



# Clun Town Council with Chapel Lawn

## MINUTES OF CLUN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

**HELD AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, CLUN ON TUESDAY 2<sup>nd</sup> NOVEMBER  
2021 AT 7.30PM**

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>
Cllr. B. Angell Cllr. T. Baines Cllr. M. Duffee Cllr. D. Morris Cllr. R Davies Cllr. Bill Shepherd	Cllr. M Donaldson Cllr. J. Limond (Via Zoom) Cllr. S. Harris

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

### One member of the public

	<b>Agenda item</b>
118-2021	1. <b><u>ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES</u></b>

Please see above

119-2021	2. <b><u>DECLARATION OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST IN A MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING</u></b>
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Name	Item	Personal	Prejudicial
Ryan Davies	Correspondence	✓	

120-2021	3. <b><u>DISPENSATION REQUESTS</u></b>
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There were no requests for dispensations.

121-2021	4. <b><u>PUBLIC SESSION</u></b>
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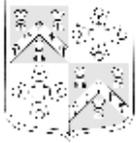
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Cllr Hartin reported the following

It looks like Shropshire Council along with other Local Authorities will be hit soon with the implications of the Governments boundary review, which is heading for an independent review, but which stipulates an aim for 3,500 electors per Councillor. Existing County Divisions such as Clun, Chirbury & Worthen, Bishops Castle & Ludlow are all seats that are too small by this metric. Government have said that there is a desire on their part to take into account rural divisions having a lower threshold due to their obviously sparsely populated nature, but it remains to be seen what the independent reviewers make of this. However, whatever the outcome, its likely to mean that the 2025 County Council Elections will be held using the new boundaries. Following on questions I asked at last Council, the new Portfolio Holder for transport Cllr Dean Carroll has now supplied a breakdown of where the latest 50 electric vehicle charging points are going to be situated across the County, which are as follows: (none unfortunately closer to us than Bishops Castle). 7kw Chargers are going in with an October/November installation date at the following County Car parks:

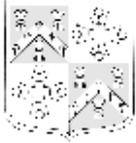
Bishops Castle - Harley Jenkins St Car park (4), Shrewsbury – Frankwell Quay car park (3), & Abbey Foregate car park (6), Ludlow - Mill St car park (4), Bridgnorth - Listley South car park (4), & Severn car park

(6), Ellesmere - Cross St car park (4), Market Drayton -Towers Lawn 2 car park (6), Whitchurch - Brownlow St car park or Newtown car park (6), Oswestry - Oak St car park (6).

This is of course good news, but not much for us here in more rural areas, Cllr Carroll however has indicated he does intend to further roll out EV points to more rural areas in due course, so I will keep up the pressure to hold him to that!

Due to the recently called North Shropshire By - Election, now being held on the 16th December, Shropshire Council has postponed its Full Council meeting due to take place on the 16th and its now likely to take place in the early new year. Depending on the candidates selected by local political parties there may also be a consequential Shropshire Council By - Election in the early new year, (at least two existing Shropshire Council members have applied for selection by the Conservative party for this N/Shropshire seat), if one of these candidates is selected to fight the seat by that party then, given the N/Shropshire seat is one of the safest Conservative seats in the Country

with a current majority of over 22K, its probably odds on that the seat will be retained by the Conservatives, leading to SC having to call a Council By Election if the Shropshire Council seat is vacated, unless



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it transpires during the election that the electorate is so fed up with the

'sleaze' that we end up with another shock result like that of Chesham & Amersham not that long ago, where the Liberal Democrats overturned a very large Conservative majority to take the seat. A member of the public made comment that minutes were not on the website. Also questioned whether there was any merit in having an office for the clerk. It was explained that having an office for the would allow for Councillors and members of the public to have physical contact.

### 122-2021 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 5<sup>th</sup> October 2021 following minor amendment was agreed.

### 123-2021 6. INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES

A question was asked what the strategy was for the Castle and had English Heritage needed to be contacted. It was agreed for the Clerk to write to English Heritage and seek and update.

### 124-2021 7. MAYORS REPORT

Highways

We have meeting of the Clun TC and SC partnership on Thursday. I have spoken with the Head of Highways regarding a public engagement activity. We agreed that this should be carried out stepwise. I will know more on Thursday and will inform council of the outcome. I anticipate the first stage of this will be early in the New Year.

I have also submitted comments from the Working Group on the final draft of the Vision document which contained a number of inaccuracies.

Other matters

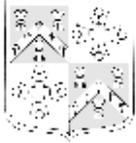
I have been invited to attend a Shropshire Wildlife Trust meeting on Friday this week to meet their CEO. I have accepted and will use the opportunity to support the work of our environment group, the community science bio blitz at the Castle, road verge wild flower corridors as well as to gauge their engagement with statutory agencies.

The Mayor reported that unfortunately Cllr. Donaldson had tendered his resignation due to work commitments. The Clerk was instructed to write a letter of thanks to Cllr. Donaldson for all his hard work whilst on the Council

### 125-2021 8. CLERK'S REPORT

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The Clerk reported that he would come across to collect the paperwork for the burial records.

The Clerk stated in regards the clerk's office he reported that he had been in touch with the lawyer who would be using the same room. She had looked through the licence to occupy and she would be sending the document for signature.

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### 9. PLANNING

Planning applications

1. 21/04774/DIS

Application to discharge Conditions 9 (stonework), 10 (re-roofing works), 11 (new roof construction details), 12 (new fenestration) and 13 (bird boxes) of planning permission No. 19/04957/FUL, plus Conditions 7 (stonework), 8 (re-roofing works), 9 (new roof construction details), 10 (floor sections), 11 (existing window repairs), 12 (new fenestration) and 13 (bird boxes) of listed buildings 19/0 consent No. 19/04958/LBC | Waterloo House Waterloo Lane Clun Craven Arms Shropshire SY7 8JF

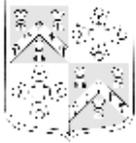
This was discussed at Council  
There were no comments made.

### 10. MEETING WITH SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL

Planning and the river Clun SAC issues.

The Mayor reported as follows: Since the last Council meeting I have attended one virtual Meeting on behalf of Council. Convened by Cllr Nigel Hartin it was attended by Cllr Johnathan Kemp Chair of Bucknell PC, and officers of Shropshire Council :- Ed West Planning Policy Manager and responsible for the Local Development Plan, Joy Tetsill Principal Planning Specialist - Environment, Suzanne Wykes Lead Ecologist and Hayleigh Deighton recently employed by formerly with the Environment Agency.

This was a very informative meeting but also very frustrating. Shropshire Council along with Environment Agency, Severn Trent and Natural England now refer to themselves as partners in addressing the issues on the river Clun. They have reached some agreement on the Policy DP 13 but there remain significant differences of opinion regarding mitigation (details circulated previously) as such the Agencies have submitted and objection under the Regulation 19 examination by the inspectors early next year indicating that no development should take place in the catchment. Also no restoration measures for the river have been agreed and their position is that mitigation is contingent on the restoration plan.



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A consultation group of SC, EA, NE, STW NFU and CLA has been set up to try and get agreement and resolution on the way forward. This met for the first time last month. This is at regional director level.

In summary SC are hanging all their hope on the arguments they put to the inspectors, next year. We missed the opportunity to comment on the reg 19 consultation and so will not be called although along with Cllr Hartin I am endeavouring to secure the opportunity to make our case directly to the inspectors.

Since the meeting I have obtained from EA the detailed water analysis on the river Clun going back many years. For an initial perusal of the data in Clun the river is failing the stated targets but only slightly, the further you go down the river the worse it gets. I believe we need to use this information to work for us to secure local mitigation measures for development in Clun. NE are working on report of the data and have promised to share it with us. I have secured agreement they will attend a meeting with Council in January or February next year.

In the meant time I require you agreement to forward the data to local knowledgeable expert in the next Parish who I hope can help interpret the data for us head of then.

I( have also secured dat from STW on the work they have completed on Treatment plants in the Catchment. All except Bishop's Castle have been upgraded. In the case of Clun to take account of planned increases in house numbers and their recent analysis shows a 90% reduction in phosphate from previously which is more than that requested.

Overall improvement to water quality in the river Clun will only be achieved through major changes in agricultural practice and land use changes - hence the involvement of the NFUn and CLA and the Agencies are becoming less tolerant of the potential of voluntary measures to achieve this.

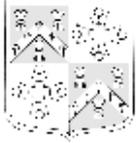
The result of all of this is we now have a better dialogue with Shropshire Council and the Agencies which I will continue to pursue.

### 127-2021 11. WEBSITE PROPOSAL

Cllr. Duffee presented his report, he stated that he had formulated how the website would look, he stated that he need some help to take it further. Cllr. Limond, Davies and Morris stated that they would assist in moving the website forward, Cllr. Duffee stated that he would send a link out for members to look at.

### 128-2021 12. LENGTHSMAN

The Chair thanked Cllr. Duffee for his report. Cllr Duffee stated it was a matter of priorities to work out which jobs really need to be undertaken. Members agreed to feedback any items which required attention. Also Cllr.



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Hartin was asked to establish who the contact was for this at Shropshire Council.

### 129-2021 13. FREEMAN OF CLUN

This matter was deferred as the Cllr involved had tendered his resignation Cllr Harris agreed to progress the procedure.

### 130-2021 14. FINANCE

#### 1. To receive the Bank Reconciliation

This was noted

One members asked for clarification it was explained that an item had been taken earlier than it appeared in the accounts.

#### 2. The budget and precept for the Year 2022-2023

This was discussed there were a number of items which needed amendments. Members were requested to email the Clerk with any suggested amendments.

#### 3. To approve the following invoices for payment.

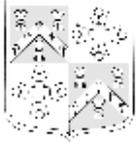
- a) HMRC £164.98p S1-8 Localism Act 2011
  - b) J. Churchett £500.00p (toilet Cleaning) S1-8 Localism Act 2011
  - c) G. J. Rippon £89.94p (home working allowance, mileage, and Zoom subscription) S1-8 Localism Act 2011
  - d) £30.00 (The RBL Poppy Appeal) S1-8 Localism Act 2011
  - e) Halls SMS £64.22) Toilet sundries) S1-8 Localism Act 2011
  - f) A. Wallace £40.00p S1-8 Localism Act 2011
- For information
- g) SWALEC £1982.24 (Electricity) S1-8 Localism Act 2011

The Clerk was instructed to pay the above invoices

One other matter was a request for assistance for the Memorial Hall for repair to the play area. Members were content for this matter to be supported

### 131-2021 15. UPDATES ON THE FOLLOWING

1. Town Hall  
Cllr. Shepherd stated that grant applications were being sought
2. Public Toilets  
Cllr. Baines gave his report
3. Streetlights  
All working apart for the Town Hall. Cllr. Morris. Stated that he had met officers from Shropshire Council, who stated that there was an issue with asbestos
4. ESWS



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Cllr. Baines reported that a report had been submitted for members to read, a copy will be attached to the minutes

**132-2021**      **16. CORRESPONDENCE**

All items have been circulated.

**133-2021**      **17. INFORMATION FROM COUNCILLORS**

Sad passing Beryl Palmer, who was a councillor for Chapel Lawn for many years.

Cllr. Davies brought up that there were a number of responsibilities in respect of operation London Bridge.

Cllr. Davies would be the Councillor leading on procedures for implementing the protocol working closely with the Clerk.

**134-2021**      **18. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

London Bridge  
Car parks and bins

**135-2021**      **19. DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meetings` will be on the 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 and 4<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30pm at memorial Hall

Signed by the Chair.

Meeting closed 9.37pm