

# CLUN TOWN COUNCIL

with CHAPEL LAWN

## Minutes of the Clun Town Council with Chapel Lawn Meeting held 7<sup>th</sup> July 2020 via ZOOM online video

**Present-** Cllrs Brian Angell (Chairman), Cllr Reg Maund, Ryan Davies, Matt Donaldson, Bill Shepherd, Kevin Lewis, and Deborah Fox.

In attendance was the Clerk & RFO Darren Knipe, and one member of the public.

Meeting commenced at **19:30**

### **503. To receive apologies for absence**

Cllrs Linda Hurcombe and Jack Limond.

### **504. To receive declarations of interest**

None received.

### **505. To consider requests for dispensation**

None received.

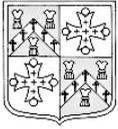
### **506. To receive and consider a presentation from Mathew Mead on Housing Policy and related matters**

Mathew Mead explained his role in SCC comprised of two roles; firstly, he supports the planning department with issues like the infrastructure projects as well as local housing policies. Secondly, he works with the Economic Growth Team, looking at the economic future of Shropshire, with particular recent focus being on Covid-19 responses to the current situation.

Shropshire's Local Plan will set the framework for future housing development in Shropshire up to 2036. It builds on previous plans that were developed since Shropshire became a Unitary Council in 2009. The latest version of the plan is really an update on existing policies rather than a major revision of the plan. Key points are:

- Growth of around 26,000 new homes in Shropshire by 2026
- Majority of new growth to be accommodated in Shrewsbury and the larger market towns, and smaller designated Community hubs, where services are provided
- Limited growth in rural settlements through an opt in process

The position for Clun is broadly unchanged from previous consultations.



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Clun will be designated as a community hub, as it has a range of services and shops within the settlement, which can be supported through small but planned growth.

95 homes are proposed for Clun by 2036, with the majority of these – potentially up to 88 – located on two stages of development at Turnpike Meadow. Due to the historic layout of Clun site allocations are favoured rather than a high level of “in fill” development.

However, development in Clun will be subject to some stricter rules proposed under the new plan.

Clun continues to be affected by the River Clun catchment issue, where the presence of rare fresh water mussels has seen the water courses in the area subject to strict controls on the levels of water pollution in the area. Any new development will need to demonstrate that it isn't contributing to water pollution, and ideally improving on the existing levels. The consultation will contain a specific policy on this issue.

New policies on development in the AONB will also be included. Clun is a settlement in the Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty and our revised policy framework requires that development in the AONB requires evidence of exceptional circumstances for the proposed land uses.

This issue and the Clun catchment issues will place extra requirements on development in Clun, and we are sure this will be subject to comment during the consultation. The final examination stage will also be the last opportunity for owners and developers of new sites to present evidence for their site to be included in the plan, and we anticipate some sites in Clun will request evidence for their site is considered during the examination.

There is a desire for a housing survey to be done for Clun to fully establish what the housing needs are.

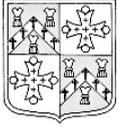
The issue of empty properties came up. Mathew explained nearly 800 empty homes had been identified in Shropshire. A new Empty Homes group had been created in the new year that comprised Andy Wigley from Historical Environment team, as well as the Public Protection team which looks at unsafe properties.

## **507. To consider formal government guidance on relaxing COVID-19 restrictions in relation to the Public Toilets and other public spaces in Clun Parish**

Cllr Fox explained the guidance was in response to use of public spaces, and especially in relation to social distancing where high footfall and contained focal zones.

SCC will provide any signage that Council require.

Market Square and Castle Street leading to the Spar should be social distancing markers and reminder stickers.



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Bridge Street car park should have a couple of social distance markers, and the toilets should address distance queueing. Inside toilets should be hand washing signs as well as a cleaning schedule.

Other focal points are the bus stops, outside the school and possibly at Waterloo. The guidance also mentions waste management facilities, and suitable PPE.

Council agreed to let Cllr Fox and Cllr Angell assess the possible locations, and decide on ordering the required signage. It was suggested by Cllr Donaldson to not include the distance on signage as guidance seems to change and there is no desire to have inaccurate or redundant information.

Cllr Angell asked Council for their view on the opening of the Memorial Hall playground, even though Council are not responsible for it. Cllr Donaldson mentioned that the Hall had put a closed sign up, but parents had been seen using the facilities. The general view was that Council would support the opening in line with what the guidance says.

## **508. Meeting open to the public. Time for this session is limited to 10 minutes**

- a) Gary Mills wanted to know was there going to be any liability on the developer of Turnpike. The Clerk will follow up with SCC.

## **509. Report from County Councillor Nigel Hartin**

Nothing to add above the newsletter sent.

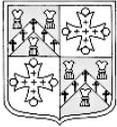
## **510. To resolve that the minutes of the Council general meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 are a correct record**

It was proposed by Cllr Angell, seconded by Cllr Donaldson and agreed by all that the Minutes of the Meeting held on 2<sup>nd</sup> June 2020 were a true and proper record. The Minutes were accordingly signed by the Chairman.

**Cllr Fox gave her apologies and left the meeting.**

## **511. To consider and resolve any matters arising from the minutes**

- a) **489** – the trader in the car park is receiving complaints and starting to cause issues for parking. Clerk to contact licensing to get their view. Cllr Angell suggested if there was sufficient demand, then the town could consider a regular market at a suitable location.



**512. To receive the Mayor's Report**

- a) The traffic group met recently. SCC have committed to spend on signage for HGV's as well as spend on the streetscape and design guide. They have also been allocated £500k to spend on drainage in Clun.
- b) A sculpture of the Clun Sheep has been considered for the small piece of land known as Rose Gardens. It should be established if SCC own it, and would Council be happy for the Clerk to follow this up. This was agreed by all.
- c) Council was asked if they should take more of a profile at Christmas with the lights and festivities.
- d) Rural Markets Group asked if Clun Parish would like to join and get help with. Cllr Angell to circulate information.

**513. To review and consider updating Standing Orders**

The issue of item 3l was raised regarding public recording of meetings. Clerk to get advice from SALC.

Cllr Angell suggested 5f – "A councillor may not serve more than 3 years consecutively as mayor or deputy mayor, with at least one year before being re-elected to the position."

Should be amended to:

"A councillor may not serve more than 3 years consecutively as mayor or deputy mayor, with at least one year lapse before being re-elected to the position."

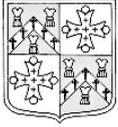
**514. To consider the formation of a Business and Economic Working Group with TOR**

Cllr Lewis proposed to accept the TOR of the Business and Economic Working Group. This was seconded by Cllr Maund and agreed by all.

**515. To review and consider the writing competition prize monies**

Cllr Hurcombe who had been one of the judges of the writing competition suggested that all entrants be awarded a prize, being three prizes of £25 book voucher and an adult poetry prize of £40 cash.

Cllr Angell proposed to accept the allocation of prizes. This was seconded by Cllr Shepherd and agreed by all.



**516. To consider planning applications**

- a) **20/02132/FUL** - Five Turnings Farm, Knighton, Shropshire, LD7 1NF - Erection of two agricultural buildings and formation of farmyard

**Support with caveat of adopting Council's Environmental Policy with emphasis on renewable materials and energy, as well as that it complies with design guide that Shropshire Hills have devised.**

**517. To receive reports from Councillors attending other meetings**

a) **Working Groups and Sub-Committees**

- i. None

b) **Other groups and organisations**

- i. None  
ii. Cllr Angell raised issue that Cllr Hurcombe had stepped down as representative on Enterprise House.

**518. To receive and consider the report of the Town Clerk**

- a) Report from Sgt Damien with an operation attacking local theft  
b) Highways Officer Steve Holdaway has been identified as useful point of contact  
c) The Clerk annual leave is due for August, but was agreed that would attend meeting and then take leave.

**519. Financial Matters**

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

- i. None received.

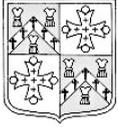
b) **To review and approve the payment schedule**

Cllr Davies proposed to accept the Payment Schedule. This was seconded by Cllr Maund and agreed by all.

c) **To review budget and actual income and expenditure**

The budget was reviewed and around 25% of annual budget was spent in first quarter.

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## 520. To review any correspondence received

None to report.

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

- a) Cllr Davies mentioned a project looking at localisms and dialect. Clun had been selected with local recordings which will be stored on National Archives. He felt it may be something extended as local project, which Council could support.
- b) Cllr Lewis raised issue of campervans in the Bridge Street car park. It was agreed that this forms part of approaches to signage.

## 522. To receive and consider Agenda items for the next meeting

None

## 523. Date of next meeting to be held on Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020 via ZOOM

**Meeting closed to Public at 21.31**

APPROVED AS BEING A CORRECT RECORD BY

CHAIRMAN'S SIGNIATURE: \_\_\_\_\_

Dated: 4<sup>th</sup> August 2020