

**Clun Town Council
with Chapel Lawn**

MINUTES OF CLUN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

HELD ON ZOOM ON TUESDAY 7TH DECEMBER 2021 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT	APOLOGIES
Cllr. B. Angell Cllr. S. Harris Cllr. D. Morris Cllr. Bill Shepherd Cllr. R Davies Cllr. J. Limond	Cllr. M. Duffee N.Hartin

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE	
Mr. Gwilym Rippon (clerk)	

One member of the public

	Agenda item	
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136-2021 1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Please see above
The chair reported the above apologies

137-2021 2. DECLARATION OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST IN A MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING

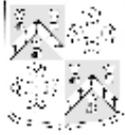
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Ryan Davies	Correspondence	✓	

138-2021 3. DISPENSATION REQUESTS

There were no requests for dispensations.

139-2021 4. PUBLIC SESSION

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(i) Shropshire Councillor Report

Cllr Hartin was unable to attend via zoom, therefore sent a written report in which is replicated below: -

Shropshire Council is still not back to normal service with most staff & councillors working mostly from home. We have at last got a date for the start of work on the long delayed B4368 Newcastle road Landslip – Work due to start on the 24th January for 6 weeks but it appears the promised local consultation on diversion routes has not made it into the programme. No word yet on the replacement for Head of Planning Ian Kilby, but we have heard that more planning staff are due to retire imminently which no doubt will put the already stretched planning department in greater difficulty.

The Council has had close to 400 calls resulting from the recent Storm Arwen with over 170 trees down across the County but due to lots of work out in by our highways teams the main issues have now been dealt with. Locally I attended with Alan Meyrick the spectacle of Clun's own 'Trevi Fountain' in the high street last week, not connected with Storm Arwen but spectacular none the less, which after some pressure to get them to attend quickly enough, Severn Trent managed to fix working overnight with minimal disruption

Elsewhere in the County, but not too far away, Shropshire Council seems keen to close the Acton Scott Historic Working Farm, citing a downturn in numbers before its temporary closure due to a E Coli outbreak., Apparently its losing some £168K a year, with the last available figures showing attendance below 20,000 visitors a year. A consultation on options for the future we are told is imminent but no date as yet.

The spread of the Omicron Covid Variant is beginning to make large scale meetings more difficult, for example the Fire Authority has cancelled its Festival of Carols due to be held on December the 17th, & I am trying to get clarification as to what the governments view now is on the continuation of Council committee meetings in person, as currently these are not able to be held online unless the government re-enacts legislation, as it did during earlier phases of the outbreak.

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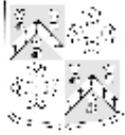
5. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

The minutes of the meetings held on 2nd November 2021 following minor amendment was agreed.

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141-2021 6. INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES

The Chair reported that, Item 7 in relation to Highways, there would be updates in relation engagement activity to the Vision Document. There is no date forthcoming in relation to the engagement activity.
Item 10 Planning The chair reported that he will share a link to an item of updated information on the Shropshire Website. Website regarding the implementation of the current policy on Development in the Clun Catchment.

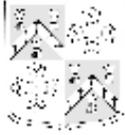
142-2021 7. MAYORS REPORT

- Since our last Council meeting I have attended the following meetings:
 1. Clun Highways and Traffic Working Group – report circulated separately and to be discussed at item 18 on the Agenda
 2. The Clerk to review documentation for Cemetery and familiarisation with the Cemetery. I have asked the Clerk for advice on the what capacity and time we have remaining in the Cemetery, also to consider the impact of the proposed changes to environmental legislation proposed for Cemeteries.

We also discussed the maintenance of the Toilets, repair for the Water Supply and moving the water supply.

The progress on the Office was briefly discussed.

3. I attended the Remembrance Day service on behalf of Council and laid the wreath on our behalf. In was introduced to the Deputy Lord Lieutenant of Shropshire who requested a further meeting.
4. I attended a meeting of the Clun Climate Emergency and Environment Group at their request to review the potential and process for Neighbourhood Plan.
5. I hosted a meeting with the Deputy Lord-Lieutenant of Shropshire Katherine Garnier DL. Katherine who lives at Stowe near Knighton has been changed with getting to know two Towns in S Shropshire one of which is Clun. She was keen to understand the work of the Council, the issues we face and to learn about the various community organisations and individuals concerned. She has agreed to see if the Lord-Lieutenant Anna Turner will open the Clun Show 2022 which is the 150th Anniversary of the show. If Anna is not available Katherine has agreed to take on the task. I have Also agreed to arrange a further meeting in the new year for her to walk the Town and meet individuals as she would wish.



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6. I attended the recent meeting of the Southern Area Committee of SALC at which the Shropshire Council leader provided an update. Her approach was frank and refreshing. Key points are:
- 85% of the Net budget goes on social care that serves just 3% of the population
 - over 5 years the total budget has been reduced by £70m
 - she is looking at further service reductions next year but:
 - she has secured £40m over the next term for roads capital projects which she indicated could rise to near £70m
 - A review of boundaries of divisions will take place next year which could impact on parishes the following year she does not think this will impact much in the S of the County.
 - I raised a question over rural roads and followed up today regarding the badger set undermining on the Springhill Road.
 - She indicated they are planning to take back in house some WSP work which is expensive and to also employ more engineers in house.
 - Questions were raised regarding the future of Acton Scott
 - the SALC secretariat encourage Councils to sign a new statement about civility in Council matters to support the current code. By implication if we do not sign access to the support of the monitoring officer to resolve issues may be limited.
 - The next meeting will be 7 February

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COUNCILLOR VACANCIES

The Clerk reported that there were currently two vacancies which will be advertised as co-options after due process

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CONSEQUENCES OF RESIGNATIONS

Cllr. Davis indicated that he would be willing to sit on the Memorial Hall Committee.

Cllr. Harris volunteered to join the Highways and Traffic Working Group.

Cllr. Duffee indicated that he would be willing to sit on the Personnel Committee

Cllr. Morris stated that he would still be able to bare them in mind when passing

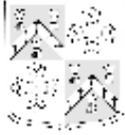
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CLERK'S REPORT

The reported that he was still waiting for water plus in relation to the moving of the water meter.

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



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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 and report on progress.

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With regards to the water leak Severn a Trent had yet to come back to him

146-2021 11. **PLANNING**

Planning applications

1. 21/05068/FUL

Application for the erection of (replacement) two-storey extension to dwelling | 3 Guilden Down Clun Craven Arms Shropshire SY7 8NZ/02296/FUL | Conversion of 2no agricultural buildings into 2 residential dwellings incorporating landscaping, parking, erection of garage/store and demolition of adjacent existing modern agricultural buildings | Proposed Conversion Of Agricultural Buildings At Lower Guilden Down Guilden Down Clun Shropshire.

This was discussed at Council
There were no comments made.

147-2021 12. **WEBSITE**

This matter was deferred

148-2021 13. **ROAD SIGN MAINTENANCE**

The chair reported a draft letter had been circulated which was to be sent to Mr. Carroll which is the portfolio holder for roadside and Highway matters.

Members stated that they wished the chair to send this letter unaltered.

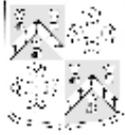
149-2021 14. **FREEMAN OF CLUN**

Cllr. Harris updated the meeting of the current costs, and the type of recognition scrolls members would like.

The link for all information will be circulated.

150-2021 15. **BUSINESS AND ECONOMY WORKING GROUP**

Meeting on 4th of November which was a recap to establish which direction to take.



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Two proposals were suggested and Council views Sought.

- a. to consider exploring additional space for business (see item 151)
- b. to consider supporting the establishment of A Clun Valley Agricultural society.

Council agreed to support both these opportunities in principle so further work to explore them can continue.

151-2021 **16. ADDITIONAL BUSINESS SPACE**

Clit Shepherd reported that he had received information from ESWS, it was reported that they were successful in an application for a to the sum of £50K which might be available to providing hot-desking within Clun

152-2021 **17. ENVIRONMENT GROUP**

SUMMARY OF CCEG DECEMBER MEETING FOR COUNCIL

Several members are involved in scoping the interest in a Neighbourhood Plan for Clun. Group plan to meet Shropshire Council to discuss issues to be raised with any potential developers planning building at Turnpike Meadow site. No specific comments about Guilden Down planning application. However could the TC request that the new building should be a low carbon development.

(energy performance of building including reducing drafts, insulation of walls, roofs, windows and floors and installation efficient heating systems should be addressed). TC Environmental Statement is:

Towards the ideal of eventual carbon neutral, no environmental impact and low energy use housing and buildings, Clun Town Council and Chapel Lawn encourages the Planning Department of SCC, when considering applications for new builds, conversions or extensions, to promote reduced emphasis on traditional design and building methods.

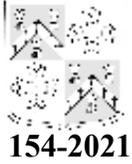
We ask SCC to use their powers to encourage the removal of the reliance on fossil fuels for energy, water and waste management and to eliminate the use of toxic or unsustainable source materials and finishes.

153-2021 **18. HIGHWAYS**

A summary document has been circulated from Shropshire Council. Appended to these minutes.

It was evident that there was slippage in the matter of public engagement. There was a need for this to be early in the new year so input from agricultural, hospitality and tourist interests can have the opportunity to contribute as well as residents

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19. FINANCE

1. To receive the Bank Reconciliation

This was noted

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

This was discussed there were a number of items which needed to be in the budget.

Resolved

That the budget for 2022/23 be £41445 and a resulting precept of £42000

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 £104.08p (home working allowance, Zoom subscription and postage) S1-8 Localism Act 2011

The Clerk was instructed to pay the above invoices

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20. CORRESPONDENCE

All items have been circulated.

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21. INFORMATION FROM COUNCILLORS

Cllr. Shepherd's report on the Town Hall from the Structural Engineer will be held within the minute file.

There was an update info for The London Bridge Protocol .

Ford Street and Hospital Lane street lights were still not working - the Clerk agreed to get the contractor to resolve the matter.

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22. AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING

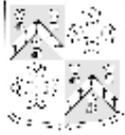
Write to Natural England It was agreed to invite to the next meeting or February. However on further thought, perhaps we should set up a special meeting to allow sufficient time for discussion.

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23. DATE FOR THE NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on the 4th January at 7.30pm at Memorial Hall

Signed by the Chair.



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Meeting closed 9.00pm

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