

# Clun Town Council with Chapel Lawn

## MINUTES OF CLUN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT THE MEMORIAL HALL, CLUN ON TUESDAY 5<sup>th</sup> OCTOBER  
2021 AT 7.30PM

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

<b>ALSO IN ATTENDANCE</b>	
Mr. Gwilym Rippon (clerk)	N.Hartin
Cllr. D Morris (via zoom)	

### One member of the public

	<b>Agenda item</b>	
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**102-2021 1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES**

Please see above

**103-2021 2. DECLARATION OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST IN A MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING**

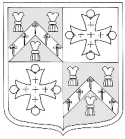
Name	Item	Personal	Prejudicial
Cllr. J. Limond	9 (1) Planning	✓	✓
Cllr. J. Limond	9 (2) Planning	✓	

**104-2021 3. DISPENSATION REQUESTS**

There were no requests for dispensations.

**105-2021 4. PUBLIC SESSION**

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## (i) Shropshire Councillor Report

Cllr Hartin reported the following

- There had been changes to various portfolio holders.
- It was reported that 50 EV points would be installed in Council car parks Mr Hartin to confirm where when known.
- There was an ongoing discussions or a remedy for the current block on housing development a meeting is been set up including Clun and Bucknell Parish Council chairs.
- Pressure is still being brought to bear in relation to the road land slip near Newcastle
- There would be a rollout of new recycling bins
- Discussions are ongoing in relation to re use of land previously used for ambulance station to be used for affordable housing
  
- A member of the public Mr N Lines officer representing Clun Parish Paths Partnership reported that he was retiring from the post. He informed the members that a new footpaths officer had been appointed. The chair thanked Mr Lines for all the hard work that he and the members of the footpath team had undertaken.

## 106-2021 5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The minutes of the meetings held on 7<sup>th</sup> September 2021 following minor amendment was agreed.

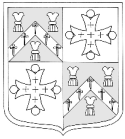
## 107-2021 6. INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES

The Autumn date it does not appear to be suitable it was suggested that it is moved to May.

It was reported that affordable housing was planed to be discussed and an officer from Shropshire to attend. However, the officer was not available, an email has been received that they were keen to work with the Town Council to deliver housing within the catchment area but the mechanism for assessing housing need would be discussed in the context of the solutions developed to address the block on housing as a result of the pearl mussel issue..

## 108-2021 7. MAYORS REPORT

Since our last meeting I have attended three additional meetings.



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1. Our own special workshop meeting to get to grips with the policy and technical issues regarding water quality, Freshwater Pearl Mussels and Planning Permissions. I strongly advise if you have not yet looked at the BBC country file link I sent that you try and do so as this crystallises the issues very well. Also read the EA and NE correspondence,

2. a meeting called by Shropshire Council Highways engineering consultants WSP. I was accompanied by Cllr Duffee, present in addition to Shropshire Council and our selves were Kier and Multevo (who are the practical engineers and maintenance engineers ) and Mike Kelly from the AONB. This was to discuss the initial ideas following the ground survey work and proposals for using the Department for Transport flood prevention drainage grant. Originally we were informed this was for £500K. They have reconfigured budgets and we were informed at the meeting they were looking at £750K for Clun. I have forwarded the notes from this meeting a presentation is available. Suffice for now to say their longterm idea is to re use all or some of the old lake/pool leats and pond to divert water from the Unk above Clun and return it down stream of the sewage works. This has the effect of a. reducing water flowing down the Clun, and b. attenuating the flow and slowing it. There are potentially many win wins from this in terms of biodiversity, nutrient attenuation and energy. We will need to discuss this in detail as the proposals firm up. As well as specific points I stressed the need for work to begin in earnest on the problem areas in the Town. I was assured that this was being worked on and is still scheduled for next financial year.

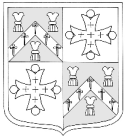
3. The Clun in the Future day at Hightown. I wish to add my personal thanks to our Clun Climate Environment and Emergency group for organising such a comprehensive and well attended day. I was there all day to answer any Council related questions although in fact their were few. However it was most interesting too see how people feel about certain aspects of the Town in populating the Map with ideas. I await with interest to see the outcome of this. A further meeting called by Cllr Hartin to discuss the Pearl Mussel and Planning issues with Shropshire Council was postponed owing to sickness. This is currently being rescheduled as virtual meeting. Also involved is Cllr Kemp Chair of Bucknell PC.

I was unable to attend the SALC southern area committee.

I have also been in correspondence with a resident regarding the costs of maintaining the Town Cemetery and Shropshire Highways on number of maintenance issues.

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### 8. CLERK'S REPORT



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The Clerk reported that he had received an email from Pauline Davies the solicitor with the licence to occupy relating to the office in the square, the clerk to meet with the solicitor to discuss the licence. It also reported that the contractor who looked after the cemetery reported that there was a dangerous gravestone which needed attention.

### 110-2021 9. PLANNING

#### Planning applications

2030hrs Cllr Limond left the room

1. 21/04350/FUL

Application for the conversion of part of the store building into living accommodation for use by employee of the public house | Storage Building The White Horse Inn 12 The Square Clun Craven Arms Shropshire

This was discussed by Council

RESOLVED

The Council supported that application

2035hrs Cllr. Limond returned to the room

2. 21/04302/FUL

Application for the removal of existing lean-tos and erection of two-storey extension | Russett Cottage 11 Castle Street Clun SY7 8JU

This was discussed by Council

RESOLVED

The Council felt that the extension to the property was appropriate, however the materials suggested to construct the extension was not wholly appropriate for the development. The Council felt that it would be far more in keeping with a dwelling in the conservation area and in an AONB catchment if materials of a similar nature to the existing structure were included, which would be far more sympathetic, and it followed more closely the Clun design statement.

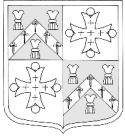
3. 21/04197/FUL

Application for the change of use of agricultural land for the siting of 4No camping pods, installation of septic tank and creation of a parking area | Proposed Camping Pods SW Of Colstey Farm Colstey Bank Clun Shropshire.

This was discussed by Council

RESOLVED

The Council supported that application



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To discuss the following

Empty properties:

Motion: There are a quantity empty properties in Clun some have been in that state for many years it is proposed that council resolve to write to the owner of the Buffalo Inn about the affect it has on the community and ask what his intentions are for the property.

This motion was unanimously agreed the to write to the owner of the Buffalo Mr. Greenall on behalf of the Council.

Clun river SAC, Pearl mussels and Planning

To resolve if actions are required further to recent correspondence from the MP Rt Hon Philip Dunne and the environment Agency and Natural England.

### 111-2021      10.    FINANCE

1. To receive the Bank Reconciliation

This was noted.

2. The external auditor report was presented

This report was noted.

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) Highline £564.60p (Street Lighting repairs) S1-8 Localism Act 2011
- e) A. Wallace £40.00p Grass cutting S1-8 Localism Act 2011
- f) PKF Littlejohn £240.00p External audit. S1-8 Localism Act 2011
- g) Mark Room £700.00p ( cemetery maintenance) S1-8 Localism Act 2011

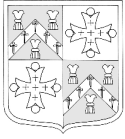
For information

- h) St Georges Church £400.00p (grant) S1-8 Localism Act 2011

The Clerk was instructed to pay the above invoices

### 112-2021      11.    UPDATES ON THE FOLLOWING

1. Highways  
Update further to meeting regarding drainage proposals  
*This was discussed earlier*  
Update on other highways issues



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*The clerk to liaise with Cllr. Morris in relation to removal of ivy on lighting columns. Chair requested Shropshire Cllr N Hartin asst in pursuing the erosion of verge problems in Newport Street..*

### 2. Environment

Report on the Clun Climate Environment Emergency Advisory Group - Ryan Davies

The reports from two recent meetings were presented

Also a report of the recent Clun in the Future open day which council had supported. Well over a hundred attended the day being opened by MP the Rt. Hon P Dunne and the local School children. A planning for real exercise has garnered a lot of information which will be reported in detail, but which may have the potential to form the basis of a Neighbourhood Plan.

Deffra are introducing nature recovery networks. Further to advice from the Advisory group the Chair will respond to the NALC consultation on these.

### 3. Community

Freeman of Clun - Matt Donaldson

*This was deferred*

Plans For Christmas - Ryan Davies

- *The plan is to put the Christmas lights up on the 5<sup>th</sup> December.*
- *The square will be used for the switch on.*
- *The Town Hall is to be used for the Grotto*

### 4. Assets

Town Hall - Bill Shepherd

*Work has commenced on the roof of the Town Hall*

*Council agreed the recommendation to appoint an engineer to advise on the first floor strength.*

Cemetery - Bill Shepherd, B Angell

*The work on the Lytch Gate will be undertaken by the end of October*

*The Chair reported that a resident had requested annual average cost of painting the Cemetery. The Clerk had provided the data.*

*The resident informed the Chair this was in relation to comparative costs with the Parish Church graveyard.*

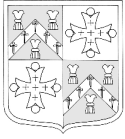
Public toilets - Tom Baines

*The contractor has been instructed to repair the missing tiles.*

## 114-2021      12.    CORRESPONDENCE

All items have been circulated.

## 115-2021      13.    INFORMATION FROM COUNCILLORS



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Castle grounds, English Heritage has cut the grass. The clerk to contact English Heritage to enquire any developments as to use.

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14. **AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

Lengthsman  
Website

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15. **DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be on the **2<sup>nd</sup> November** 2021 at 7.30pm at memorial Hall

Signed by the Chair.

Meeting closed 9.37pm