

# LEOMINSTER TOWN COUNCIL

## PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE

Minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee meeting held on Monday 10<sup>th</sup> August 2020 commencing at 19:00 hours remotely via Zoom.

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Councillors Rosser (Chair), Williams (Vice-Chair), Herschy, Preece (19.14), Rumsey and Thomas.

**ALSO PRESENT:** Cllr. Trish Marsh and one member of the public.

**OFFICER PRESENT:** Town Clerk.

**PH57/20 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

No apologies were received.

**PH58/20 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

No Declarations of Interest were made.

**PH59/20 HEREFORDSHIRE COUNCIL MEMBERS**

A Herefordshire Council member was in attendance in an advisory role and was not involved in any decision making.

**PH60/20 REQUESTS FOR DISPENSATIONS**

No requests for dispensation had been received.

**PH61/20 QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**

One member of the public was present.

Concerns were raised regarding late night/early morning anti-social behaviour at the weekend. On 25<sup>th</sup> July 2020 at 4.08 am the member of the public was woken by a large group of intoxicated people in High Street below. They were swearing, shouting, brawling, urinating in planters and throwing bottles at shop windows. On being questioned by the resident they said that they had come from a local licenced premises. The police were called but didn't appear to attend at the time. This complaint was discussed in the previous meeting of 29<sup>th</sup> July 2020 and the clerk would follow up with licencing officer at West Mercia Police and provide a response to the member of the public.

**PH62/20 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING**

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning & Highways Committee Extra Ordinary meeting held on 29<sup>nd</sup> July 2020 be agreed and will be signed as a correct record when social distancing restrictions are lifted.

## PH63/20 PLANNING

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

**Application no & site address:** Planning Consultation - **202300** - Hallowdene, Pinsley Road, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 8NN

**Description:** Proposed verandah

**Applicant(s):** Mr & Mrs J & L Knapp

**Grid ref:** OS 350060, 259058

**Application type:** Full Householder

**Comment:** No Objection

**Application no & site address:** Planning Consultation - **202172** - Vacant site adjacent to 54 Green Lane, Leominster, Herefordshire HR6 8QW

**Description:** Application for variation of condition 2 following grant of planning permission. 171903 (Proposed construction of a pair of semi-detached dwellings) To allow the design of the approved semi- detached houses to be amended.

**Applicant(s):** Mr S Griffiths

**Grid ref:** OS 348822, 259113

**Application type:** Planning Permission

**Comment:** No Objection

**Application no & site address:** Planning Consultation - **200726** - Alba, Bargates, Leominster, Herefordshire, HR6 8EY

**Description:** Proposed replacement of all of the external windows and the front door with timber casement windows and wood panelled door, obscure glaze to rear window.

**Applicant(s):** Mr Andrew MacLachlan

**Grid ref:** OS 349305, 258991

**Application type:** Listed Building Consent

**Comment:** No Objection

## PH64/20 DECISIONS

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

**Leominster East**

**Number:** P201468/K

**Current status:** Determination Made

**Decision:** Trees in Cons Area Works Can Proceed

**Type:** Works to Trees in a Conservation Area

**Location:** Grange Court The Grange Leominster Herefordshire HR6 8NL

**Proposal:** T1 - Austrian Pine tree to remove any hazardous dead or hanging snapped out branches. Crown thin by 20-30% removing branches no larger than 80mm, to reduce weight loading and lessen wind resistance.

**Comment:** No Objection

**Leominster East**

**Number:** P201815/L

**Current status:** Determination Made

**Decision:** Approved with Conditions

**Type:** Listed Building Consent

**Location:** 15 Church Street Leominster Herefordshire HR6 8NE

**Proposal:** Proposal to re-roof building, awning and associated works

**Comment:** No Objection

## PH65/20 HIGHWAYS AND PARKING MATTERS

### (a) Highway and Parking Matters

- A letter from a resident regarding the hiring of electric scooters within the town. The committee considered support for this and noted that the scooters were currently illegal unless rented out, as insurance is included. It was proposed by Cllr. Rosser, seconded by Cllr. Rumsey and **RESOLVED** not to support this as the condition of the public realm is not deemed suitable for safe operation at this time.
- A letter was also received from a resident to complain about the condition of the highways in town, the TTRO and the new Welcome sign on Cholstrey Road. The clerk informed committee that a full response had been sent to the resident outlining that Leominster Town Council is not the Highways Authority and that Herefordshire Council is responsible. Also that the site of the sign had been agreed with the Senior Engineer at Balfour Beatty. It was also outlined that the recent confirmation of the Heritage Action Zone project will attract public realm funding.
- Concerns were raised regarding a sign that restricts visibility on A49 roundabout when pulling out from the Mill Street directions and looking right at the traffic approaching from Hereford. A photo will be submitted so that the issue can be reported to Highways England.

- (b) **Cycling and Walking COVID-19 response-** Committee received an update from Cllr. Marsh, Cllr. Thomas and Cllr. Rumsey who have been engaging with the public when the barrier is in place. There have been many comments, both in favour of and against the measures. The clerk will contact Herefordshire Council to ask about feedback, since the measures had been put in place, from both businesses and shoppers.

## PH66/20 LICENCING MATTERS

No licencing applications have been received to consider.

## PH67/20 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Committee noted that the next meeting would be held on Monday 7<sup>th</sup> September 2020 commencing at **18:00 hours** either remotely via Zoom or in the Council Offices, 11 Corn Square, Leominster, HR6 8YP depending on the lifting of social distancing restrictions by central government.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 19.52 hours.

**CHAIR:**

**DATE:**