



## MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the **REPRESENTATIONAL COMMITTEE** held in the Stable Block Meeting Room, Stone House, Corve Street, Ludlow on **TUESDAY 8<sup>th</sup> DECEMBER 2009** at 7PM

### **R251/08/09**    **PRESENT**

**Chairman:**                      Cllr Wilcox

**Councillors:**                  Cllrs Aitken, Jackson, McCormack, Parry and Smithers

**Officers:**                        Gina Wilding

### **R252/08/09**    **APOLOGIES**

No apologies for absence were received

### **R253/08/09**    **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**

<b><u>Member</u></b>	<b><u>Item</u></b>
Cllr Jackson	09/03370/TBCA
Cllr Smithers	09/0300/LBC

### **R254/08/09**    **OPEN SESSION** – There was one member of the public present.

**Tracy Huffer, Shropshire Councillor** – Tracy informed the meeting that she will be attending Representational Committee meetings regularly to keep up to date with concerns raised by residents and Cllrs in Ludlow.

**R255/08/09 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED**

that the Minutes of the meeting of the **REPRESENTATIONAL COMMITTEE** held on **TUESDAY 3<sup>rd</sup> & 24<sup>th</sup> November 2009** were approved.

**R256/08/09 GRANTS**

(a) Feedback from LADS Drama Group was NOTED. Cllrs were interested to know the profits of the last production and asked that enquires were made.

**R257/08/09 REPORTS FROM OTHER ORGANISATIONS**

(a) The agenda and minutes for Ludlow Conservation Area Advisory Committee were **NOTED**

**R258/08/09 NOTICES OF DECISIONS BY SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL**

**09/02539/LBC - Grant**

**R259/08/09 PLANNING APPLICATIONS FROM SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL**

<b>Application Number</b>	09/02539/LBC	<b>Parish: Ludlow</b>	<b>No objection</b>	
<b>Location</b>	Stanford House 15 Broad Street Ludlow Shropshire SY8 1NG			
<b>Proposal</b>	Erection of boundary wall for existing workshop			
<b>Agent/Applicant and Address</b>	Mr J Cave Walcote House, , 17 Broad Street, Ludlow, Shropshire			
<b>OS Reference</b>	<b>Decision Date</b>	<b>Decision</b>	<b>Decision Level</b>	
351178 -274572	26th November 2009	Grant Listed Building Consent	Delegated Decision	

**09/03000/LBC No objection**

Restore the boundary wall to historic height following recent repairs  
6/7 Mill Street, Ludlow

**09/03370/TCA No objection**

To crown reduce by 25%-33% one Coton Easter and two Conifer trees within Ludlow Conservation  
Garden Cottage, 58 Lower Broad Street, Ludlow

**R260/08/09 PLANNING, TRANSPORT, PARKING & PATHS**

(a) **Harp Lane** – Cllrs **NOTED** that the subject of Harp Lane, and specifically the parked commercial vehicle, had recently been raised at LJC meeting in Ludlow.

Cllrs **AGREED** that the cobbles on this ancient street made cleaning very difficult, but asked that Street Scene be contacted to request that the street be cleaned periodically with a ‘yard’ brush.

Cllrs **AGREED** that a commercial vehicle frequently blocks Harp Lane, which could be problematic to residents, but they also recognised the difficulty of parking in Ludlow, and the valuable service provided by the Green Grocer’s shop to the local area. Harp Lane is a public road, which should not be blocked, and one solution would be to park the van elsewhere after unloading, but there would be cost implication for the shopkeeper to consider. Cllrs did not feel that yellow lines would be a suitable solution because they would be unsightly, and detract from the medieval charm of this ancient street.

## **(b) BLUE BOAR INN, LUDLOW**

### **BLUE BOAR INN**

52 Mill Street  
LUDLOW

**Vicinity to premises:** Ludlow Town Council is making a representation on behalf of residents in Mill Street & Dinham.

### **THE PREVENTION OF HARM TO CHILDREN**

There is a general awareness that young people congregate in the area by the Spar shop, which is very close to Blue Boar. Extended licensing hours are likely to appeal to younger people, and increase the younger clientele at the Blue Boar, which could have a 'knock-on' effect of increasing the likelihood of underage drinking.

### **TO PREVENT PUBLIC NUISANCE**

There were strong objections that the quiet residential area that surrounds the Blue Boar would suffer unacceptable levels noise and disturbance, which would cause public nuisance to local residents.

The question as to whether Punch Taverns plc have an accurate concept of Ludlow was raised. Ludlow is a small market town, and activities that may be appropriate in larger towns and cities, would not be appropriate in Ludlow.

In Mill Street and the surrounding area, frequent late night opening as detailed in the variation application, loud music, especially if the condition to limit the size of live bands is removed, and people occupying the outside area after the current restricted time of 2:20h Mon – Sat and 22:5 on a Sunday would cause an unacceptable public nuisance to local residents

Groups of people leaving the Blue Boar in the early hours of the morning are also likely to cause an unacceptable public nuisance to local residents.

In regard to music after 23:00h, it was felt that music, especially amplified music, which often has a penetrating bass beat causing deep vibrations that can travel a great distance, would cause an unacceptable nuisance to local residents. Removing the restriction on the size of the group would also lead to higher noise levels and therefore greater disturbance to local residents.

### **TO PREVENT CRIME & DISORDER**

Extending licensing activities to the upper floor will increase the capacity for customers, which in conjunction with extended licensing hours would increase the likelihood of late night disorder and crime in a quiet residential area.

The extended opening hours and the increased likelihood of crime and disorder will place an unacceptable strain on the limited policing resources in Ludlow.

## **PUBLIC SAFETY**

Extending licensing activities to the upper floor would cause problems that may affect public safety. There is concern about adequate provision of exits, and adequate provision of members of staff.

**Suggested conditions that could be added to the license to remedy your representation or other suggestions you would like the Licensing Sub Committee to take into account.**

It is felt that a general policy to restrict public house licensing hours to 12 midnight in normal circumstances and only grant extension for special occasions, such as New Year, would accommodate the enjoyment of both customers and residents. Ludlow Town Council also support this initiative.

**(c) Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS) in Ludlow**

- Cllrs were in **AGREEMENT** with suggested positioning a new VAS sign on the Sheet Road by Green Acres
- Cllrs were unable to support the requests for VAS on Bromfield Road because the area was already subject to multiple signs and potential hazard, especially during the 'school run'. An additional sign would cause additional confusion and may be a distraction for drivers.

**(d) Town Warden** - The information relating to the role of Town Warden was **NOTED**. Cllrs supported the new role, and we pleased that there would be extra help to tackle issues such as dog fouling, although they did feel that the warden had a very large (South West Shropshire) area to cover.

Cllrs asked to be informed of the date the role commenced.

The meeting closed at **8:34pm**

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Chairman

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Date