



**Clun Town Council  
with Chapel Lawn**

**MINUTES OF CLUN TOWN COUNCIL WITH CHAPEL LAWN MEETING**

**HELD IN THE MEMORIAL HALL, CLUN ON TUESDAY 1<sup>st</sup> MARCH 2022**

**AT 7.30PM**

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>
Cllr. B. Angell Cllr. M. Duffee Cllr. D. Morris Cllr. Bill Shepherd Cllr. M. Wooldridge Cllr. S. Harris Cllr. R Davies Cllr. J. Limond	

<b>ALSO IN ATTENDANCE</b>	
Mr. Gwilym Rippon (clerk)	N.Hartin

No members of the public

	<b>Agenda item</b>	
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174-2021      1.      **ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

Please see above

175-2021      2.      **DECLARATION OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST IN A MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING**

No declarations were made

Name	Item	Personal	Prejudicial

176-2021      3.      **DISPENSATION REQUESTS**

There were no requests for dispensations.

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## 4. PUBLIC SESSION

There were no members of the public present however an email had been received which would be referred to later on.

The chair reported that the police report had been circulated.

Cllr. Hartin then presented his report.

- Council has set its Financial Strategy at Full Council
- Net budget for 2022/2023 is £224M
- Settlement was for one year not the expected three
- Council Tax set at 3.99% including a 2% levy for social care.
- The Council were still progressing the North West Relief Road
- The plans to demolish Shirehall and build a new headquarters as part of a new retail hub on the old Riverside site in Shrewsbury were passed. £4.2M had been committed to early work on this. The opposition suggested that the plans be paused and to consider the true environmental costs (i.e. lack of an embedded carbon audit) of demolition and rebuild was defeated.
- Council agreed to support communities in holding a Platinum Jubilee celebrations
- Shropshire Fire Authority last week passed (at the second attempt) a 1.99% Council Tax rise.

Members were reminded that there had been a Judicial review re Bishop's Castle Hospital this was not defended by the Trust, deemed effectively as an illegal closure as no proper public consultation, Physiotherapy now reinstalled, Eye clinic to recommence in April. The hospital could not reopen due to a lack of staff.

Following requests by a number of Parishes Cllr. Hartin stated that he had obtained agreement from the portfolio holder for Highways Cllr. Dean Carroll to attend a local public meeting in the division to present the Councils latest plans for up to £60M in plans to invest in highways over the coming years and to allow Cllr. Carroll to answer questions. This would likely be in Newcastle village hall late March/early April subject to diaries.

Cllr. Hartin stated that he was continuing to chase officers over various issues such as timescales for remedial work at Waterloo Road, Church bank and further issues relation to flooding.

## 178-2021 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022 following minor amendment was agreed.

## 179-2021 6. INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES

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Chair's initials



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The Chair reported that he had received an email from a member of the public highlighting the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine. This email was discussed by members and it was suggested that a grant could be given to a local group.

### **RESOLVED**

That the Council would support a local group who were collecting supplies to assist with the humanitarian crisis in Ukraine group to the amount not exceeding £500.00p

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### 7. MAYORS REPORT

I wish to place on record my thanks to Ryan and to Ros and Tom Barker for the very positive response they made about the flooding on Radio Shropshire. This demonstrated the resilience of the community and the way it pulls together.

Having said that I have been in communication with Cllr Hartin regarding the state of the Waterloo Ford and road up towards Wood side. I reported this personally to the Craven Arms depot manager 3-4 years ago requesting they look at reducing the level of the brook by dredging. They clearly have not. This lack of preventive maintenance is costing Shropshire Ratepayers dearly in terms of inconvenience and in terms of cash.

There have been written comments regarding the situation in Bridge street. I have referred the resident to the engagement exercise on the overall plans later this month. Along with several others I am encouraging as many as possible to engage in that exercise and encourage you to do the same.

#### Other Matters

I was not able to attend the Installation of the our New Vicar Rev Carline Harrison however she accepted an invitation to meet which we have done. She will be a very positive asset to our community and is keen to engage with the school and wider community.

I attended a meeting called by the Clun branch of the Shropshire Wildlife Trust regarding a bioblitz on the castle site on 2 July. This is way of engaging the wider community in understanding the wildlife significance of the site. I am personally involved in this.

I hosted a visit of the Deputy Lord Lieutenant Katherine Garnier when she was keen to meet the Chair of the show Committee Richard



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Bright, Trustees and volunteers of the Museum and Leaders of the Good Friends and Good neighbours. She is retuning in April to meet the Fires Service, Trinity Hospital and the WI. She has also been invited to support the Lunch in aid of Ukraine.

I had an informal meeting with the Environment Group secretary regarding Neighbourhood plans and Transport issues.

I am also working with Matt Donaldson on the IT aspects of the Highways engagement meeting planned for 29 March.

I was not able to attend the ESWS board owing to a funeral I had to attend.

### 181-2021 8. COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

The clerk stated that he not had any interest to be co-opted. The clerk was requested to produce an advertisement notice

### 182-2021 9. CLERK'S REPORT

The clerk reported that he had sent an application to move the water meter for the public toilets by putting a new connection in. This is in view of the undue length of the current condition and its rapidly deteriorating condition.

The burial records have been sent for them digitised and the firm requested to advise on the future capacity of the cemetery.

With regards to the office, the clerk stated he was awaiting a return call from the other solicitor. The Clerk agreed to follow this up with the requested clause detailing the status of the council and report on progress.

### 183-2021 10. PLANNING

Planning applications

1. 122/00668/TCA  
Application to reduce height of 1No. Cherry tree within Clun Conservation Area | 3 Bridge Street Clun Craven Arms Shropshire SY7 8JP  
Members discussed this application.  
**RESOLVED**  
The Council support the application

2. 22/00738/DIS



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Application for the discharge Conditions 3 (EPS Licence), 4 (photographic recording), 5 (archaeology), 7 (masonry), 8 (external and internal materials and finishes), 9 (roof detailing), 10 (fenestration) and 11 (roof lights) of planning permission No. 20/04158/FUL | Castle Cottage The Square Clun Craven Arms Shropshire SY7 8JA

### **RESOLVED**

The Council wished to make no comment.

3. 22/00576/DIS  
Application for the discharge Conditions 3 (EPS licence), 4 (photographic recording), 6 (masonry repairs), 7 (materials), 8 (roof detailing), 9 (fenestration) and 10 (roof lights) of listed building consent No. 20/04159/LBC | Castle Cottage The Square Clun Shropshire SY7 8JA

### **RESOLVED**

The Council wished to make no comment.

4. 22/00688/FUL  
Application for the installation of additional railings to castle keep | Clun Castle Castle Street Clun SY7 8JT

This application was discussed it was felt the platform should be removed.

### **RESOLVED**

The Council understands that the application to erect the barrier is for safety reasons The Council asks that if agreed that one of the conditions is the removal of temporary platform When finances allow in the future that a permanent platform is reinstated.

### **Planning matters**

Feedback from the meeting on 7 February with the Clun Catchment Liaison Group and to note Shropshire Council's submission to the Regulation 19 inspection.

Following the presentation, members discussed the above. The Council support and wish to engage with any forum which is established dealing with the management issues in relation to the Clun SAC (Special Area of Conversation).



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## 11. FINANCE

1. To receive the Bank Reconciliation
  2. To approve the following invoices for payment.
    - a. HMRC £164.98p S1-8 Localism Act 2011
    - b. J. Churchett £500.00p (toilet Cleaning) S1-8 Localism Act 2011
    - c. G. J. Rippon £89.94p (home working allowance, mileage and Zoom subscription) S1-8 Localism Act 2011
    - d. Pear Technology £1080.00 S1-8 Localism Act 2011
    - e. Pear Technology £942.00 S1-8 Localism Act 2011
    - f. Shropshire Council £336.22 (joint energy) S1-8 Localism Act 2011
    - g. SWALEC £408.46p Electricity S1-8 Localism Act 2011
- The Clerk was instructed to pay all invoices

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## 12. NEW CODE OF CONDUCT

The new Code of Conduct was discussed.

### **RESOLVED**

It was agreed to adopt the new Code of Conduct

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## 13. REPORTS FROM THE FOLLOWING:

1. Jubilee Celebrations - report on Progress Ryan DAVIES  
Cllr. Davies presented his report. A beacon had been suggested, an internet searched and it had been identified that a gas beacon appeared to be the safest. The final form to be decided in due course. The 2nd June was the day for the beacon to be lit.  
Another suggestion was a street party.  
It was requested that a grant be given to assist with purchase mugs and food to celebrate the Jubilee  
It was reported Chapel Lawn were also arranging celebrations for the Red Lake Valley community and were approaching the Town Council for Support.  
**RESOLVED**  
That the Council grant Chapel Lawn £600.00p to assist with the celebrations, and provide a sum of similar amount for Celebrations in Clun.
2. Clun Highways and Traffic Working Group Partnership - Engagement activities and publicity.



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WSP Officer engagement Consultant has been appointed.

Who stated that

The proposals are that there would be an on line consultation beginning on the 28th March and a hybrid meeting in Clun Memorial Hall on 29th March

3. Clun Climate and Environment Group – report  
Last meeting supported the Neighbourhood Plan, the Council needed to take the lead. The Chair reported that he was to meet soon with Mathew Mead along with the Chair and Secretary of the Clun Climate and Environment Group to talk about the process.
4. Consideration of their findings on Neighbourhood Plans  
Consideration of the document 15 Ask Plans  
The Chair will report back following the meeting with Mathew Mead and if council tree a public meeting will be called.  
The 15 Ask document relating to transport concerns of the South Shropshire Climate Action had be sent to all members.  
It was agreed that the Chair would respond.

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### 14. PROJECT REPORTS

1. Website  
There are 7 parts of the website 5 sections have been populated and functionality had been added.  
The Website Working group was to meet to look at the website, a date to meet was to be arranged.
2. Lengthsman  
17th February 2022 an officer of the Shropshire Highways office in Craven Arms was contacted and he was yet to respond come back. It was agreed that Nigel Hartin would contact the officer
3. Town Hall  
Cllr Shepherd made reference to his report regarding the restoration of the stonework, one contractor had declined. The contractors would be reporting by the end of March

Reports on other matters:



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1. Public Toilet clarification of maintenance requirements and water supply. This item was deferred until the Chair and Clerk had met on site to agree the programme of work.
2. Public carpark - repairs and waste bins  
The chair reported that he had a response from Shropshire Council Officer who stated that the fence would be replaced which they hoped would be by the end of the a financial year. Also, a request would be made for a larger bin to

**188-2021**      **15.    CORRESPONDENCE**

All items have been circulated.

**189-2021**      **16.    INFORMATION FROM COUNCILLORS**

There is a south area committee of SALC on the 7<sup>th</sup> March

Freeman of Clun. Councillor Harris recommended that the documentation be accepted and be advertised locally with notices placed around the town and on the website. Cllr Harris agreed to take this forward in liaison with the Clerk.

**190-2021**      **17.    AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

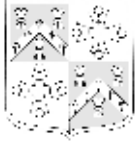
Sparc update.

**191-2021**      **18.    DATES FOR THE NEXT MEETINGS**

1. Highway's engagement 29 March Clun Memorial Hall from 2:00pm
2. The next meeting will be on the 5<sup>th</sup> April 2022 at 7.30pm at Memorial Hall

Signed by the Chair.





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Meeting closed 9.00pm