

# LEOMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

## PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

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

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**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 3<sup>rd</sup> 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:**  
**COMMENT:**

Erection of Detached Garage  
No Objections.

**APPLICATION NO & SITE ADDRESS:**

Planning Consultation - 200439 - Warehouse at Rear of 7 Church Street, Leominster, Herefordshire.

**DESCRIPTION:**  
**COMMENT:**

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

<b>APPLICATION NO &amp; SITE ADDRESS:</b>	Planning Re-consultation - 193458 - West Winds, Cholstrey Road, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 8RT
<b>DESCRIPTION:</b>	Proposed erection of 58 dwellings with associated car parking and landscaping.
<b>COMMENT:</b>	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:

<b>NUMBER:</b>	- P193393/F
<b>TYPE:</b>	- Planning Permission
<b>LOCATION:</b>	- Garden area at the rear of 27 Bridge Street Leominster Herefordshire HR6 8DU
<b>PROPOSAL:</b>	- Proposed change of use from residential (C3) to A1
<b>COMMENT:</b>	- No objection.
<b>DECISION:</b>	- 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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 25<sup>th</sup> 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 23<sup>rd</sup> 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.

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**CHAIR:**

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**DATE:**