



**BEWDLEY**  
Town Council

**MINUTES OF THE COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COMMITTEE HELD ON  
MONDAY 17<sup>th</sup> JULY 2017 AT 6.00PM AT THE GUILDHALL**

**PRESENT**

Cllr Linda Candlin (Chair)  
Cllr Calne Edginton-White  
Cllr Mary Fishwick  
Mrs Alison Bakr  
Mrs Cat Banks  
Mr Martin Guard  
Mr Peter Michael

In attendance: Cllr Anna Coleman  
Cllr Roger Coleman  
Nick Farress, Town Clerk  
Kyle Daisley, Community Engagement Officer

**103 Apologies**

Councillors Killingworth and Yarranton and Mr Richard Perrin.

**104 Declarations of Interest**

None

**105 Dispensations**

None

**Public Question Time**

There were no members of the public present.

**106 Minutes**

The minutes of the meeting held on 19th June 2017 were approved as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

**107 Car Parking Arrangements in Bewdley**

The response from WFDC following this Committee's requests in relation to the height barriers and new car park was presented. The response was generally viewed as disappointing as none of the requests put forward had been agreed to and the Committee felt that the progress with the new car park in Load Street was particularly poor. Of further concern was the amount of time it is taking to repair the "temporary" surface in Dog Lane car park, investigations into which were ongoing with no firm timescale offered by WFDC. It was noted that traders are feeling the effects of the lack of parking generally. With reference to the height barriers it was noted that WFDC had not taken into account residents and worker's high vehicles that can no longer park in either long stay car park. A point was also made that the car park surface at Brinton Park in Kidderminster had also buckled but had not been closed.

In relation to the new Load Street car park, the Town Clerk advised that tender invitations had been sent out with a view to starting work in September. Whether

this had included a potential layout and material plan would be checked by the Town Clerk as the Town Council should have been consulted on this issue as promised several times by WFDC. It was noted that all tenders are available online via the WFDC website.

As agreed at the last meeting, a gathering of Councillors from all tiers is to be arranged to discuss highway, parking and traffic congestion related issues in order to gain some level of agreement. This meeting is to be arranged in due course but may need to avoid holiday season.

### **108 Public Space Protection Order Consultation**

Wyre Forest DC's proposals for a district-wide PSPO to control dog related activities was presented by the Town Clerk. The consultation is available online and Committee members were encouraged to make their personal views known. It was noted that some older dog owners may struggle to pick up their dog's waste but there was now implements available which avoid having to bend down. The issue of enforcement was also raised as this would be ineffective without an increase in fines for offences.

#### **AGREED**

To support the creation of a Public Space Protection Order which make the following offences:

- Failure to pick up dog faeces when in control of dog
- Failure to carry a poop bag or other means to clean up after a dog
- Failure to keep a dog on a lead in a designated area
- Failure to place a dog on a lead when directed to do so
- Failure to exclude dogs from fenced off or enclosed children's playgrounds
- Walking more dogs than is permitted at a time

### **109 Moving Street Furniture to accommodate Stanley Baldwin Statue**

A plan to move two Town Council owned benches to make way for the new Stanley Baldwin Statue was presented by the Town Clerk. There were also four bike racks that would require re-siting but the ownership of these was currently unknown.

#### **AGREED**

(i) To authorise the re-siting of the benches in the same locality but not in front of the statue. The final location would be agreed nearer the time of the statue installation by the Town Clerk.

(ii) To look into the re-siting of the bike racks to either the new Load Street car park or at a location along the riverside. This would be subject to the ownership of the racks and the land owner of the preferred site.

### **110 Neighbourhood Plan**

The Town Clerk presented the results of the recent objectives and policies consultation and the subsequent objectives and policies report. The timeline now would be to present the draft Plan for regulation 14 consultation in October with a view to holding a referendum in May 2018.

#### **AGREED**

To accept the reports as presented and allow the objectives and policies to go forward to draft Plan stage.

### **111 Events Working Group**

The Community Engagement and Events Officer presented a verbal report updating the Committee of his work and that of the Events Working Group. The Officer reported that the Council now have 7 casual event assistants and that the Council had supported Hopfest Family Music Festival and has been supporting the upcoming Heritage Weekend with advice and resources. The market offer had been expanded to include two Sundays per month, the feedback on which was good with an average of 30 stalls on each market day. A question was raised about trader's car parking. Market traders are advised to park in the pay and display car parks but only if they have cars due to the height barriers. The Redthorne car park could be used for larger vehicles. Parking on Severnside South is not encouraged by the Town Council or the market operator. It was also noted that there was a need to increase the number of event assistants to a minimum of 10.

### **112 Health Liaison Group**

Councillor Calne Edginton-White gave a verbal update following a meeting of the Group held on the 23<sup>rd</sup> May 2017. The new telephone appointment system seemed to be working well following teething problems, and the use of the car park on "high days and holidays" was an ongoing discussion in relation to the logistics of this arrangement. The written notes would follow.

### **113 Future Agenda Items**

The issue of a perceived increase in loud late night music in the town centre would be placed on the next Agenda. In the meantime, the Town Clerk would gather information about current licensing arrangements of certain premises in the town centre. It was noted that instances of excessively loud music should be reported each and every time to the Environmental Health department.

### **Date and Time of Next Meetings**

To note that the next bi-monthly meeting of the Community Development Committee will be held on **Monday 18<sup>th</sup> SEPTEMBER 2017** at **6.00pm** in the Guildhall.

*The meeting closed at 7.10pm*

**Signed.....**

**Chairman Community Development Committee – 18<sup>th</sup> September 2017**