

CLUN TOWN COUNCIL

with CHAPEL LAWN

Minutes of the Clun Town Council with Chapel Lawn Meeting held 6th August 2019 at the Memorial Hall, Clun

Present- Cllrs Bryan Angell, Linda Hurcombe, Gary Mills, James McVicar, Matt Donaldson.

In attendance was one member of the public

Meeting commenced at **19:30**

309. To receive apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllrs Jack Limond, Reg Maund and Ryan Davies.

310. To receive declarations of interest

Cllr Mills declared an interest in Planning Application **19/03315/VAR** - Site Of Ashgrove, Purlogue, Clun, Shropshire.

311. To consider requests for dispensation

None received

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

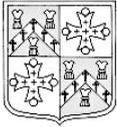
- a) Angela Martin stated that the ROSPA report on the Memorial Hall Playground was being actioned by the Trustees. Most of the items that had been raised were fairly minor. She noted separately that it may be necessary to take out the bike park completely. The work is being done largely by volunteers but some of it will require a financial outlay. She asked if the Council could consider providing a further grant towards the costs.

Cllr Angell asked that the Trustees submit a formal request for a grant to the Council for consideration.

313. Report from County Councillor Nigel Hartin

No report was presented.

314. To resolve that the minutes of the Council general meeting held on 2nd July 2019 are a correct record



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It was proposed by Cllr McVicar, seconded by Cllr Mills and agreed by all that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2nd July 2019 were a true and proper record.

The Minutes were accordingly signed by the Chairman.

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

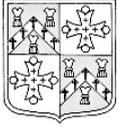
- a) **299(c)** – Cllr McVicar stated that he would not be present at the September meeting and asked that the appointment of councillors to the Planning Committee be moved to the October meeting. His request was agreed unanimously.
- b) **301** - Cllr Angell reported that the first meeting of the group has not yet taken place.
- c) **303(a)** - Cllr Angell reported that the Clerk had received a letter from Shropshire Council stating that the statutory notice of a vacancy had been displayed for the required period and that no requests for a By-Election had been received. The Town Council was, therefore, instructed to seek to fill the vacancy by co-option.

One informal expression of interest in co-option had already been received. After discussion, it was agreed by all present that a notice, announcing that the vacancy is to be filled by co-option and inviting formal applications, will be posted on the public notice boards and on the Clun Valley Facebook site. Cllr Angell will also include the information in his next report for publication in the **Clun Chronicle**.

316. To receive the Mayor's Report

- a) Cllr Angell reported that he had attended a meeting with the Trustees of the Memorial Hall where he had asked whether they would consider entering into a dialogue with the Council on providing some off-street parking. The Trustees had indicated their willingness. Cllr Angell asked that the existing Working Group be allowed to enter into this dialogue on the Council's behalf and to then report back. This was agreed unanimously.
- b) A letter had been received from the Churchwarden: the steps to the church are repeatedly being hit and damaged by traffic and she asked whether the Council could help. Cllr Angell had sent a holding reply pending the outcome of proper discussion of the matter in Council. An agenda item will be tabled for a forthcoming meeting.
- c) Cllr Angell had opened this year's Clun Carnival in his capacity as Chair and had also presented the prizes to the winners of the Council's writing competition. He had been asked by the Editors of the **Clun Chronicle** whether the entries for the competition were to be published. Cllr McVicar agreed to liaise with the Editors on the matter.

It was agreed that consideration should be given at a subsequent meeting as to whether to run the writing competition next year and, if so, to review the rules. An agenda item will be tabled for a future meeting.



317. To consider planning applications

- a) **19/02835/FUL** - Brookside, High Street, Clun, SY7 8NX - Erection of a Garden Room and replacement of existing Garage.

No comment.

- b) **19/03315/VAR** - Site Of Ashgrove, Purlogue, Clun, Shropshire - Variation of condition no 2 (plans) pursuant to 18/02889/FUL dated 17/12/2018 for the demolition of existing house and garage for new replacement dwelling with garage

The Council had objected to the original application. Concern was expressed by some councillors that the revised plans were still not in keeping with local traditions and that the lighting arrangements would be the cause of light pollution. It was proposed that the Council object to the variation on two grounds:

- i. **That the proposed design and materials are not in keeping with the style guide for Clun and are not sympathetic to the area.**
4 councillors in favour; 1 against. **Agreed.**
- ii. **That the proposed downlighting, if in permanent use, would cause persistent light pollution. It should be removed from the design or a condition should be placed restricting it to occasional use.**
3 councillors in favour; 2 against. **Agreed.**

- c) **19/03345/TPO** - 22 Newport Street, Clun, Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 8JZ – Fell 1no Aspen protected by The South Shropshire District Council (22 Newport Street Clun Craven Arms Shropshire SY7 8JZ) TPO 2002 (Ref: SS/00065/02)

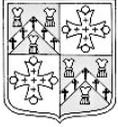
No comment.

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

Cllr Donaldson reported that there was a new Memorial Hall committee following the AGM with a number of new faces. There was a wish to resolve the problems of the playground area, and especially the bike park which is hazardous, but funds are very short. Cllr Angell suggested that the Committee might reach out to the Rural Community Council amongst others for any advice or insight they might have gained from the experience of others who look after play areas.

By unanimous agreement of councillors, the meeting was suspended at 8:15 to allow informal discussion of the matter with a member of the public who was present.

The meeting recommenced at 8:20.



319. To receive and consider update on work done on Waterloo Bridge

Cllr Angell noted that the damaged approach fences had now been replaced albeit not on a like-for-like basis. He read out an email from Shropshire Council to Councillor Hartin, a copy of which he had received, regarding repair and repainting of the bridge: in effect, the email stated that this was not a priority for the Highway Authority and counselled the Town Council against undertaking the work itself owing to the complexity of the safety and environmental issues, although the offer of a meeting with a Highway's engineer was given.

Cllr McVicar expressed frustration with the position that was being adopted by Shropshire Council which he believed has obstructed Clun Town Council in its attempts to restore the bridge. After discussion, it was agreed that Cllr Angell would write accepting the offer of a meeting with the Highways engineer but also note that the Town Council would independently pursue painting of the bridge itself.

320. To receive and consider update on lack of action from SCC on the traffic plan

Cllr Angell reported that he had written to the CEO of Shropshire Council complaining about the manner in which it had dealt with the Town Council's submission; he had received a holding reply from the CEO and also from Councillor Steve Davenport, the Portfolio Holder for Highways at Shropshire Council. Following the absence of any follow-up responses, he had written again to the CEO and Councillor Davenport, backed up by a separate email from Councillor Hartin, expressing concern about the continuing lack of response. He has now received a reply stating that Shropshire Council is reviewing the Town Council's submission and that the interim Head of Highways (Alun Morgan) would be in contact within the next two weeks.

321. To receive and consider concerns of the recent road rally

A complaint had been received concerning a recent late night road rally in the parish which had caused disturbance. After discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the Council would write to the organisers (Knighton Motor Club) asking them properly to inform the community in advance when the rally was taking place and to insist that entrants respect the road speed limits.

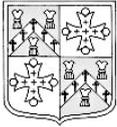
322. Financial Matters

a) To receive and consider any Grant and Donation requests

None received

b) To review and approve the payment schedule

Cllr Mills questioned why an *in lieu* payment had had to be made to the Clerk in respect of untaken annual leave and asked how the amount had been calculated. Cllr Angell stated that the Clerk had been unable to take his annual leave owing to pressure of work; the payment would be made on this occasion but he had stressed to the Clerk that



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in future he should seek to take his annual leave allowance. He also stated that the calculation of the payment was on a *pro rata* basis and had been agreed by the Personnel Committee.

Cllr McVicar expressed concern that the Personnel Committee had not been discharging its responsibility in managing the Clerk's workload. He could find no evidence that it had been meeting regularly nor could he find any minutes of its meetings.

After discussion, it was agreed that the Terms of Reference of the Personnel Committee should be brought back to the full Council for review.

Cllr Hurcombe proposed, Cllr McVicar seconded and it was unanimously agreed to approve the Schedule of Payments

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

None received

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

Cllr Mills asked whether the Community-led Plan was still being taken forward. Cllr Angell said that he was not aware of any active work. It was agreed that the Plan should be included in a forthcoming agenda for discussion.

325. Date of Next Meeting

To be held on Wednesday 4th **September 2019** at **Chapel Lawn Village Hall, which will be a General Meeting**

Meeting Closed at 20.45

APPROVED AS BEING A CORRECT RECORD BY

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNIATURE: _____

Dated: 4th September 2019