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MINUTES OF CLUN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT THE MEMORIAL HALL ON TUESDAY 5th September 2023 AT 7.30PM

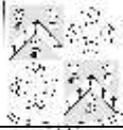
PRESENT	APOLOGIES
Cllr. R Davies Cllr. M. Duffee Cllr. B. Angell Cllr. J. Limond Cllr. D. Morris Cllr. R. Andrews Cllr. R. Bowles	Cllr W. Shepherd Cllr M. Wooldridge

ALSO IN ATTENDANCE
Mr. Gwilym Rippon (clerk) Shropshire Councillor Nigel Hartin

There was 1 member of the public present

	Agenda item	
64-2023	1.	ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES
		Please see above. The Mayor thanked all for their attendance
65-2023	2.	DECLARATION OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST IN A MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING
		a) All members have an interest in the Clun Memorial Hall b) To declare any personal interests – none
66-2023	3.	MAYOR'S REPORT
		Welcome back after summer! It is with sadness we have learnt about the passing of Steve Harris, a former colleague to us as councillors. Steve brought a level head into many debates over the period he sat on Clun Town Council and his input and enthusiasm is very much missed. Councillors all concurred. It's been a busy couple of months with one thing or another. The Butty Van continues to grow in popularity with July's event attracting 40 to 50 people from across the area. I know the organisers are looking for

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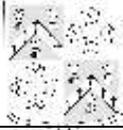
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		<p>future host farms if anyone knows of anyone who would be willing to assist.</p> <p>The Roads Signage Project is making headway, thanks to Cllr Angell for his efforts in keeping Shropshire Council and their contractors focussed. We are hoping this project will conclude with new signage across the area instructing HGV's not to route through Clun town.</p> <p>The issue with the state of the roads is still causing issues not just to Clun but also to the wider areas. I know my counterpart from Clunbury parish has been receiving complaints by people bypassing certain areas to avoid the road conditions.</p> <p>Cllr Bowles has been busy looking for funding opportunities with regards to the Town Hall renovations, and I'm sure we will have an update on where everything stands later this evening.</p> <p>The AED project continues to accelerate now with 30 units installed across the area. More recently the unit now here at the memorial hall. This was funded through the efforts of a local young resident who undertook a sponsored swim of 6.5km. It was a great that we were able to present Jessie with an award of appreciation last night. What came as a bit more of a surprise to us all was that the High Sheriff also presented a High Sheriff's award at the same time. Thank you to everyone who attended.</p> <p>It was great to see such a good attendance at the Fire Station Open Day, with various activities taking place, including cutting the Mayor out of a car!</p> <p>The Bishops Castle Mayor arrived in Clun on a bed raising awareness of the potential loss of 18 beds at the Community Hospital. There is a 'Meeting in Public' happening on 7 September 3pm at the Community College and I'd urge people to attend if at all possible.</p> <p>We have now had access to our new email addresses for a few weeks, I know there are one or two yet to be migrated on to this system. To avoid any confusion, please could councillors yet to move to this system, do so by the end of the week if possible.</p> <p>Forward look:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • RBL AGM • LL Carol Concert will let you know of any expectations of the TC was I've met with the organisers – scheduled for 12 December
67-2023	4.	TO RECEIVE AN UPDATE IN RELATION TO THE POSITION OF CLUN PARISH TREE WARDEN
		<p>Dan Gordon-Lee has accepted the post.</p> <p>Cllr Angell requested that he be asked to attend a future Council meeting so Council can meet him and discuss the detailed implications of the job specification.</p>



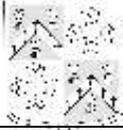
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68-2023	5.	PUBLIC SESSION (i) Shropshire Councillor Report Shropshire Council and neighbouring councils in England and Wales have set up the “Marches Forward Partnership” which will enable useful collaboration on transport, housing and energy matters. Funding gap: some progress has been made but a further gap has been discovered, setting it back again. A by-election will take place on Thursday 7 th Sept following the resignation of Richard Marshall and another will take place shortly following a Councillor resignation owing to illness. (ii) Police Report No police present (iii) Public comments – none
69-2023	6.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES The minutes of the meeting of 4 th July 2023 were approved. Proposed by Cllr. Angell, seconded by Cllr. Morris.
70-2023	7.	INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES Cllr. Duffee has not yet been able to liaise with Mark Limbrick regarding Clun Mill publicity. Cllr. Limond has sourced printing facility for Fishing Licenses. See Clerk’s report below for further information on Actions from minutes.
71-2023	8.	CLERK’S REPORT Tree warden appointed. Still following up obtaining police reports. Mill not yet registered as Community Asset as more information required. PCB office has been agreed for Council use on Tuesday afternoons. Severn Trent contacted and agreed to turn off old connection at toilets. National Grid contacted re Powell’s Lane streetlight, not got back yet. Smart Water number of dwellings, more information required. Pavement obstruction further contact agreed by Council. Alan Fairchild SALC expert on Burial Matters contacted regarding advice on churchyard, in particular information on gravestone and memorials management. Not yet replied. Discussion of effectiveness of recent Councillor training: generally agreed that it was found to be a useful refresher and overview.
72-2023	9.	PLANNING To consider the following planning applications and other planning matters 1. 23/03721/dis



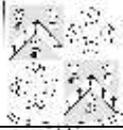
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		<p>Discharge of condition 2 (wsi) attached to planning consent 23/02424/tel proposed telecommunications mast west of Pentre Hodre Shropshire Council response: approve</p> <p>2. 23/03645/AGR Erection of storage building Shadwell Hall Clun Craven Arms Shropshire SY7 8NJ Council response: no objection in principle</p> <p>3. 23/02984/FUL Erection of extension to existing agricultural building to provide a cover over an existing muck store Purlogue Farm New Invention Craven Arms Shropshire SY7 8LT Council response: approve</p> <p>4. 23/03265/SCR Environmental Impact Assessment Screening Opinion as per part 2 of the Town and Country Planning (Environmental Impact Assessment) 2017 – 8m of underground cable Clun Car Park Clun Shropshire Council response: no comment</p> <p>5. 23/02942/AMP Amendment to planning permission No. 21/03335/FUL (use of symmetrical flush-fitting UPVC casement windows and UPVC doors instead of timber-framed units) The Old Dairy Clunton Craven Arms Shropshire SY7 0JA Council response: approve</p> <p>6. 23/03677/FUL Installation of horizontal timber cladding of the upper half of two sides of the attached garage Castle House Castle Street Clun Craven Arms Shropshire SY7 8JU Council response: support</p>
73-2023	10.	ASSETS OF THE COUNCIL
		<p>To update on the following and any action deemed necessary:-</p> <p>1. Town Hall Cllr. Bowles reported that the application for funding from the Wolfson Foundation was not successful. She has now submitted the first stage of an application to the government's Community Ownership Fund and will be making a further application to the Heritage Lottery Fund.</p>



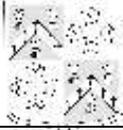
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		<p>No information on progress of West wall repairs owing to absence of Cllr. Shepherd.</p> <p>2. Public toilets and car park Cllr. Andrews reported the water supply work is completed. There is an issue with flushing in one case but there is a 6 week delay for parts delivery. Cllr. Angell reported the rail in the car park has now been replaced, there is a new fence and barbed wire, also bollards installed. However some work is still outstanding. Cllr. Davies pointed out that English Heritage, having done some tree-cutting work, have left debris at water's edge, which will be washed into river.</p> <p>3. Public toilet – complaint received</p>
74-2023	11.	CLUN MILL
		<p>To receive an update in relation to Clun Mill</p> <p>Cllr. Bowles reported that the Clun Town Trust and Tony Martyr have organised a public talk on the history of Clun Mill and its unique grade 2 listed mechanism, to be held at Clun Methodist Church on Tuesday 17th October at 7.30pm. This is aimed at bringing the offer of sale to the attention of the local community.</p>
75-2023	12.	TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM GROUPS OR MEETINGS ATTENDED
		<p>Highways: see Mayor's report for some Highways information. Cllr. Angell mentioned the survey markers on Bridge St and the work by Severn Trent in Church St. There has been no formal communication. Cllr. Limond suggested that it would be useful to have a No Right Turn sign between Enfield St and The Square, to avoid the current damaging practice, encouraged by satnavs, of cars and lorries using Buffalo Lane.</p>
76-2023	13.	CLUN CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP
		Report received and noted.
77-2023	14.	FINANCE
		<p>1. To receive the Bank Reconciliation Received.</p>



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		<p>2. To discuss and approve the new Grant Application and Guidelines Cllr. Angell explained issues covered in attached draft new guidelines and application form.</p> <p>Discussion will need to include timings, number of windows, thresholds.</p> <p>3. To approve the following invoices for payment</p> <p>a. J. Churchett £500.00p (Toilet Cleaning) (S1-S7 Localism Act 2011)</p> <p>b. HMRC £357.43p (S1-S7 Localism Act 2011)</p> <p>c. G. J. Rippon £94.59p (home working allowance, mileage) (S1-S7 Localism Act 2011)</p> <p>d. Shropshire Council £70.00 (Castle and grounds licence) (S1-S7 Localism Act 2011)</p> <p>e. G. Lumley £224.00p (training) (S1-S7 Localism Act 2011)</p> <p>f. J. Limond £462.00p (reimbursement for electrical work {Green Man})) (S1-S7 Localism Act 2011)</p> <p>g. Shropshire Council £643.30p (Joint Energy) (S1-S7 Localism Act 2011)</p> <p>For ratification invoices paid in August</p> <p>J. Churchett £500.00p (Toilet Cleaning) (S1-S7 Localism Act 2011) (August)</p> <p>HMRC £357.43p (S1-S7 Localism Act 2011) (August)</p> <p>G. J. Rippon £87.39p (home working allowance, mileage) (S1-S7 Localism Act 2011) (August)</p> <p>V.Prints £126.65p (Framed Certificate) (S1-S7 Localism Act 2011)</p> <p>A. Wallace £80.00p (Grass cutting) (S1-S7 Localism Act 2011)</p> <p>Memorial Benches £1341.00p (S1-S7 Localism Act 2011).</p> <p>Following some clarification on invoices f and g by Cllr. Limond and the Clerk, the above invoices were agreed, the Clerk was instructed to pay all invoices.</p>
78-2023	15.	CORRESPONDENCE
		To review any correspondence received None
79-2023	16.	INFORMATION FROM COUNCILLORS
		Cllr. Angell raised matter of the path from Buffalo Lane to the castle grounds being overgrown and the piece of land adjoining.



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		<p>Council has paid for mowing contractor over many years and may now be entitled to legal ownership.</p> <p>Cllr. Andrews: Gill Harris would like memorial bench for Steve located by river at car park, similar to that at Waterloo. Council agreed.</p> <p>Discussion about defibrillator arrangements and difficulties between responsibilities of Ambulance Service and Fire Service.</p> <p>Cllr. Limond recommended effective and efficient co-responder system used in Wales.</p> <p>Council also noted the unsatisfactory lack of a First Responder in Clun. Freeman awards discussed.</p>
80-2023	17.	AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING
		Cllr. Morris: streetlight replacement on Ford St.
81-2023	18.	DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING
		Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 3 rd October 2023 at Memorial Hall
		Signed by the Chair.
		Meeting closed 10.00pm