 Mill Street Ludlow Shropshire SY8 1BG

Proposal To carry out various works to trees within ludlow conservation area

Agent/Applicant and Address Mr Mark Hollings AMH Treeline Hawthorn Cottage, Lower Common, Longden , Shrewsbury, SY5 8HF

OS Reference	Received Date	Valid Date	Consultation Expiry
351028 - 274413	4th September 2009	4th September 2009	21st September 2009

Application Number	09/02252/FUL	Parish	Ludlow	Objects
Location	Dinham Lodge Dinham Ludlow Shropshire SY8 1EH			
Proposal	Extension of bay at first floor to extend bedroom			
Agent/Applicant and Address	Mr And Mrs T Heath c/o John Needham Associates, Gorsty, Maryknoll, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 2HD			
OS Reference	Received Date	Valid Date	Consultation Expiry	
350854 - 274462	17th August 2009	17th August 2009	15th September 2009	
Application Number	09/02253/LBC	Parish	Ludlow	Objects
Location	Dinham Lodge Dinham Ludlow Shropshire SY8 1EH			
Proposal	Extension of bay at first floor to extend bedroom			
Agent/Applicant and Address	Mr And Mrs T Heath c/o John Needham Associates, Gorsty, Maryknoll, Ludlow, Shropshire, SY8 2HD			
OS Reference	Received Date	Valid Date	Consultation Expiry	
350854 - 274462	17th August 2009	17th August 2009	15th September 2009	
LTC Comments 252-253: Members felt that the proposal was inappropriate to this classic house. It would destroy the symmetry of the building.				

R222/08/09 **LUDFORD APPLICATIONS** – The following applications were **NOTED:**

09/02223/LBC
09/02331/TCA

R223/08/09 **PLANNING, TRANSPORT, PARKING & PATHS**

(a) Independent Policy Commission into Primary School Organisation in Shropshire – The following points were made:

Commission Recommendations	Ludlow Town Council Views
That Shropshire Council, for educational and equity reasons, should set an objective of ensuring that the resources available to large schools are sufficient for them to maintain class sizes that will normally be no greater than 30	Agree
That Shropshire Council should review the support arrangements for head teachers and teachers in small schools, including the support offered by clusters of schools, and the	Agree, if some bureaucracy removed from senior staff. Insufficient information on

possible development of federations	how effective development of federations would be
That Shropshire Council should review the role of mixed age classes covering more than 2 years and the potential for closer collaboration between individual schools, to reduce the range of years in classes	Agree to 2 years, but only closer collaboration if it doesn't mean excessive travelling for children
That Shropshire Council should review the case for further amalgamations of primary schools, where there is support for this to happen among parents, governors, head teachers and teachers	Agree, but it must be implemented with fairness
That Shropshire Council should take a leadership role in actively promoting the development of federations and other collaborative approaches to school organisation	Disagree. Head teachers should be encouraged to take the lead
That Shropshire Council should review its admissions policies, with a view to balancing stability with flexibility, and should begin a review of the catchment areas of its schools, to ensure that they reflect contemporary social and physical geography	Agree
That any future proposals for school reorganisation to be considered by Shropshire Council should include an explicit assessment of the views of the parents of all the children affected by the proposals, to be set alongside other factors	Agree
That the Commission for Rural Communities should commission in depth social research on the tangible benefits to rural communities of village schools and the impact which school closures in rural areas in recent years have had on the villages affected	Agree
That the question of the links between a school and the wider community and its actual local use of a school are properly factored for Shropshire Council and other councils in rural areas to take into account in considering the future of small village schools	Strongly agree
That all primary schools in Shropshire should develop programmes for active community use of their facilities; all schools should aim to develop the potential of the extended schools concept and should develop strong links with the wider community, and that Shropshire Council should actively promote these objectives	Strongly agree
That Shropshire Council should explore the possibility of using rural schools to deliver other services and should pilot this concept in one or two areas	Strongly agree
That in all areas where any reorganisation of schools is considered, Shropshire Council should work with the schools and parents concerned to assess the transport implications and help to develop school travel plans	Excessive travelling must be avoided because of time, costs and rural impact. The Committee felt very strongly
That Shropshire Council should carry out an environmental impact assessment when considering any future reorganisation, in consultation with schools and parents	Agree, and especially address carbon footprint of using additional transport. Transport should also be well managed to avoid wasted miles

That the Church of England should see itself as an active partner to Shropshire Council in examining the issues and finding solutions for the future of school organisation in the county, and should be treated accordingly by the Council	Should read 'That Shropshire Council should see itself as an active partner to the Church of England'. The C of E has always been a very active partner and should be treated as such considering the number of C of E schools. The Committee was surprised by such a statement
That the Department for Children, Schools and Families should, when reviewing its national funding arrangements for schools, ensure that any new formula or allocation mechanism should fully recognise the needs of councils with small schools in rural areas	Agree
That Shropshire Council and the Schools Forum should redistribute the county schools budget: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> to reduce overall funding for schools so as to ensure any fall in Dedicated Schools Grant can be accommodated; and to ensure the overall impact of changes to the schools formula would protect the level of per pupil funding in the largest primary schools 	The Committee had been advised that funding had now been secured. However, if a gap does exist then SC should find the funds, not the individual schools
That Shropshire Council should examine the relationship between all its secondary and primary schools including the scope for reorganising individual secondary schools	Agree
That those debating primary school organisation in Shropshire should accept that the Council's methodology and use of data provide a good and sound basis for forecasting pupil numbers and estimating the need for primary school places	Agree, if the methodology is sound. Reduced numbers of children not a good enough reason to close schools. This takes no account of potential baby booms or immigration into the county
That Shropshire Council should develop a new vision for Shropshire schools in partnership with each other and their wider community	Agree

(b) Review of Bus Services –The Committee agreed that the following suggestions, if implemented could improve the service in Ludlow:

The 703 could do park & ride only every 20 minutes running down Old Street on the way out, and up Old Street on the way back into town.

The 701 could stay as it is and if it needs to pick up Rocks Green later when the estate is full - just add 15 minutes to the time and run out to Rocks Green before going down Weyman Road.

702 to run out of town as it does now when going up Sheet Road turn left into Parry's Road, left into Tollgate back out of Tollgate left to the end of Parry's Road turn round, back to Sheet Road, then right and left into Greenacres back out of there left down Sheet Road

under the bridge left into Steventon, round Steventon to Weeping cross lane right up Weeping cross lane back into town via Somerfields & Tesco's.

Beaconsfield could be added to this run but we think you would have to add another 15 minutes to the time.

Bromfield Road is already covered by the 435 which could go into the Leisure Centre on the way in and out of town.

(c) Waiting Restrictions on Corve Street – The traffic regulation order was **NOTED**.

(d) The deadline extension for discussion of the Local Planning Framework 'Policy Directions' Consultation documents, which will take place at the next Representational Meeting on 13th October 2009, was **NOTED**. There was a public meeting called but unfortunately it was not well publicised. It was **AGREED** that the Committee should express their disappointment as it was a good meeting.

The meeting closed at **8:42pm**

Chairman

Date