

Minutes of the Clun Town Council with Chapel Lawn Meeting held 5TH March 2019 at the Memorial Hall, Clun

Present- Cllrs Jack Limond, Reg Maund, Gary Mills, James McVicar, Brian Angell, Ryan Davies, Matt Donaldson and Vic Butt

In attendance was County Cllr Nigel Hartin, the Clerk & RFO Darren Knipe, and two members of the public.

Meeting commenced at **19:30**

190. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies received from Cllr Linda Hurcombe

191. To receive declarations of interest

None received

192. To consider requests for dispensation

None received

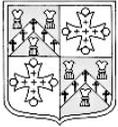
193. Meeting Open to the Public - Time for this session is limited to 10 minutes

None received

194. Report from County Councillor Nigel Hartin

- a) SCC has set its budget with a 3.99% increase.
- b) SCC are changing their portfolio management roles, but it is not yet clear what this means.
- c) There was a difficult Highways meeting. Divisional Inspectors are being reduced from 6 to 3 officers. SCC are struggling with addressing issues as the delivery is procured to private contractor KIER, and the contract has been drawn in their favour.

Cllr Mills raised issue of the Clun to Knighton road which has been resurfaced, but has several dangerous spots where there is no road markings or cats-eyes. Cllr Hartin will look into this.



195. To resolve that the minutes of the Council general meeting held on 5th February 2019 are a correct record

It was proposed by Cllr Angell, seconded by Cllr McVicar and agreed by all that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th February 2019 were a true and proper record. This was then signed by the Chairman.

196. To consider and resolve any matters arising from the minutes

- a) **180** – Cllr McVicar suggested that as the writing competition had not been included in the Clun Chronicle that they move the submission date, and the prize giving to be announced at the Clun Carnival. All agreed.
- b) **182** – the clerk had spoken to the Bishops Castle clerk about their CLP and NLP. It was explained that the initiative was not being lead by council, but a group from the community were developing a Community Led Plan. However, the BC clerk expressed concern as only a Neighbourhood Plan had any legal weight in affecting SCC planning policy.

197. To receive the Mayors Report

Cllr Limond apologised for not having anything to report, but due to family and work was struggling to keep on top.

198. To receive and consider a report from the Working Traffic Group

Cllr Angell reported that the Working Traffic Group had met and a report was being produced for the Chronicle. All agreed to allow this to be published.

There had been a discussion with the Memorial Hall with following issues raised:

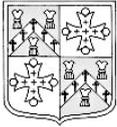
- a) Signage
- b) Toilets
- c) Resident parking
- d) Permanent parking if the Shropshire Housing project progresses.

There had been a warm reaction to these issues in principle, but questions about liability and loss of space were raised. The hall committee will meet in April to discuss further.

Cllr Davies declared an interest as current Chairman of the hall committee, and stated that parking would be an issue where residents space conflicts with the hall user space.

Cllr Angell reported that the traffic survey results had been emailed over to SCC, but the officers are currently off sick. All signage had been photo'd over and a meeting planned soon.

The chairman asked council for a vote of thanks for all individuals who have been working on this.



199. To review and consider the Community Led Plan

Cllr Butt reported that the meeting held last month had gained a few extra individuals. The question raised was "What do we ask the community?" before forming a plan. A survey is to be produced to build this picture, and 3 members are going to develop a communication plan.

Cllr Angell stated that there was a very positive early stage energy from this group.

Cllr Butt informed council that another meeting was planned at the end of the month.

200. To receive reports from Councillors attending meetings and outside organisations

- a) Cllr Mills reported that he had attended a Chapel Lawn meeting, with the only thing being asked of council was if could get the road signage cleaned and repaired. Cllr Mills warned that if Highways were contacted about this then there was a risk that the old style of signage may end up being replaced with the modern type, which nobody wanted.

A question was asked whether the old signage could be added as an historic asset and so receive protection.

- b) Cllr Davies reported that the Memorial Hall AGM was on 13th May.

Cllr Donaldson reported that the playground had received a mixed ROSPA inspection, flagging some H&S concerns.

Cllr Maund raised concern about an oak tree by one of the playing field goal nets, which had an ivy that needed cutting to protect the tree.

201. To consider planning applications

- a) **19/00489/FUL** - A E P Hill (Pentre Hodre Farm, Pentre Hodre, Bucknell, Shropshire, SY7 0DA - Conversion and extension of former agricultural building to form self-contained holiday letting unit

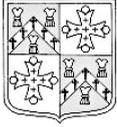
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- b) **19/00386/LBC** - The Old Shearing Shed, Lower Farm, Guilden Down, Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 8NZ - Re-roofing and high level repair work affecting a Grade II Listed Building

No Comment

- c) **19/00755/FUL** - Bryncalled Barns, Pentre Hodre, Shropshire, SY7 0BN - Combination, alterations and conversion of barns 4 and 5 to form one residential property with new vehicular access; change of use of four holiday let barns to form 4 residential dwellings

Majority No Comment



- d) **19/00756/LBC** - Bryn-called Barns, Pentre Hodre, Shropshire, SY7 0BN - Internal works to facilitate the combination and conversion of barns 4 and 5 to one residential property; insertion of new openings to northeast elevation; re-pointing; remedial works to boundary wall; works to facilitate the change of use of four holiday let properties to form four residential dwellings

Majority No Comment

- e) **19/00954/TCA** - Hill Top, 3 Newport Street, Clun, Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 8JZ
Removal of 7no Conifers within Clun Conservation Area

Standing Orders suspended whilst owners explained position.

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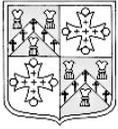
202. To receive and consider the report of the Town Clerk

- a) Benches and tables are in process of being cleaned and treated
- b) Town Hall notice board has been replaced. Cllr Angell asked if a lock was to be added. Clerk to follow up.
- c) CCTV lorry on bridge – waiting for response
- d) Town Hall Trust – visited with Cllr Butt and Cllr Angell – need to look at space in a better way – requires discussion with the museum group
- e) The Clun Chronicle – the recent Editorial post was discussed, and the suggestion that council had not been historically transparent or quick enough to release draft minutes for public inspection, as well as suggesting the clerk had changed the Standing Orders to avoid doing so.

Cllr McVicar pointed out that this was not the first time that the Chronicle had wrongly accused council of actions.

The clerk had spoken to SALC, and confirmed that there is no legal requirement to make draft minutes available to public, and council agreed that it was not something they wished to see happen. It was also noted that the Chronicle had not been to any meetings themselves to verify or report on proceedings.

Given the damage to council reputation as a result of misrepresented reporting, the clerk asked council to consider not to submit any further Mayor reports to the Chronicle unless a full retraction and correction of the Editorial was made. This was proposed by Cllr Davies, seconded by Cllr Mills, with majority in agreement.



203. To consider and approve any Council Annual Subscriptions

- a) Parish Online – all agreed

204. To review and approve any training

- a) Neighbourhood Planning (26th June) – Cllr Butt requested to attend

205. To review planning for the Annual Parish Meeting

Cllr McVicar had made council aware that the intended time of the Annual Parish Meeting, under Local Government Act 1972, had to take place after 6pm.

The clerk is to contact the Hightown Hall to see if time can be extended.

Council discussed how to engage more with the community at this APM. It was agreed that an invite letter be sent out to all electorate, which the clerk will draft.

Clerk to contact Post Office services to see cost of doing as leaflet drop.

At 9.30 Cllr Limond in accordance with Standing Order rules asked council for approval to continue the meeting beyond the designated time of attendance. All agreed

206. Financial Matters

a) To receive and consider any Grant and Donation requests

- i. Bridgnorth and South Shropshire Crucial Crew – request for £90 approved
- ii. Clun YFC – it was proposed by Cllr Maund and seconded by Cllr Donaldson to award a £500 grant. Majority agreed.

b) To review and approve the payment schedule

Cllr Angell proposed, seconded by Cllr Davies and agreed by all to accept the Schedule of Payments. This was signed by the chairman.

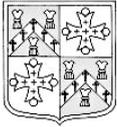
Cllr McVicar requested the clerk provide a full financial report with budget variance.

c) To review and consider any tender applications received

- i. The Parish Council Public Toilets Cleaning and Maintenance Contract 2019-2020

All agreed to award the contract to Mr J Churchett for £6,000

- ii. The Parish Council Cemetery Grass Cutting and Maintenance Contract 2019-2020



All agreed to award the contract to Remembering You Grave Tending for £1,400

207. To review any Correspondence received

- a) The clerk had received a request from the Greenman Festival to hold this year's event in the town. All agreed to grant permission.

208. Other Items brought to the Council's Attention by Councillors

- a) Cllr Limond suggested that a future meeting should take place with Shropshire Hills and AONB to discuss tourism support in the area.
- b) Clerk asked to chase up land agents relating to the LDP sites.

209. To receive and consider Agenda items for the next meeting

- a) Cllr Mills requested future plans for the toilets
- b) Cllr Limond requested Unity Bank services review

210. Date of Next Meeting

To be held on Tuesday **2nd April 2019** at **Clun Memorial Hall**

Meeting Closed at 22.09

APPROVED AS BEING A CORRECT RECORD BY

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNIATURE: _____

Dated: 2nd April 2019

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