

## MINUTES

Minutes of a meeting of the **REPRESENTATIONAL COMMITTEE** held at the Guildhall Mill Street Ludlow on **TUESDAY 30<sup>th</sup> July 2024 at 7pm.**

### R/062 **PRESENT**

Chair: Councillor G Ginger

Councillors: Councillors Gill, Hall, Tapley, Thompson, B Waite, S Waite.

Officers: Gina Wilding, Town Clerk.  
Charlotte Ambrazas, Committee Officer.

### R/063 **ABSENCES**

Councillors De Gersigny, Hall, Harris and Parry

### R/064 **HEALTH AND SAFETY**

The Chairman informed Councillors, and everyone present, of the fire exits, fire assembly point and asked that everyone sign the attendance log.

### R/065 **RECORDING OF MEETINGS**

The Chairman notified those present that under the Openness of Local Government Regulations 2014, recording and broadcasting is permitted during public session of Council Meetings.

### R/066 **APOLOGIES**

Apologies were received from Councillor De Gersigny, Councillor Hall and Councillor Parry.

### R/067 **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

None

Conflicts of Interest

None

Personal Interest

Cllr S Waite	24/02711/TCA	Knows Owner
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### R/068 **PUBLIC OPEN SESSION (15 minutes)**

No members of the public were present.

### R/069 **LUDLOW'S UNITARY COUNCILLORS QUESTION AND ANSWER**

**SESSION**

No unitary Cllrs were present.

**R/070 MINUTES**

**RESOLVED GG/DT (unanimous)**

To approve the minutes of 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024 as a correct record for the Chairman to sign.

**R/071 ITEMS TO ACTION**

**RESOLVED GG/SW (unanimous)**

To note the items to action of 2<sup>nd</sup> July 2024

**R/072 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL DECISIONS PENDING**

**RESOLVED GG/DT (unanimous)**

That the decisions pending by Shropshire Council be noted

**R/073 SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL DECISIONS**

**RESOLVED GG/BW (unanimous)**

That the decisions by Shropshire Council be noted

**R/074 PLANNING APPLICATIONS**

**24/02455/FUL 21 Kennet Bank, Ludlow, SY8 1LL**

**RESOLVED GG/SW (unanimous)**

No Objection

**R/075 24/02486/LBC 68 Corve Street, Ludlow, SY8 1DU**

**RESOLVED GG/SW (unanimous)**

No Objection

**R/76 24/02568/FUL 12 Keepside Close, Ludlow, SY8 1BQ**

**RESOLVED GG/DT (unanimous)**

No Objection

**R/77 24/02711/TCA Brechans, Camp Lane, Ludlow, SY8 1EQ.**

**RESOLVED GG/SW (unanimous)**

No Objection

**R/78 24/02628/FUL The Manz , 26 Steventon Crescent, Ludlow, SY8 1JS**

**RESOLVED GG/SW (unanimous)**

No Objection

R/79 24/02688/TCA Hillcrest , 59 Gravel Hill, Ludlow, SY8 1QS

**RESOLVED GG/DT (unanimous)**

No Objection

R/80 24/02501/FUL Aquila House, Riddings Road, Ludlow, SY8 1HR

**RESOLVED GG/SW (unanimous)**

No Objection

R/81 24/02696/FUL 8 Blashfield Road, Ludlow, SY8 1UE

**RESOLVED GG/DT (unanimous)**

No Objection

R/82 **ROAD CLOSURE/TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT**

**RESOLVED GG/BW (unanimous)**

To note the closures.

Write to Shropshire Council to clarify the difference between traffic control / give and take.

R/83 **BUILDINGS BUILDING LAND AND TREES**

**RESOLVED GG/DT (unanimous)**

To add the information regarding the overhanging hedge at Station Drive to Shropshire Council.

R/84 **CONSULTATION: ON-STREET PARKING CHARGES**

**RESOLVED GG/BW (unanimous)**

To responds to Shropshire Council as follows:

#### **On-Street Parking Charges**

Ludlow Town Council does not support Shropshire Council's proposals to increase on-street parking charges in Ludlow. The parking charges are already too high for a small town – further increases of between 10 – 25% are not justifiable.

Ludlow is a small and popular market town – people want to visit because it is attractive and has good amenities and attractions for visitors, but charging excessively for parking will not encourage visitors to the town.

Shropshire Council (SC) reasons to justify the increases are not workable. The high parking charges are presented as a discerning deterrent that will displace parking to preferred areas. This is the wrong approach – overcharging will have a detrimental effect. The Town Council welcomes positive investment from Shropshire Council to improve bus services, but charging excessively for parking will harm the town.

Ludlow Town Council understands that fees do need to increase occasionally, and an increase in line with inflation at 2-3 % would support the long-term sustainability of the town.

**R/85 CONSULTATION: CAR PARKING CHARGES**

**RESOLVED GG/BW (unanimous)**

**Car Parking Charges**

Ludlow Town Council does not support Shropshire Council's proposals to increase car park parking charges at Castle Street, Galedford zone A and B, and Smithfield.

Shropshire Council reasons to justify the increases are not workable. In some cases, the increases are as much 40-50%. High parking charges will deter residents from the surrounding area from using Ludlow and may even encourage them to use towns in Herefordshire with lower parking charges.

The high parking charges are presented as a discerning deterrent that will displace parking to preferred areas. However, this is the wrong approach – overcharging will have detrimental effects. The Town Council welcomes positive investment from Shropshire Council to improve bus services, but charging excessively for parking will harm the town.

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**R/86 CONNEXUS HOUSING**

**RESOLVED GG/RJ (unanimous)**

To note the number of homes Connexus have built /bought as follows:

12 new homes at Sheet Road, Ludlow (purchased from Shropshire Homes) in 2022

1 x 4/5 bed house to be purchased imminently in Parys Road, Ludlow

21 new homes planned for Riddings Road, Ludlow (planning application to be submitted shortly)

**R/87 BUS SHELTER**

**RESOLVED GG/SW (unanimous)**

To not increase the size of the pavement tarmac at Parys Road / Travis Perkins site and to review the consultation information for an alternative location.

**R/88 NEIGHBOURHOOD PLAN AND DESIGN CODES**

**RESOLVED GG/BW (unanimous)**

To discuss the process at the next meeting.

**R/89 RURAL HOUSING ENABLER**

**RESOLVED GG/DT (unanimous)**

To note the information about the new role in Shropshire.

Meeting Closed at 7:31 pm

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Chairman

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Date