**HEREFORD CITY COUNCIL**

**PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE**

**MINUTES**

**OF THE MEETING OF THE PLANNING & HIGHWAYS COMMITTEE**

**HELD AT THE TOWN HALL, HEREFORD**

**on Thursday 29th September 2016**

**Present:**  The Right Worshipful the Mayor and Councillors Boulter, Griffiths, Mansell, Michael, Stevens and Lloyd-Hayes

**OFFICERS ATTENDING:** Steve Kerry, Town Clerk; Mr John Bothamley representing Hereford Civic Society

**P204 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:**

Cllrs Dykes and Chappell

**P205 APPOINTMENT OF SUBSTITUTES:**

Councillor Stevens for Councillor Chappell

**P206 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST:**

None

**P207 MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING OF THE COMMITTEE:**

The minutes of the meeting of 8th September were agreed as an accurate record.

**P208 DISTRICT COUNCIL MEMBERS:**

**It was Resolved that the participation of those City Councillors who are also members of the County of Herefordshire District Council in both the debate and any subsequent vote on matters contained in this agenda is on the basis that the views expressed are preliminary views taking account of the information currently available to the City Council and that District Councillors reserve their final views on all applications until they are in full possession of all relevant information both for and against.**

**P209 POLICY ISSUES**

The Clerk reported that he had raised concerns about consistency and enforcement with Richard Gabb who is the Director of Strategic Programmes at Herefordshire with regard to the Area Plan.

On the eastern river crossing the Clerk has held a successful meeting with Mordiford Parish Council who have agreed to set aside £100-00 in their budget next year to support consultation. The Dinedor Parish Council meeting had been affected by confusion over the date but the Mayor has been re-invited in November. Regarding Hampton Bishop, this was still outstanding and the Clerk would follow up to achieve a date for the Mayor.

**P210 APPLICATIONS FOR PLANNING PERMISSION**

It was **Resolved**

**That the applications noted in the attached table, and the licensing matters attached with the responses of the City Council be agreed and forwarded to the Planning Authority by the Clerk.**

The Mayor apologised that he had to leave the meeting for another engagement at this point.

**P.211 CORRESPONDENCE**

**P211.1 Car Park Consultation**

Notwithstanding the information supplied by the Parking Manager at Herefordshire, the Committee reiterated its opposition to introducing pay on display at Maylords. This is a retrograde step when other shopping centres across the country favour pay on exit to encourage browsing.

**211.2 Council for the Preservation of Rural England**

The Clerk reported an invitation to Councillors to a forthcoming meeting

**211.3 Traffic Regulation Orders**

The continuing correspondence on this matter was noted and the Clerk’s position of criticising the way this had been presented by BBPL to parish councils was supported.

**211.4 Blueschool House**

Noted that Herefordshire Council had made a poor decision taking into account the financial benefits to themselves and the service delivery implications of closing the Franklin Barnes building which were not, in opinion of the Council, legitimate planning considerations. The requirement to enhance the conservation area had clearly not been met. The future of the conservation area and Herefordshire Council’s ambivalent attitude to it would be a key part of the Area Plan discussions.

**P212 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 18th October 2016.

There being no other business the Chairman declared the meeting closed at 7.40 pm.

Signed ……………………………………………………………………

Date ……………………………………………………………………....