

CLUN TOWN COUNCIL

with CHAPEL LAWN

Minutes of the Clun Town Council with Chapel Lawn Meeting held 10th December 2019 at the Clun Memorial Hall

Present- Cllrs Brian Angell, Ryan Davies, Gary Mills, Linda Hurcombe, and Bill Shepherd.

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

Meeting commenced at **19:30**

387. To receive apologies for absence

Cllrs Jack Limond, Matt Donaldson and Reg Maund.

388. To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Mills declared an interest in Planning Application 19/05089/FUL as he owned a neighbouring property.

389. To consider requests for dispensation

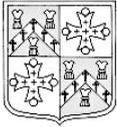
None received.

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

- a) A resident of Clun presented his objection to the proposed Castle St development, asking the question as to whether Clun needed any more affordable housing. This was supported by another resident who raised concerns about the busy road.
- b) A member of the Environment Group had come to present a report from the group. It was explained that the topic was up for discussion on a later agenda item.

391. Report from County Councillor Nigel Hartin

- a) Not a lot of council activity to report due to imminent election.
- b) Concerns had been raised about Planning Application 19/05089/FUL. The officer responsible had been away and not posted the required notice on the boundary land. This means that the 28 day notice will only take effect once that notice has been put up.
- c) Cllr Hartin explained he was no longer on the Planning Committee. However, the need for affordable housing was justified as there were 17 known people currently on the list wishing to live in Clun. He did feel other recognised sites were better suited, and was



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placing an objection on Planning Application 19/05089/FUL based on location regarding traffic concerns, and wanted other sites to be considered first. He had also asked for the application to be called in to the Planning Committee rather than an Officer dealing with the case.

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

It was proposed by Cllr Shepherd, seconded by Cllr Hurcombe and agreed by all that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 5th November 2019 were a true and proper record..

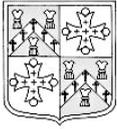
The Minutes were accordingly signed by the Chairman.

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

- a) **381a** – no bill has yet been received, though a suggestion from Cllr Hartin was that SCC would consider splitting the cost.
- b) **370** - The Openness of Local Bodies Regulations 2014 allows any person attending a public local government meeting to report proceedings by taking photographs, filming, audio-recording, or using social media such as blogging, tweeting etc. This is subject to not including closed session meeting. There is no time limit to which Council must make recordings public, and is discretionary.
- c) **378** – The clerk had sent an email to SCC, EA and Trent Water. Trent Water have asked for photos and will investigate, but said: As far aware, the public sewers crossing the river in Clun are both under the river bed. There is a Syphon at Clun bridge, and a straight cut gravity crossing at Waterloo drive.
- d) **381g** – The Environment Agency are about to start work clearing the silt in river by Clun Bridge. Residents have been written to. Clerk to check EA know about Mr Groom property and issue of damage done last time silt was cleared.
- e) **382a** - Museum stairlift only needed servicing at cost of £222 Inc. VAT.

394. To receive the Mayor's Report

- a) It had recently been raised that the buses going to Telford had stopped running. To make for a future agenda item.
- b) Wish to formally thank the Fire Service for putting up the Christmas lights and the huge support during the recent floods, including the retrieval of the bench from the river at Waterloo.
- c) It has been noted that the HGV warning sign coming from Craven Arms is up.
- d) Attended the Remembrance Service on behalf of Council.



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- e) Received notice of surface water flow coming down the lane by Waterloo. The clerk to report to SCC.
- f) There is some expectation that the War Memorial by St Georges should belong to the Council, and take responsibility for it. Have been asked by the Royal British Legion to look into this as the recent 100 years WW1 project had identified names that should be added.
- g) Appreciation is given to the Chronicle Post for publishing the Writing Competition entries, and should look at future similar plans.
- h) Some public have asked why the Christmas lights only went up in the Square and not also the High Street. A possible reason had been a resident had issue with electric power coming through window. To look at installing external IP rated sockets for future events.

395. To consider planning applications

- a) **19/04957/FUL** - Waterloo House, Waterloo Lane, Clun, SY7 8JF - Renovation and remedial works to main dwelling and outbuilding to include some demolition; replacement windows/doors; installation of rooflights; chimney works; roof works; re-pointing; external cladding; removal of internal walls; installation of walls/facilities and stairs; remedial works to fireplace(s); works to facilitate single storey link extension and gable end extension.

Cllr Angell proposed to support, seconded by Cllr Hurcombe and agreed by all.

- b) **19/04958/LBC** - Waterloo House, Waterloo Lane, Clun, SY7 8JF - Renovation and remedial works to main dwelling and outbuilding to include some demolition; replacement windows/doors; installation of rooflights; chimney works; roof works; re-pointing; external cladding; removal of internal walls; installation of walls/facilities and stairs; remedial works to fireplace(s); works to facilitate single storey link extension and gable end extension.

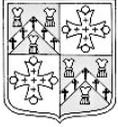
As the main proposal was supported, there was no need to comment.

- c) **19/05101/TCA** - Alice Cottage, 3 High Street, Clun, Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 8JB - Crown reduce by 30% 1no Silver Birch, crown reduce by 10% 1no Cherry, coppice 1no Hazel & fell 1no Ash within Clun Conservation Area.

Cllr Angell proposed to support, seconded by Cllr Davies and agreed by all.

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

Cllr Mills left the meeting as he had declared a pecuniary interest. There was a lengthy discussion for and against. Cllr Angell wished to highlight that the application wrongly



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reported the Council's view on the application regarding orientation and placement of houses that are directly alongside Castle Street.

Cllr Davies proposed to bring the application back to Council at the next meeting. This was seconded by Cllr Shepherd and agreed by all.

396. To review and approve Council policies

a) Unreasonably Persistent and Vexatious Procedure Policy

The amendments were reviewed, and it was signed by the Chairman.

b) Personnel Policies

All the policies were reviewed in bulk. Cllr Mills wished to know if these policies would change or impact on a recent complaint he had made. Cllr Angell explained that these are standard policies which Council should have in place and essential to protect the rights of all employees, but had not previously ratified.

Cllr Angell proposed to approve the policies. This was seconded by Cllr Hurcombe, with four Councillors agreeing and Cllr Mills abstaining.

397. To review and consider the situation of empty properties within Clun

The situation of empty properties in Clun was discussed. The clerk is to chase up the Empty Property Officer, but given that there are strict guidelines on powers to act, it was also recognised that there probably is not a lot that can be done unless the property is a listed building and in disrepair.

398. To review and consider a Traffic Plan update

The poor communication from Highways was discussed, and the consequence of not being able to hold the planned Public Meeting. Cllr Angell proposed to *laissez* with Cllr Hartin to raise the pressure on this.

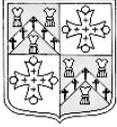
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399. To receive reports from Councillors attending other meetings

a) Working Groups and Sub-Committees

None received.

b) Other groups and organisations



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- i. Environment Group – Cllr Davies gave his apologies that due to work commitments had not been able to attend meetings.

The Standing Orders were suspended to allow Mary from the Environment Group to speak instead.

It was explained that the function of the group was to bring ideas and advice to Council, to network with other community sectors, and find ways to communicate to the wider community.

There had been five meetings held so far with 17 regular members attending. The focus has decided to be on tree planting, reducing plastic use, and electric car hook up, it being noted that there are currently two hook-ups at the Fire Station.

Cllr Davies proposed that Council submit an expression of interest to have SCC install an electric charging point at the Bridge car park. This was seconded by Cllr Hurcombe and agreed by all.

The clerk is to write to Alun Morgan with this request.

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

- a) The Clun Primary School head and Chairman of the Governors had been invited to present to Council and shall be attending the next meeting.
- b) The clerk had received a quote from Mr A. Wallace to repair the damaged benches from recent flooding for £260.14. Council agreed to approve the works.
- c) Richard at the Bridge St convenience store had contacted the clerk about a large group of walkers filling up the car park, which meant no-one else could use it.

It was recognised that as the car park belonged to SCC, Council could do nothing about it, but would review the situation if it became a regular occurrence.

- d) The Co-Option Vacancy Notice following Cllr McVicar's resignation had been sent to SCC and posted on the noticeboards and website.

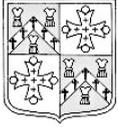
401. Financial Matters

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

None received.

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

Cllr Davies proposed to accept the payment schedule. This was seconded by Cllr Shepherd and agreed by all.



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

The budget spends for following financial year was discussed with following comments:

- i. The clerk is to confirm with Cllr Limond any fishing permit income.
- ii. To review the insurance policy in March.
- iii. Make the Public Grant section in the accounts as a single figure.
- iv. To consider making next year's Precept £42,000.

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

402. To review any correspondence received

None to report.

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

None received.

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

- a) Planning Committee

405. Date of next meeting to be held on Tuesday 7th January 2020 at Clun Memorial Hall

Meeting closed at 21.54

APPROVED AS BEING A CORRECT RECORD BY

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNIATURE: _____

Dated: 7th January 2020