

LEOMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held on Monday 4th June 2018 commencing at 19:00 hours in the Council Offices, 11 Corn Square, Leominster HR6 8YP.

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

ALSO PRESENT: Cllr Sutcliffe, Ward Cllr Stone and 1 member of the public.

OFFICER PRESENT: Town Clerk.

PH13/18 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies were received and accepted from Cllrs Bartlett (Mayoral duties), Davies (Illness) and Egan (personal).

PH14/18 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declaration of interest was made:

- Cllr Rumsey (personal): Morrisons.

PH15/18 HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL MEMBERS

Committee **RESOLVED** 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 was on the basis that the views expressed were preliminary views taking account of the information that was currently available to the Town Council and that County Councillors reserved their final views on all applications until they were in full possession of all relevant information both for and against.

PH16/18 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS

No requests for dispensations had been received.

PH17/18 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

One member of the public was present. It was confirmed that the letter relating to Footpath ZC93 had been received. However, the issues raised within the letter would need to be submitted to Herefordshire Council as Leominster Town Council did not have the legal powers or responsibilities to address the matters raised. Committee further recommended that the resident raise the matters with Ward Cllr Marsh.

PH18/18 THE HUM

Committee noted that the contact at BPI had now been identified and a meeting would be arranged as soon as possible. This followed the recent update received from Herefordshire Council.

PH19/18 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held on 21st May 2018 be agreed and signed as a correct record.

PH20/18 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

It was **RESOLVED** to submit the following comments to Herefordshire Council:

- APPLICATION:** P181308
SITE: 45 The Meadows, Leominster HR6 8QY
DESCRIPTION: Proposed loft conversion and dormer extension to form lounge area, bathroom and bedroom.
COMMENT: Committee agreed to reiterate its previous objections.
- APPLICATION:** P181490
SITE: Ashdown, 19 Barons Cross Road, Leominster HR6 8RL
DESCRIPTION: Re-consultation: Proposed erection of studio/annexe to form ancillary accommodation.
COMMENT: No objection.
- APPLICATION:** P181644
SITE: The Frere House, 15 Church Street, Leominster HR6 8NE
DESCRIPTION: Retrospective: Various external and internal works including taking away no structural modern walls, replacing cement based plaster and other mortar with lime based products. Adding traditional oak structural supports.
COMMENT: No objection.
- APPLICATION:** P181649
SITE: The Frere House, 15 Church Street, Leominster HR6 8NE
DESCRIPTION: Retrospective LBC: Various external and internal works including taking away no structural modern walls, replacing cement based plaster and other mortar with lime based products. Adding traditional oak structural supports.
COMMENT: No objection.
- APPLICATION:** P181645
SITE: Waverley House Care Home, Etnam Street, Leominster HR6 8AQ
DESCRIPTION: Proposed bedroom conversions and new car parking.
COMMENT: No objection.
- APPLICATION:** P181728
SITE: 5-6 Corn Square, Leominster HR6 8LR
DESCRIPTION: Proposed modification of front door.

COMMENT: No objection.

APPLICATION: P181915

SITE: 3 Ropewalk Avenue, Leominster, HR6 8LY

DESCRIPTION: Proposed works to a large ash tree. Tree roots appear to be now pressing against the back wall of house. Crack in mortar bond in centre of ground floor window would tend to indicate heave. Request permission to fell tree and grind out stump.

COMMENT: Following a visit by the Town Council's Tree Wardens Committee recommend refusal to this application for the following reasons:

- The tree was protected by a Tree Preservation Order;
- The tree was sited some distance away from the area of the property that was allegedly being undermined by the tree roots;
- There was no obvious evidence that the tree roots were actually causing any damage to the property;
- It was recommended that consideration be given to reducing the crown by a maximum of 25% rather than fell it completely.

Committee thanked the Tree Wardens for their recommendations.

PH21/18 DECISIONS

Committee noted that there were no outstanding planning decisions made by Herefordshire Council to be reported.

PH22/18 HIGHWAYS AND PARKING MATTERS

(a) TRO Monkland Road (A44 & U93002) – Committee noted that documents relating to a statutory consultation for a Traffic Regulation Order for Monkland Speed Limit review had been received and distributed to all members. Committee agreed to support this TRO.

(b) Highway & Parking Matters – Committee noted the following issues: consider any additional parking and highway issues.

- Concern was expressed regarding cars parking on the pavement. This practice was making it very difficult for pedestrians, especially those with pushchairs and with restricted ability, to use the pavements safely;
- A request to carry out a full review of the white lines in Leominster and identify all those that required repainting would be submitted to Balfour Beatty;
- There continued to be a significant number of potholes requiring repair throughout the town. This would also be reported.

PH23/18 LEOMINSTER AREA NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN

Committee noted that the Examiner had requested that the Evidence Statement should undergo a six week consultation period. The revised Statement would be submitted to Herefordshire Council as soon as possible. The additional six week consultation would inevitably delay the examination of the Plan further.

PH24/18 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Committee noted that the next meeting would be held on Monday 18th June 2018 at 19:00hrs in the Council Offices, 11 Corn Square, Leominster, HR6 8YP.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 7:45pm.

CHAIR:

DATE: