



LEOMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Monday 16th March 2020

To: All Members of the Planning & Highways Committee:
Councillors Rosser (Chair), Williams (Vice-Chair), Herschy, Parris, Preece,
Rumsey and Thomas.
(Copies to other Councillors for information)

NOTICE OF MEETING

You are hereby summoned to attend a meeting of the Planning & Highways Committee to be held on **Monday 23rd March 2020 commencing at 19:00 hours** in the Council Offices, 11 Corn Square, Leominster HR6 8YP.

Julie Debbage
TOWN CLERK DESIGNATE

AGENDA

- 1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**
Schedule 12 of the Local Government Act 1972 requires a record be kept of the members present and that this record form part of the minutes of the meeting. Members who cannot attend a meeting should tender apologies to the Town Clerk as it is usual for the grounds upon which apologies are tendered also to be recorded. Under Section 85(1) of the Local Government Act 1972, members present must decide whether the reason(s) for a member's absence are acceptable.
- 2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**
Under the Localism Act 2011 (sections 26-37 and Schedule 4), and in accordance with the Council's Code of Conduct, members are required to declare any interests which are not currently entered in the member's register of interests or if he/she has not notified the Monitoring Officer of it.
- 3. HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL MEMBERS**
To consider resolving that the participation of those Town Councillors who are also members of Herefordshire Council in both the debate and any subsequent vote on matters contained in this agenda is on the basis that the views expressed are preliminary views taking account of the information currently available to the Town Council and that County Councillors reserve their final views on all applications until they are in full possession of all relevant information both for and against.
- 4. REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**
To consider requests for dispensations (must be notified in writing).



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5. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC (maximum 15 minutes)**
To receive questions and statements from members of the public as provided for in Standing Orders.
6. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**
To receive and approve as a correct record the minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held on 2nd March 2020.
7. **PLANNING**
 - (a) **Planning applications** – The following applications have been received from the Planning Authority and require comment:

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 200171 - 9a Beech Terrace, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 8LE

DESCRIPTION: Reduce height and width of Copper Beech tree in the driveway to 9a Beech Terrace.

APPLICANT(S): Mr Bill James

GRID REF: OS 349493, 258532

APPLICATION TYPE: Works to trees covered by TPO

WEBSITE LINK: <http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/searchplanningapplications>

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 200453 - 1 Bank Court, West Street, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 8FE

DESCRIPTION: Proposed alterations to regularise with permission DCNC2003/1795/L (Retrospective)

APPLICANT(S): Mrs W Evans

GRID REF: OS 349564, 258951

APPLICATION TYPE: Listed Building Consent

WEBSITE LINK: <http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/searchplanningapplications>

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 200099 - 70b Bargates, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 8QS

DESCRIPTION: Proposed conversion of garage to bedroom and single storey extension.

APPLICANT(S): Mr & Mrs Howden

GRID REF: OS 349158, 259053

APPLICATION TYPE: Full Householder



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WEBSITE LINK: <http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/searchplanningapplications>

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 200480 - 4 Sunningdale, Bridge Street, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 8EH

DESCRIPTION: Proposed two storey (East) side extension and two storey rear extension

APPLICANT(S): Mr Ben Price

GRID REF: OS 349425, 259582

APPLICATION TYPE: Full Householder

WEBSITE LINK: <http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/searchplanningapplications>

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 200742 - Grange Court, The Grange, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 8NL

DESCRIPTION: Proposed works to Laburnum (T1) Cut back branches over water fountain. Laburnum (T2) Remove - too many trees close together. Prunus (T3) Light pruning to shape tree in its space. Tulip Tree (T4) Remove sucker. Thuja (T5) This tree has fallen over onto Blue Spruce (T6) and needs to be cutback to provide space for Blue Spruce

APPLICANT(S): Mr Sutcliffe

GRID REF: OS 349896, 259109

APPLICATION TYPE: Works to Trees in a Conservation Area

WEBSITE LINK: <http://www.herefordshire.gov.uk/searchplanningapplications>

TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990

APPEAL UNDER SECTION 174

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:

200221 - Land at Dukes Walk, Leominster, Herefordshire,

DESCRIPTION: Enforcement Appeal

APPELLANT: Mr Martin Rohde

APPEAL REFERENCE: APP/W1850/C/20/3245115

ENFORCEMENT NO: E/2019/003061/ENN

APPEAL START DATE: 4 March 2020

WEBSITE LINK: <https://www.herefordshire.gov.uk>



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8. DECISIONS

The following planning decisions had been received from Herefordshire Council.

APPLICATION: P193808

SITE: Land at Portley House, North Road, Leominster

DESCRIPTION: Proposed demolition of existing warehouse and provision of compound for self-storage units.

COMMENT: No objection

DECISION: Approved with conditions.

APPLICATION: P193025

SITE: The Forbury Residential Home Church Street Leominster Herefordshire HR6 8NQ

DESCRIPTION: Proposed change of use from dwelling to residential, institutional bedroom accommodation.

COMMENT: No comment was made on this application

DECISION: Approved with conditions.

9. HIGHWAYS AND PARKING MATTERS

- (a) **Highway & Parking Matters** – To consider any parking and highway issues relating to the Parish of Leominster.
- (b) **Barons Cross Pedestrian Crossing** – To consider the attached plan.

10. LICENCING MATTERS

No licencing applications have been received to consider.

11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Monday 6th April 2020 in the Council Offices, 11 Corn Square, Leominster, HR6 8YP commencing at 7:00pm.

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Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held on Monday 2nd March 2020 commencing at 19:00 hours in the Council Offices, 11 Corn Square, Leominster HR6 8YP.

MEMBERS PRESENT: Councillors Rosser (Chair), Herschy, Parris, Preece, Rumsey and Thomas.

OFFICER PRESENT: Town Clerk Designate.

PH136/19 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllr Williams (Vice-Chair),

PH137/19 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following Declaration of Interest was made:

- Cllr Preece ref. Planning item 193458

PH138/19 HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL MEMBERS

There were no Herefordshire Council members in attendance.

PH139/19 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

No requests for dispensation had been received.

PH140/19 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

No members of the public were present.

PH141/19 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held on 3rd February be agreed and signed as a correct record.

PH142/19 PLANNING

(a) **Planning applications** – It was **RESOLVED** to submit the following comments to Herefordshire Council:

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:	Planning Consultation - 200380 - Tickbridge Farm, Tickbridge Lane, Hamnish, Leominster HR6 0QL
DESCRIPTION:	Erection of Detached Garage
COMMENT:	No Objections.

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:	Planning Consultation - 200439 - Warehouse at Rear of 7 Church Street, Leominster, Herefordshire.
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DESCRIPTION: Conversion of upper floors of warehouse into 2 self-contained flats.

COMMENT: No objection subject to the following conditions:

- That adequate provision is included to store waste;
- That a safe exit is provided in case of emergency.

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 200440 - Warehouse at Rear of 7 Church Street, Leominster, Herefordshire,

DESCRIPTION: Conversion of upper floors of warehouse into 2 self-contained flats.

COMMENT: No objection subject to the guidance provided by the Conservation Officer is followed.

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 200244 - Land at Wharton Court, Wharton, Leominster, Herefordshire,

DESCRIPTION: Diversion of existing 11KV overhead line and upgrading of existing lines to 3 Phase (3 wires).

COMMENT: No Objections.

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 200257 - Workshop, 16 South Street, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 8JB

DESCRIPTION: Yew tree, which has excessive growth, blocking light to adjacent buildings, and branches growing over neighbouring boundaries. The tree is in good health, and pruning / pollarding would make it more manageable, and also should not cause risk to this type of tree.

COMMENT: No Objections.

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 194439 - 13 Caswell Crescent, Leominster, HR6 8BE

DESCRIPTION: Two storey side extension to existing house. Extra living/dining room on lower floor. Extra bedroom with en-suite on upper floor.

COMMENT: No Objections.

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Consultation - 200471 - Land adjacent to, 159 Bargates, Leominster, HR6 8QT

DESCRIPTION: Lime - decay present at base as indicated by dead bark and mallet sounding. Pollarded at 5m. Repollard

COMMENT: No Objections.

Councillor Preece left the meeting at 19.24pm.

APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS: Planning Re-consultation - 193458 - West Winds, Cholstrey Road, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 8RT

DESCRIPTION: Proposed erection of 58 dwellings with associated car parking and landscaping.

COMMENT: No Objections.

Councillor Preece re-entered the meeting at 19.33pm.

(b) Neighbourhood Planning Community Questionnaire

The Committee noted that the questionnaire had been completed by the Town Clerk Designate with all of the input from Cllrs Bartlett and Thomas. This was scanned and returned via email to Reading University who confirmed that the questionnaire would still be taken into account.

PH143/19 DECISIONS

The following planning decisions received from Herefordshire Council were noted. These were presented at the meeting:

NUMBER: - P193393/F

TYPE: - Planning Permission

LOCATION: - Garden area at the rear of 27 Bridge Street Leominster Herefordshire HR6 8DU

PROPOSAL: - Proposed change of use from residential (C3) to A1

COMMENT: - No objection.

DECISION: - Approved with Conditions

PH144/19 HIGHWAYS AND PARKING MATTERS

(a) Highway and Parking Matters

- It was **RESOLVED** to invite Cllr. Harrington, Cabinet Member for Infrastructure and Transport, to the next Planning and Highways committee meeting on 23rd March meeting to discuss Leominster public realm.
- It was noted that the soil stack pipe on South Street near the Talbot Hotel has been reported to Environmental Health.

- Complaints were raised about racing/speeding at night, by drivers in noisy cars, around Leominster. The Town Clerk Designate will raise this issue at the next Team Leominster meeting.
- A letter has been received by the Town Clerk Designate regarding damage caused to windows in the early hours of the morning on Black Swan Walk. There have also been regular disturbances throughout the night by people using loud abusive language and violent behaviour, which is affecting a business in the area. This will also be raised at Team Leominster with the Police. The Finance & General Purposes Committee have agreed in principal to investigate the addition of a CCTV camera in Central Car Park linked to the Herefordshire Council system.
- The issue of HGV's turning into Pierrepont Road and then into Green Lane have been raised to Balfour Beatty by residents and councillors. Following a visit by a Traffic Engineer, it was suggested that a traffic survey be carried out to investigate the issue. It was **RESOLVED** to investigate whether there was any s106 funding to carry this out along with the possible improvement of the junction/traffic calming island at the top of Green Lane.

(b) Bus Service Reductions

- A meeting was held on 25th February 2020 with Herefordshire Council, Community Wheels and Bus Service Providers to address the recent cut in services. These cuts were explained as a result of the lack of users of those particular services. Options discussed included investigating funding available to support the services and the possible promotion of the local bus service. It was **RESOLVED** to promote the use of the local buses in a variety of ways. Other issues discussed were the inaccurate timetables and buses missing stops.
UPDATE Since the meeting, the timetables have been corrected and an inspector has been seen on the Leominster bus routes.

PH145/19 LICENCING MATTERS

No licencing applications have been received to consider.

PH146/19 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Committee noted that the next meeting would be held on Monday 23rd March 2020 in the Council Offices, 11 Corn Square, Leominster, HR6 8YP commencing at 7:00pm.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20:04 hours.

CHAIR:

DATE:

