

TENBURY TOWN COUNCIL 2016/17 MEETING TC11

Minutes of the meeting of **TENBURY TOWN COUNCIL** held on **MONDAY 6TH FEBRUARY 2017 at 7.00pm in the Pump Rooms, off Teme Street, Tenbury Wells.**

PRESENT: Cllrs. S. Bowkett, M. Davies, M. Drummond, J. Fielder, A. Gould, E. Hudson, D. Ingram, D. Patrick, S. Perry, C. Rogers, E. Weston and Mayor Cllr M. Willis [**Chair**],

IN ATTENDANCE: Mrs L. Bruton (Town Clerk), Miss S. Blackhurst (Assistant to the Clerk), WCC – Cllr. K. Pollock and 7 Members of the public.

11.1 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

The Council received apologies on behalf of Cllr. J. Morgan.

11.2 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No declarations of interest were made under the Code of Conduct pursuant to the Localism Act 2011 in respect of items on the agenda.

11.3 PUBLIC PARTICIPATION

The Council heard from Mr Gary Thompson, a representative of the Chamber of Trade. Mr Thompson presented the Council with an open letter from the Chamber of Trade voicing concerns that the local traders had regarding the opening date of the new Tesco store being the 23rd of February, prior to the Public Realm works in Teme Street being completed. This being contrary to the planning permission terms which Tesco had been given. He stated that the effect of the disruption to Teme Street during the works would have a detrimental effect on the local traders who had already been experiencing poor trade during the building works to the store and road works widening the junction of Teme Street and the A456. Added to that, the current shortage of parking spaces available due to the contractors taking many of the parking spaces was not helping. Mr Thompson finished by saying that the repeated changing of dates for commencement of works was leaving the traders frustrated and that he felt that if communication from Tesco had been better, then people may not have felt so upset.

In reply to Mr Thompson's concerns, the Chair, Cllr. Willis stated that as of the time of the meeting, no official opening date had been agreed for the new Tesco Store, therefore they were not in breach of any Planning Permission terms. It was unfortunate that there had been some delays and changes to dates for work commencement, but these had been unavoidable and not wholly Tesco's fault. With regards the current parking issues, the new overflow car park is currently under construction and should be completed before the end of the Teme Street Public Realm works. This will provide 65

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additional spaces which will help alleviate the parking issues. Due to complaints from members of the public, the contractors were requested to park in the pay and display car park rather than the Town Council's free car park.

11.4 WORCESTERSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL'S REPORT – CLLR. K. POLLOCK

With reference to his report, Cllr. Pollock wished to correct a point concerning the opening of the Worcestershire Parkway Station. In his report he states that the plan is to open the station in the spring of next year. This should read the winter of next year.

With regards the opening of the new Tesco store, Cllr. Pollock stated that Malvern Hills District Council had requested Worcestershire County Council to specify the highway and pedestrian safety risks that would result in opening the store before the Public Realm work is completed. The result of this was that enforcement of the planning conditions on the grounds of safety to the public was unlikely. Cllr. Pollock stated, however, that Tesco had still not decided on a definite opening date.

Cllr. Hudson drew Cllr. Pollock's attention to an email he had received from a St Michael's resident regarding a speeding related accident and his feelings on the decision made by the Safer Roads Partnership after collection of data showed the average speed to be 32mph and that therefore no action was required. The resident has been in touch with the highways department, highlighting the number of speed related accidents there have been in this location. He has also spoken with a local Police Community Support Officer who stated that St Michaels is one of five villages in the area where speeding has given rise to community concern resulting in data collection by the Safer Roads Partnership. All five express disbelief in the findings leaving the resident questioning the calibration of the equipment used to record the data. Cllr. Hudson asked if the Council had recourse on the Safer Roads Partnership's decision.

Cllr. Pollock stated that he did not believe the calibration of the equipment used to be in question and that it was difficult for pedestrians to judge the speed of passing vehicles, but that he agrees entirely that action is required and that you must listen to local people. Cllr Pollock also stated that measures such as double white lines and lowering of the 40mph limit to 30mph at the county boundary should be considered.

11.5 MALVERN HILLS DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – CLLR. A. PENN

Cllr. Penn was, unfortunately, unable to attend the meeting. Cllr. Penn had submitted a monthly report from which no questions were raised.

11.6 TO CONFIRM THE MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON THE 9TH JANUARY 2017

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Cllr. Patrick requested an amendment to minute reference 10.11, to remove the wording, 'but that no access to the changing rooms would be available.'

Subject to the change, Cllr. Patrick proposed, Cllr. Weston seconded and unanimously.

RESOLVED:

The minutes of the Town Council meeting held on the 9th January 2017 were confirmed as a true and accurate account of the meeting. The minutes were duly signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of the proceedings.

11.7 TO RECEIVE THE DRAFT MINUTES OF MEETINGS OF THE COMMITTEES.

Members noted the minutes of the meetings detailed below:

Facilities Committee – 16th January 2017

Planning Committee – 23rd January 2017

Finance and Staffing Committee – 23rd January 2017

Cllr. Ingram requested a spelling correction to the minutes of the Facilities Committee reference 4.3, that 'Yarringtons' should read 'Yarrantons'

Subject to the change, Cllr. Perry proposed, Cllr. Ingram seconded and unanimously.

RESOLVED:

The minutes of the Facilities Committee meeting, held on the 16th January 2017, the minutes of the Planning Committee held on the 23rd January 2017 and the minutes of the Finance and Staffing meeting, held on the 23rd January 2017 were noted.

11.8 TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE ON THE REGAL AND MANAGEMENT, BY THE REGAL TENBURY TRUST

No report had been received at the time of the meeting.

11.9 PLANNING APPLICATIONS

11.9.1 17/00004/HOU Proposed new open porch with room for storage of logs at Berrington Mill House, Berrington, Worcestershire, WR15 8TH.

It was proposed by Cllr. Weston and seconded by Cllr. Davies and unanimously..

RESOLVED to recommend **APPROVAL**

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11.9.2 17/00103/FUL Provision of larch clad ATM pod together with galvanised anti-ram raid bollards at Tesco, 62 Teme Street, Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire, WR15 8AA.

The Council felt that they could not make a decision as there was insufficient information on the Malvern Hills District Council Planning Portal.

11.10 CALENDAR OF MEETINGS 2017/18

To consider and approve the calendar of meetings for 2017/18.

Proposed by Cllr. Drummond, seconded by Cllr. Patrick and unanimously.

RESOLVED:

The Council accept the calendar of meetings for 2017/18.

11.11 FEES AND CHARGES FOR 2017/18

To consider and approve the charges for the Town Council Cemetery for 2017/18.

The Council agreed that the current fees for the Town Council Cemetery were too low. Following a discussion it was decided to raise the fees to the same fee structure as the Church uses.

It was proposed by Cllr. Rogers, Cllr. Perry seconded and unanimously.

RESOLVED:

The Council approved the revised scale of fees and charges for the Town Council Cemetery for 2017/18 to be the same as the church fees.

11.12 WORCESTERSHIRE'S LOCAL TRANSPORT PLAN (LTP) – 2017/2030

To note the public consultation for Worcestershire's next Local Transport Plan (LTP4)

Cllr. Hudson said that he had examined the document and did not find any points of relevance regarding transport, to Tenbury Wells. The Council were asked to read the document for discussion at the next Full Council Meeting.

11.13. CORRESPONDANCE FOR INFORMATION

11.13.1 Letter of thanks was received from NILS for the donation from the Mayors Charitable Fund.

11.13.2 A reminder from the Tenbury Transport Trust that there will be a launch for their new bus on Friday the 10th February 2017 on the Burgage, with light refreshments to follow at the Pump Rooms.

11.13.3 A letter was received from the owners of the Corn Exchange with regards the Public Realm works to be carried out by Worcestershire **County**

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Council. They requested that the dropped kerb at the property be re-instated when the pavements are improved which should alleviate the problem of water gathering in the dip and causing a large puddle in heavy rain.

11.13.4 A letter had been received from a resident voicing concerns regarding the relocation of the bus shelter. The letter had been forwarded to Cllr Pollock. Cllr. Pollock has replied to the letter to explain the decision for the relocation of the new bus shelter.

11.13 COUNCILLORS' REPORTS AND ITEMS FOR FUTURE AGENDA

Cllr. Willis requested the local Transport Plan be added to the next agenda for discussion.

Cllr. Weston requested that the future of the existing bus stop be added to the next agenda for discussion.

Meeting closed at 8:31 pm

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