

TENBURY TOWN COUNCIL 2012/13 – TC04

Minutes of the **TOWN COUNCIL** meeting held on **Monday 23rd July 2012 at 7.15 pm in the Pump Rooms, off Teme Street, Tenbury Wells.**

PRESENT: Mayor Cllr S. Corfield, Deputy Mayor Cllr G. Price, Cllrs S. Bowkett, M. Drummond, E. Hudson, D. Ingram, R. Jones, J. Morgan, A. Rigby, J. Watson, M. Willis

IN ATTENDANCE: Town Clerk, Heritage Access Officer, 2 members of the public

APOLOGIES: Cllrs J. Da Costa, E. Weston

4.1. Apologies. To receive apologies and to approve reasons for absence

Apologies had been received from Cllrs Da Costa and Weston.

RESOLVED that apologies be accepted.

4.2. Declarations of Interest.

None

4.3. Presentation from Developer re. Outline application for development of 44 dwellings - Land at Oldwood Road Tenbury Wells ref. 12/00876/OUT

Mr John Cooper of Kensington & Edinburgh Estates and Ms Kat La Tzar of West Mercia Housing Group made the presentation. Members were reminded of the history of the site and the recent successful completion of 44 houses which had all been taken by people with local connections which demonstrated the demand in Tenbury. The new application was for a second phase of housing and it was hoped that Members would feel this application had more merit than others at nearby sites.

Members raised concerns regarding drainage in flood conditions and sewerage after reports of recent problems at Wheeler Orchard due to extra flow from the completed site. These were noted by the speakers who in response to the drainage issue said the much research had been done into drainage and water management on the new scheme which would prove better than the untouched green field site. Concerns were also raised over the lack of single person and first time buyer properties.

4.4. Public Participation. (15 minutes maximum duration)

None

4.5. Worcester County Councillor's Report – Cllr K. Pollock

Cllr Pollock reported as follows

- Remedial work on the Teme Bridge railings was complete.
- Impressed by the town's response to the recent flood events and noted that he was supporting MP Harriett Baldwin's campaign for more permanent flood protection in the area.
- Aware of the sewerage problem on Wheeler Orchard and this was now with Severn Trent Water to resolve.
- Tenbury jobless figures were 2.2% which was less than the national average of 5.4%.
- Primary School intake numbers in the town are diminishing which will have a knock on effect on the High School so new houses with families were to be welcomed.
- Overgrown footpath on the way up to Oldwood Common was being looked at.
- Discussions continued on the accommodation of the Household Amenity Site off Bromyard Road.
- Members should approach WCC highways with a view to storing sandbags at the Bromyard Rd depot.
- Bad smelling drains would be addressed in October.
- Public Realm – he hoped a display of the proposed ideas could be made soon.

4.6. Malvern Hills District Councillor's Report – Cllr P. Grove

Cllr Grove reported as follows

- Preferred Options for the South Worcestershire Development Plan were now under consultation and would be available to view at the Pump Rooms on Thursday 23rd August from 2-8pm. MHDC officers would be on hand to advise and discuss. Everyone was encouraged to attend.
- Car Parking charges would drop from September 1st.
 - 1 hour would be 50p (was 60p)
 - 2 hours would be £1 (was £1.20)
 - Two hour permit would be £25 per annum.
 - Quarterly permit charge would drop from £60 to £40 and the annual permit from £180 to £120.

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- MHDC would become responsible for civil enforcement of parking on streets of Tenbury from September 1st. 6-8 wardens would cover Tenbury, Malvern and Upton and would be able to issue fines for parking related offences.
- There was some new interest in the business park
- A School/Business initiative was being set up to match skills to businesses so school leavers were well prepared.
- A business survey would be taken in Tenbury on Saturday 28th July as part of independent retailer month.
- Loyalty Scheme – 36,400 cards had been entered into the draws over 6 months with a total of 550,000 stickers collected by shoppers in town. Funding still remained and would be used to provide clinics and events to support local business.
- Recent flood event had prompted requests for grant help but the grant available had now all been spent.

Dates for the diary

13th October – Applefest

23rd November – Christmas Lights Switch On

27th November – 1st Mistletoe Auction

1st December – Mistletoe Day

4th December – 2nd Mistletoe Auction

8th December Santa Parade

11th December – 3rd Mistletoe Auction

4.7. To confirm the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 25th June 2012.

The minutes of the meeting held on 25th June 2012, were confirmed and signed by the Chairman as a true and correct record of proceedings.

4.8. To consider Planning Application 12/000876/OUT

Outline application for residential development of 44 dwellings (including 18 affordable dwellings), public open space together with associated roads and parking. Access taken from existing access off Oldwood Road. Replacement field access. Land At (Os 5921 6771). Oldwood Road, Tenbury Wells, Worcestershire.

Members were very concerned that this development needed to be considered in the wider context of future plans for Tenbury Wells. For this reason they felt the South Worcestershire Development Plan needed to be agreed before any decision could be taken.

RESOLVED to recommend REFUSAL as such a decision could not be taken in the absence of a structured plan and Members needed to see the full picture to understand the cumulative effect.

4.9. To receive the HLF Regal Project – Monthly Report.

Contents of the report were noted.

4.10. To consider any matters requiring further discussion regarding the HLF Regal Project.

Members were asked to help with preparations for the 1930's Gala Opening on 29th July and those who would be attending were requested to act as marshals in the event of an emergency.

4.11. To be updated on purchase of digital equipment for the Regal.

Clerk reported that an update on delivery date was awaited from installers but installation was planned for mid August.

4.12. To consider the future of 35mm projection equipment in the Regal.

With the forthcoming installation of digital equipment and the need for space for lighting and sound desks for theatre productions it was felt that the 35mm projector should be moved out of the projector room for display elsewhere in the building. The Heritage Access Officer had previously discussed this matter with the HLF monitor and had been told the Monitor did not wish to see the projector moved but it was unclear whether this meant from the room or from the building. Members were keen to ensure that the building could be used by as many different groups as possible once it reopened and so felt that the HLF response should be clarified.

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RESOLVED that the Clerk write to the HLF monitor to enquire if it would be acceptable to re-site the projector within the building to facilitate the installation of new equipment and additional facilities.

4.13. To consider the proposed lease agreement for leasing of the Regal and Community Centre to the Regal Tenbury Trust.

Members had considered the proposed lease agreement and were aware that minor changes might need to be made depending upon the response from the Regal Tenbury Trust. Time was of the essence to get the lease complete by the end of August.

RESOLVED that the proposed lease agreement was considered acceptable and that powers to negotiate and finalise the lease on behalf of the Council be delegated to the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and the Town Clerk.

4.14. To consider proposals from Tesco relating to the development of Town Council property at the Riverwalk as part of the approved development of the former Cattle Market site.

Members had considered the proposals for development of the Riverwalk and transfer of ownership of certain new areas into Council hands as per the attached plan.

RESOLVED that the proposals were considered acceptable and that powers to negotiate and finalise any agreement on behalf of the Council be delegated to the Mayor, the Deputy Mayor and the Town Clerk.

4.15. To receive a report from the council representative on the Chamber of Trade

Cllr Watson noted that it was frustrating not to receive agendas or minutes for the CoT meetings. The Mayor reported that a dinner dance on 6th July had been well attended. A Race night was planned for 22nd September, a Quiz Night on 29th September and a Concert at St. Mary's on 23rd November, all in aid of the Christmas lights fund. CoT members had asked when they could hope to receive the £500 donation promised toward the Christmas lights. While this was all to the good Members were disappointed to note that the CoT seemed to be nothing more than a fundraising body for the Christmas light fund.

4.16. To be informed of any Licensing Applications from the MHDC Website

None

4.17. To approve the Monthly Accounts for July 2012 and the Outstanding Accounts for August.

Members had not received details ahead of the meeting. To be circulated by the Clerk.

4.18. To receive Members declarations of interest to comply with 2011 Localism Act.

Received.

4.19. Correspondence for Information

None

4.20. Clerk's report including any Urgent Decisions since the last meeting

None

4.21. Councillors' reports and items for future agenda

None

Meeting closed at 9:10 pm

Signed

Dated