

CLUN TOWN COUNCIL

with CHAPEL LAWN

Minutes of the Clun Town Council with Chapel Lawn Meeting held 7th January 2020 at the Clun Memorial Hall

Present- Cllrs Brian Angell, Jack Limond, Ryan Davies, Reng Maund and Bill Shepherd.

In attendance was the Clerk & RFO Darren Knipe, and ten members of the public.

Meeting commenced at **19:30**

406. To receive apologies for absence

Cllrs Matt Donaldson and Linda Hurcombe.

407. To receive declarations of interest

None received.

408. To consider requests for dispensation

None received.

409. Meeting open to the public. Time for this session is limited to 10 minutes

- a) Barry Oldham from Royal British Legion asked Council if they were doing anything about the VE Day celebrations. If not, would the Council agree to supporting the RBL event and provide some financial assistance.
- b) Several members of the public stated their objection to the Castle Street development.

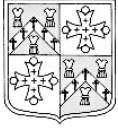
410. To receive a presentation from the Chair and Head of Clun Primary School

Pete Banford (Chair of the Governors) and Rebecca Manning (School Head) came and talked about the school. Whilst OFSTED focus on academic results, the school also want to look at the social and communication skills.

Rebecca started as head in September, and sees the school as a community asset that can be used by the wider community outside school time.

Three key priorities have been identified; vision, challenging the head, and balancing the budget. The catchment area is as far as Craven Arms, where transport is an issue.

They have opened a Forest School and starting other community projects, with hope of more to follow.



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Finance is tight, and they rely on volunteers with interests to share, especially in gardening, reading, and sharing interesting stories at assembly.

Cllr Angell asked if they could choose one challenge to address, what would it be. Rebecca said finance, given they receive funding per student basis. Pete said the well-being of staff was issue as they had to wear many hats and take on several roles.

Cllr Maund added that it was such a pleasure seeing happy children going past each day to school.

411. Report from County Councillor Nigel Hartin

- a) There is a developing argument over a grant/loan to Ludlow Assembly Rooms.
- b) Aware Castle St is being discussed later in meeting, and made view clear at last meeting and on Planning Portal.

412. To resolve that the minutes of the Council general meeting held on 10th December 2019 are a correct record

It was proposed by Cllr Davies, seconded by Cllr Shepherd and agreed by all that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 10th December 2019 were a true and proper record, subject to the following amendment:

400b) Should read S Wallace not A Wallace.

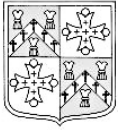
The Minutes were accordingly signed by the Chairman.

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

- a) **393d** – Cllr Angell noted the work had been done, but was starting to silt up again.
- b) **394b** – Clerk to send thanks.
- c) **397** – Clerk to chase up list and forward to Councillors.
- d) **398** – Cllr Angell is having a meeting with Cllr Hartin and Highways on the 13th. There is a potential £300k grant Highways can get to look at drains.
- e) **400b** – The work repairing damaged benches from flooding has been completed.

414. To receive the Mayor's Report

- a) Following the recent Chronicle article, Cllr Angell had received one expression of interest for co-option.



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Cllr Davies suggested clerk contact Sarah Jameson regarding getting the word out in Chapel Lawn newsletter.

- b) Cllr Angell had received some responses regarding Chronicle comments on the economy, and a meeting with local persons to get involved is to be scheduled.

Cllr Shepherd expressed an interest in becoming involved.

- c) There had been various comments regarding English Heritage taking down the scaffolding at the castle.

The clerk is to request a meeting with EH to discuss this further.

- d) There may be some funding available for wildlife pools in the area.

The clerk is to look up what pools come under the Council's ownership.

415. To consider planning applications

- a) **19/05089/FUL** - Development Site To The East Of, Castle Street, Clun, Shropshire - Residential development of 12 no affordable dwellings to include revised access, associated infrastructure and public open space.

It was proposed by Cllr Angell to object to the application as it stands. This was seconded by Cllr Davies and agreed by all.

It was proposed by Cllr Angell, seconded by Cllr Shepherd and agreed by all to add the following comments on the planning portal, stating reasons for not supporting at this stage, which were:

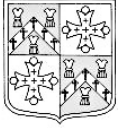
- i. The detail provided regarding traffic and safety was not sufficient
- ii. It was not clear what defines 'local'. Council want to encourage affordable housing for locals from the area.
- iii. Intelligence suggests that local demand does not warrant a development of 12 properties at one time.
- iv. With regard the environment, Council would want reassurance that all mitigation measures are met regarding trees and wildlife on the site.

416. To receive reports from Councillors attending other meetings

a) Working Groups and Sub-Committees

- i. Toilet Working Group – Cllr Maund stated works were on going

b) Other groups and organisations



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- i. Environment Group – Cllr Davies said they had a meeting in January. MP Phillip Dunn had received an oak tree from Extinction Rebellion to plant, and council was asked if they had a location.
- ii. Hightown Community Rooms – Cllr Shepherd informed Council that they had received the go ahead for the roof, and work was due to start in March, taking around 8 weeks to complete. The car park will be closed during this period.

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

- a) The blocked toilets had been resolved with Trent Water coming out same day to deal with it.

418. Financial Matters

- a) **To receive and consider any Grant and Donation requests**

None received.

- b) **To review and approve the payment schedule**

Cllr Limond declared an interest in the invoice for the Christmas Grotto as it had been paid by himself.

Cllr Angell proposed to accept the payment schedule. This was seconded by Cllr Shepherd and agreed by 4 with Cllr Limond abstaining.

- c) **To review next year's budget and consider setting of Precept**

The budget spends for following financial year was discussed.

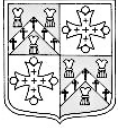
Cllr Limond proposed to set the Precept budget at £42,000. This was seconded by Cllr Davies and agreed by all.

419. To review any correspondence received

- a) The RBL had been in touch regarding adding a newly discovered name to the War Memorial. The clerk informed Council it did have responsibility for this and permission could be granted.

420. Other Items brought to the Council's attention by Councillors

Cllr Angell raised the VE Day celebrations. It was decided that there was no-one who had the time to put together an event of this scale, and it was agreed instead to support RBL in



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their efforts, with the suggestion that a grant application may be submitted for financial support.

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

- a) Planning Committee
- b) Town Hall Clock
- c) Writing Competition
- d) Honours Board Freeman

422. Date of next meeting to be held on Tuesday 4th February 2020 at Clun Memorial Hall

Meeting closed at 21.29

APPROVED AS BEING A CORRECT RECORD BY

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNIATURE: _____

Dated: 4th February 2020