

## MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the **REPRESENTATIONAL COMMITTEE** held at the Guildhall, Mill Street, Ludlow on **WEDNESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> JULY 2014** at 7.00pm.

**R/59      PRESENT**

Chairman:                    Councillor Ginger

Councillors:                Draper, Gill, Lyle, Kemp, Perks, Sheward, Smithers,

Officers:                    Gina Wilding Town Clerk,  
Stephanie Williams, Secretary/Admin Assistant

Also attending              Peter Norman Ludlow Town Council's Voluntary Tree Officer  
Councillor Perks (Ex Officio)

**R/60      HEALTH & SAFETY**

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

**R/61      APOLOGIES**

Apologies for absence were received from Councillor Holcombe.

**R/62      DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None

Conflicts of interest

None

Personal Interest:

Cllr Lyle	14/03179/TCA	Knows the applicant
Cllr Draper	14/02648/TPO	Knows the applicant

**R/63      PUBLIC OPEN SESSION (15 minutes)**

There was no members of the public was present.

**R/64**     **LUDLOW'S UNITARY COUNCILLORS QUESTION AND ANSWER SESSION**

There were no Unitary Members present.

Andy Boddington, Ludlow North sent his apologies and requested that the committee forward their comments to him on the applications for The Coach Depot and Fishmore Road. He will be meeting with Highways at Shropshire Building Site on Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> August and requested that if a member of the Town Council wishes to attend they should contact him.

**R/65**     **MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** (unanimous)  
PD/JS

That the minutes of the Representational Committee meeting held on the 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2014, be approved as a correct record and signed by the Chairman.

**R/66**     **ITEMS TO ACTION**

**RESOLVED** (unanimous)  
PD/JS

That the items to action sheet be noted.

**R/67**     **LCAAC MINUTES**

**RESOLVED** (unanimous)  
PK /JS

That the agenda of the 5<sup>th</sup> August and the minutes of 8<sup>th</sup> July 2014 be noted.

**R/68**     **AMENDMENT TO AGENDA ORDER**

**RESOLVED** (unanimous)  
PK/DL

To change the order of the agenda to accommodate Peter Norman's briefing to members.

**R/69**     **LUDLOW TOWN COUNCILS TREE OFFICER**

Peter Norman briefed members on his role as Ludlow Council's Tree Officer in the Conservation area and made the following points:  
These are assessed in terms of public amenity and the expediency of granting a TPO.

**Public Amenity Areas**

Trees that have a public amenity interest (appreciated by the public) have a value in regard to the species whether it is the species, the rarity, the historical

importance or size. Unfortunately some of the most historic trees are hidden in some of the back gardens of houses in the Conservation Area and amenity therefore do not have public amenity.

The expediency or practicality of granting a TPO must also be considered. It is being project managed or is it being threatened.

### **Tree Preservation Works Applications**

In general there is a six week notice period on tree works applications to Shropshire Council, if there have been no comments or objections made then the applicant is able to carry on with the proposed works or alterations.

Shropshire Council may let the period lapse, approve the works or grant a TPO to protect the tree. If there are any restrictions the owner will be notified within the six weeks period.

Shropshire Council's Tree Officer, Mr Dougald Purce assesses the application and will stipulate any restrictions necessary on the TPO. The owner has a right to appeal if LTC disagree with the proposed course of action the matter may go to the Secretary of State.

Members thanked Mr Norman for his help and advice in the past and in advance for the future.

R/70

### **PLANNING DECISIONS FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL**

**RESOLVED** (unanimous)  
PD/PK

That the decisions be noted.

12/05037/LBC	PENDING
12/04328/OUT	PENDING
13/02286/FUL	PENDING
13/02903/OUT	PENDING
13/03933/FUL	PENDING
13/03862/OUT	PENDING
13/03933/FUL	PENDING
14/00563/FUL	PENDING
14/01282/FUL	PENDING
14/01265/FUL	PENDING
14/01266/LBC	PENDING
14/02104/LBC	PENDING

R/71

### **SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL DECISIONS GRANTED**

**RESOLVED** (unanimous)  
PD/PK

That the decisions be noted.

**R/72**      **14/02846/OUT Coach Depot Fishmore Road**

Councillor Ginger commented on the development of Brownfield Land Sites within the town and raised his concerns that pedestrian routes to schools need to be considered in Highways reports.  
Councillor Gill commented that housing developments need to be supported for the growth of the town.

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

No objection

LTC comments: Councillors raised concerns over the sustainability of the current Ludlow infrastructure and the ability to provide adequate services in the future if more land is developed for housing within the town, with provision of Medical Centres, Schools, Services, drainage and Police.

**R/73**      **14/00651/COU Tollgate Cottage, Bromfield Road, Ludlow SY8 1DN**

**RESOLVED (unanimous)**  
**GG/PK**

No objection

**R/74**      **14/03179/TCA 37 Broad Street Ludlow SY8 1NL**

**RESOLVED (unanimous)**  
**PDJS**

That members support the advice from Peter Norman, Ludlow Town Councils Tree Officer.

Advice from the Tree Officer: This tree has significant public amenity value and warrants a Tree Preservation Order to prevent it being felled. The relationship between the tree and the boundary wall should be monitored and, if necessary, further investigated by an appropriately qualified and experienced Arborist to determine the action which may be required in the long run.

**R/75**      **14/02821/FUL 32 Friars Gardens Ludlow**

**RESOLVED (unanimous)**  
**PD/TG**

No objection

**R/76** 14/02648/TPO Woodlands South of Baker Close Ludlow

**RESOLVED (unanimous)**  
**GG/PD**

No objection: In agreement with Ludlow Town Council's Tree Officer. Members felt that the work was in line with good practice and should be undertaken by a qualified tree surgeon.

The house holder is proposing good inevitable practice as some trees are becoming rather large. Recommends that Shropshire Council permits the work to be carried out by a qualified and experienced Arborist.

**R/77** 14/03091/OUT Shropshire Building Supplies Ludlow SY8 2LS  
14/03102/FUL Shropshire Building Supplies Ludlow SY8 2LS

**RESOLVED (unanimous)**  
**GG/PD**

No objection

LTC comments: Subject to concerns regarding the sustainability of the current infrastructure and the ability to provide adequate services including where new land is developed for housing within the town, Medical Centres, Schools, Drainage, Environmental Impacts and Emergency Services..

**R/78** 14/03177/FUL Conduit Cottage Livesey Road Ludlow SY8 1EZ

**RESOLVED (unanimous)**  
**PD/TG**

No objection

**R/79** Signs and Blinds

**RESOLVED (unanimous)**  
**GG/PD**

Members noted the report and requested that the report and policy be referred to Shropshire Council's Conservation Officer for their advice in regard to 3.3 and 3.4

Councillor Perks entered the meeting at 7.38pm

**R/80**     **Articulated Lorries in Ludlow Town Centre****RESOLVED (unanimous)**  
**GG/JS**

Object

LTC Comments: Members objected to more signage in the historic town centre. The proposal to restrict access to vehicles over 13 meters and articulated lorries in the town centre was unnecessary, unwelcome and unsuitable in a market town that relies heavily on tourism. The restriction if enforced would bring festivals and the Mayfair to an end and have a significant detrimental impact on the economy.

**R/81**     **Western Power Distribution – Reinforcement Scheme****RESOLVED (unanimous)**  
**PK/PD**

That the information be noted.

**R/82**     **Road Closures****d i) Bell Lane****RESOLVED (unanimous)**  
**GG/PK**

That the Bell Lane Road Closure be noted.

**R/83**     **d ii) WWI Parade****RESOLVED (unanimous)**  
**PD/PK**

That the WWI Parade road closure be noted.

**R/84**     **d iii) Church Walk**

Councillor Ginger asked if it normal practice for Shropshire Council to permit a footpath closure for eight months for financial gain to an individual company as this could set a precedent for the future and requested that the town Clerk seek advice on this.

Members also requested that the Town Clerk responds to the letter from Treasures. The Town Clerk informed members that LTC is not usually informed of such closures at this stage and that she will respond to Treasures and to Shropshire Council.

**RESOLVED (unanimous)**  
**PD/CS**

LTC Comments: Members noted that the date for the beginning of the closure had passed and requested letters are sent to Shropshire Council and Treasures and to request that the footpath be opened at the weekends as it is used regularly by residents, Church Services and visitors.

**R/83 Voluntary Tree Officer**

**RESOLVED (unanimous)**  
**PK/JS**

Members noted the letter from Peter Norman Ludlow Town Council's Tree Warden.

**R/83 Homestart**

**RESOLVED (unanimous)**  
**JS/PK**

That the letter of thanks from Homestart be noted.

Meeting closed at 7.58pm

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Chairman

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Date

NB: No Closed Session minutes will be issued

