

## TENBURY TOWN COUNCIL 2015/16 MEETING TC03

Minutes of the meeting of **TENBURY TOWN COUNCIL** held on **MONDAY 6<sup>th</sup> JULY 2015** at **7.00pm** in the Pump Rooms, off Teme Street, Tenbury Wells.

**PRESENT:** Mayor Cllr M. Willis, Cllrs S. Bowkett, M. Davies, M. Drummond, A. Eachus, J. Fielder, Deputy Mayor Cllr D. Ingram, J. Morgan, D. Patrick, S. Perry, C. Rogers, E. Weston.

**APOLOGIES:** MHDC – Cllr P Grove, Cllr E Hudson

**IN ATTENDANCE:** Admin Assistant, WCC - Cllr K. Pollock, MHDC – Cllr A Penn 2 members of the press, 2 members of the public

### 3.1 Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr P Grove and Cllr E Hudson

**RESOLVED** that apologies be accepted.

### 3.2 Declarations of Interest

Cllr J Morgan item 3.9 Planning Application15/00578/FUL.

### 3.3 Public Participation

None

### 3.4 Worcester County Councillor's Report – Cllr K. Pollock

Attached Appendix A

#### Questions/Comments from Councillors

- Cllr Eachus commented that the bell bollard though not attractive would be a potential solution and queried whether it would need to be as high as suggested. He also expressed concerns about tarmac 'opening up' by Market House and pointed out that another kerb stone had been broken near to the greengrocers in Market Street. Cllr Pollock stated that there was still a lot of work to be done around the Market and these issues would be addressed.
- The Mayor asked if Cllr Pollock would keep Cllr Eachus and the Town Clerk informed re progress in completion of the Public Realm works.

### 3.5 Malvern Hills District Councillor's Report – Cllr A. Penn

MHDC had a back dated call from central government to provide £1million to support NHS locally. Fortunately MHDC have reserves to manage this. Cllr Penn advised that a Joint Advisory Board had been formed to look at the sharing of services between Wychavon and Malvern Hills in areas such as Waste Collection, Legal and Housing Services.

The inspector has finished his examination of the SWDP and his report is expected around September/October this year.

There has been recent interest in Tenbury Business Park.

MHDC have deferred making a decision on the proposed Broiler Unit at Bockleton. Information from Hereford & Worceste County Council has not been sufficient and MHDC had asked for an independent report on traffic issues. The final decision would be made at a meeting to be held in Tenbury.

Gordon Morris has retired and replaced by Ron Evans who will be looking at complaints re the cleanliness of the public toilets in Tenbury and the concerns about there early closure.

Two representatives from Tesco will be meeting later on in the week with members of the Museum Society with respect to the Society leasing the old Fire Station.

Cllr Penn congratulated the town Planning Committee and stated that he was generally delighted with their detailed work.

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### **3.6 To confirm the Minutes of the Full Council meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015.**

The minutes of the meeting, held on 1<sup>st</sup> June 2015 were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of proceedings.

The Mayor as a matter arising from the minutes confirmed that a structural engineer had examined the changing rooms and stated they were structurally safe. His written report is awaited.

### **3.7 To receive the Minutes and approve the resolutions of the meetings of the Facilities Committee held on 15th June and the Planning Committee held on 29th June 2015 and the Finance & Staffing Committee held on 29th June 2015.**

The Minutes of the meetings were received and resolutions approved.

### **3.8 To approve the Monthly Accounts for June 2015 and the Outstanding Accounts for July 2015 as recommended by the Finance and Staffing Committee on 29th June 2015**

See Appendix B

**RESOLVED** that the Monthly Accounts be approved and the Outstanding Accounts be approved for payment

### **3.9 To consider the re-consultation on Planning Application 15/00578/FUL in light of new information received. Conversion of storage building into 3 dwellings 6-7 Westview Terrace, Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire, WR15 8ED**

Cllr Morgan left the Chamber. Cllr Eachus summarised the situation in that Planning Committee had previously recommended refusal for 3 reasons which had basically been confirmed by the Conservation Officer. Two of the issues had been addressed on revised plans but the third had not. It was therefore resolved to again be recommended as refusal.

Cllr Morgan returned to the Chamber.

### **3.10 To consider revision to membership of committees in light of Cllr Ingram's appointment as Chair of the Facilities Committee.**

Resolved that Cllr Ingram would move from Planning to Finance and be replaced on Planning by Cllr Davies

### **3.11 To consider whether the timing of Full Council should be changed from the first Monday of each month for the Council year starting in April 2016 to ensure that a completed month can be considered for Finance purposes.**

Cllr Patrick outlined his reasoning in suggesting the move so that Finance and Staffing Committee would be recommending for approval to Full Council completed monthly accounts. The Mayor indicated that this would involve moving Finance and Staffing meeting to the 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month and Full Council to the 3<sup>rd</sup> Monday. Cllr Eachus wondered if another option would be for Finance Committee and subsequently Full Council being presented with completed monthly accounts a month in arrears. It was decided that the Town Clerk should be consulted on return from holiday by the Mayor regarding the options. Overwhelmingly it was felt that any changes should be made if thought to be the most efficient and within legal restraints.

### **3.12 To review and approve the Town Council Environmental Policy**

Councillors examined the Policy and having made no amendments resolved that it be approved.

### **3.13 To receive an update on the Regal and its management by the Regal Tenbury Trust**

Report was viewed and acknowledged.

### **3.14 Correspondence for Information**

The Mayor read out letters of thanks from NILS & Tenbury in Bloom for the Town Councils donations.

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**3.15 Councillors' reports and items for future agenda**

Cllr Ingram wondered if it was worth holding a Town Council meeting at St Michael's village hall in the future. This was agreed to be an Agenda item at next Full Council meeting.

Meeting closed at 8:08 pm

Signed .....

Date .....

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06.07.15

## COUNTY COUNCILLOR REPORT

### 1. Public Realm

Looking back at last month's report, I have to admit we have not completed the work to the timetable I had been told at that time. More detailed design work around the Market and between it and the Tavern has been done and I am confident the final work will meet widespread approval.

Several more bollards have been installed, the different design of the base reflecting the proximity of utilities. There are two outstanding problems. The corner shop by the Tavern, currently empty, is damaged by lorries mounting the kerb. A warning sign might be placed on the wall or maybe a hanging basket could be fixed to the corner as a visual reminder to keep clear.

Secondly the Crow Corner bollards are vulnerable. From all recent reports this seems to be caused by tractors and trailers and occurs because they have a short wheelbase and can thus adjust their angle of turn in mid corner. The swept path analysis works well for buses and articulated lorries but clearly does not take account of short wheelbase tractors with large trailers.

The current plan is to use a bell shaped bollard on the corner that is robust enough to withstand a collision with a vehicle and will have a conventional steel bollard incorporated to give it height and thus be less likely to be hit by reversing vehicles.

There is detailed work to be done on waste bins and some restoration work on mortar fillets. The lifting of the two slabs outside Naz's restaurant has been treated, but is as yet unexplained.

In the next few days, further signs to slow the traffic will be installed, largely consisting of "slow" signs painted on the road. There have been some reports of vehicles grounding and these would seem to indicate that some drivers are travelling at excessive speeds for the conditions. A 20mph speed limit is envisaged as part of the works and this may be imposed before the second phase is completed.

### 2. Chief Executive Visit

I have arranged for Clare Marchant, the WCC Chief Executive, to visit Tenbury on the morning of the 12<sup>th</sup> August. I suggest that those Town Councillors who would like to take part should meet at 10.00 in the Pump Rooms for an informal chat, before I go with Clare to show her the Public Realm work currently completed and the area still to be done.

### 3. Verge cutting

The County has the duty of keeping verges trimmed but its remit is largely to do with safety rather than aesthetics. This week's Full Council meeting will see a notice of motion that I may be seconding that seeks to commit Worcestershire to being a Pollinator Friendly County. The intention is that we should support the essential work of pollinating insects by making minimal cuts of verges and other open grassland owned by the County.

I would be grateful if anyone could tell me of places where we have been over-zealous and cut more than necessary, probably in the misguided belief that all such verges should be neat and tidy. Sadly, we do not always conform to our principles, as a recent mistake in Bickley has shown.

#### 4. Footways and carriageways

I am in process of compiling a list of footways – i.e. footpaths alongside roadways – that are in need of repair. Please let me know of any footways you know of that need urgent attention.

I have some money to allocate to this effort, and some also to repair the carriageway. Again, please let me know if there are places that need work immediately and I will add them to my list.

#### 5. Ketch roundabout and road design

Some of you may have read about the problems with the new Ketch roundabout on the Worcester Southern Link. The whole project was reviewed at my scrutiny panel ten days ago and well reported in the press. Clearly certain aspects of the design were at fault and John Hobbs made an unreserved apology for the problems encountered.

The important aspects overlooked were the topography, meaning that the merged lanes happened on a sloping section, impeding visibility, and that the new road was opened prematurely, without some of the essential signage in place.

These problems have been overcome and the increased traffic flow across the roundabout has proved the benefit of the expenditure. The next phases will be dualling the road up to the Whittington roundabout and then the dualling of the Carrington Bridge and causeway to Powick. We are encouraged by the noises coming from the DfT about support for these works and we hope that once completed, the access to and from Malvern and the M5 will be greatly improved.

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