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MINUTES OF CLUN TOWN COUNCIL MEETING

HELD AT THE MEMORIAL HALL ON TUESDAY 3rd October 2023 AT 7.30PM

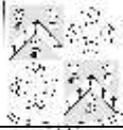
PRESENT	APOLOGIES
Cllr. R Davies Cllr. R. Andrews Cllr. B. Angell Cllr. J. Limond Cllr W. Shepherd Cllr M. Wooldridge Cllr. R. Bowles	Cllr. M. Duffee Cllr. D. Morris

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

There were 4 members of the public present and 2 representatives from SWS Broadband

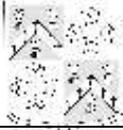
	Agenda item	
82-2023	1.	ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES
		Please see above. The Mayor thanked all for their attendance
83-2023	2.	DECLARATION OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST IN A MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING
		a) All members have an interest in the Clun Memorial Hall b) To declare any personal interests – none
84-2023	3.	MAYOR'S REPORT
		September came and went however was relatively quiet in terms of council business. It was interesting to meet with a local resident who had been surveying the River Clun over a number of months. The evidence presented was somewhat shocking to say the least. Point source pollution seems rife and not just from the drains and sewerage. Photographs showed clear examples of where agriculture is contributing to the problem. I will bring this up further under the CCEG item later to discuss who we, as a council my wish to respond to help encourage all people from all sectors to think about their actions and the consequences which it can lead to.

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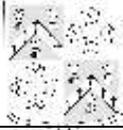
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		<p>I met with both Katherine Garnier and Claire Crackett (both Deputy Lieutenants) to discuss the arrangements for the forthcoming Carol Concert being held at St George's in December. This should bring in another good publicity opportunity for Clun, building on what we have already achieved to date. Primarily this will be by invite, however no one will be turned away. Again I'll keep everyone up to date as we get closer to the even.</p> <p>Whilst talking about the Church, the Remembrance Service will be held to mark Armistice Day. I've been asked to lay a wreath on behalf of Philip Dunne and Mark has kindly agreed to lay on behalf of the Town Council. It would be good to see as many from the TC in attendance if possible. Also we are starting to see more detail as to our potential responsibilities for the ownership of the church yard. Thank you by Cllr. Shepherd for works being undertaken to follow this up.</p> <p>Also a thank you to Cllr. Bowles for her continued efforts in securing funding to help bring the Town Hall up to standard.</p> <p>It was great to attend the Royal British Legion's celebration event to publicly thank everyone who helps keeps the Legion going in terms of collections for the Poppy Appeal. Can you believe people has been raising money, for 30 years? Also a big well done to Barry Oldham who continues to support the Legion in arranging for the fund raising to happen.</p> <p>Since the September meeting the bridge has been hit numerous times, more recently this morning! However, eagle eyed residents continue to monitor and report these instances along with capturing photographic evidence of occurrences. We are hopeful this will come to a less of an issue as we approach the conclusion of the detour signage project. Although this latest incident involved a small rigid HGV.</p> <p>Also I would like to pass on my congratulations to Chis Morris who received his 30 years' service medal from Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service.</p>
85-2023	4.	PUBLIC SESSION
		<p>(i) Shropshire Councillor Report</p> <p>Shropshire Council have increased amount they are confident of saving from £32 million to £34.9 million.</p> <p>Report from discussions with SC Chief Fire Officer Simon Harding and with West Midlands Ambulance Service regarding the use of the defibrillator on the fire station appliance and the training of Firefighters as First Responders. Discussions are ongoing.</p> <p>Ward boundary has been extended to include Mainstone.</p> <p>(ii) Police Report None</p>



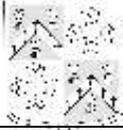
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		<p>(iii) Public comments</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Representatives from SWS Broadband gave presentation to Council explaining plans for fibre broadband to be installed in Clun using recently awarded government grants. Information will be given to residents by SWS in near future.• Major concern was expressed regarding the state of Church Bank road surface. As it is a Shropshire Council issue, Shropshire Cllr. Hartin responded that he has raised it and will get back when has response.• Suggestion to put link to FixMyStreet on Clun Town Council website was agreed.• Concern expressed by Chair of neighbouring Parish Council about lack of response from Shropshire Council regarding highways matters and confirmation sought regarding imminent repairs to Clun drainage. The latter was confirmed by Cllr. Angell and the substantial effort required over last 6 years to achieve this was described. Shropshire Cllr. Hartin will speak to new SC Highways Officer Dan Morris and suggested Council invite Shropshire Cllr. Morris to speak at future Clun Council meeting.
86-2023	5.	APPROVAL OF MINUTES
		Minutes from meeting on 5 th September 2023 were approved. Proposed by Cllr. Angell and seconded by Cllr. Andrews
87-2023	6.	INFORMATION FROM THE MINUTES
		Cllr. Angell raised question of legal ownership of land by path from Buffalo Lane Cllr. Limond requested that minute numbers be included on Task Sheet
88-2023	7.	CLERK'S REPORT
		From Task sheet: Task of checking Buffalo Lane footpath has been delayed owing to the Land Registry new system being more complex and no longer free Will arrange for Seal use when date for awarding certificate is known Has reminded SC about AONB planning guidelines Regarding pavement blockage has had response. Discussion and agreement to defer in absence of Cllr. Morris. Shropshire Cllr. Hartin will send Clerk details of SC Footpath Officer. Concerns discussed regarding vehicles parked by dropped pavement here and other poor parking issues elsewhere in town. Council agreed to request to meet the Police to discuss if they would periodically check on key areas



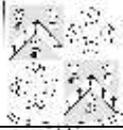
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		<p>of making on pavements and instructing free flow of traffic so that residents get the message.</p> <p>Has contacted expert regarding Grade II listed monuments in churchyard, awaiting response.</p> <p>New office for Clerk is now established. Tuesday afternoons 1pm to 4pm.</p> <p>Cllr. Angell question regarding streetlight in Powell's Lane. Clerk has contacted National Grid and sent them the response from Highline. Awaiting response.</p>
89-2023	8.	PLANNING
		<p>To consider the following planning applications and other planning matters</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">23/03896/LBC Application for replacement of 3no windows to first floor front elevation and 3no modern windows to the rear elevation affecting a Grade II listed building Ford House, 22 Ford Street, Clun, Craven Arms, Shropshire SY7 8LD Council response: support front but lack of information for rear23/04234/TCA Clun Castle, Castle Street, Clun, Shropshire Proposal: Works to trees within Clun Conservation Area Council response: lack of information <p>Shropshire Cllr. Hartin to raise with SC that we have had 2 applications without sufficient information</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none">23/04052/FUL Church Bank, Clun Installation of roof covering over existing open silage pit Council response: supportAppeal to be commented by all-councillors email
90-2023	9.	ASSETS OF THE COUNCIL
		<ol style="list-style-type: none">Town Hall Cllr. Shepherd reported that he is pursuing another quote for the West wall rendering task, expected in November. Preferred time for work late Spring or early Summer. Cllr. Bowles reported on current grant application for major repairs being prepared with support from Cllr. Angell, Cllr. Shepherd and Cllr. Davies. Public support being evidenced by petition sheets in local shops and businesses, letter of support from Philip Dunne and



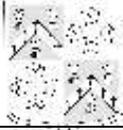
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		<p>letter of support from Heritage Forum. Deadline for grant submission next Wednesday 11th October. Cllr. Davies agreed to put public poll on local FaceBook page.</p> <p>2. Public toilets and car park Discussion of toilet signage issue.</p> <p>3. Street lighting – replacement in Ford Street Comment from Cllr. Davies regarding streetlight at bottom of Newport Street not in keeping with specification. To be monitored.</p>
91-2023	10.	CLOSED CHURCH YARD
		<p>Report from Cllr. Shepherd circulated, discussed and noted. Many issues need addressing. Complaint from neighbouring resident regarding tree and wall noted.</p> <p>Cllr. Angell asked for information regarding Cemetery wall situation. Cllr. Shepherd reported no further progress.</p>
92-2023	11.	CLUN MILL
		<p>Deferred in absence of Cllr. Duffee</p>
93-2023	12.	TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM GROUPS OR MEETINGS ATTENDED
		<p>Cllr. Angell reported from Highways Group: Not clear yet whether the notification on works High Street issues recently refer to the works in the Square and Top of Bridge street as well as those near to the old Garage site. Cllr Hartin to check this.</p> <p>Car Parks: Chris Yates - issue needs to go to SC Planning. Response awaited. Favoured option Enfield Street. Complaints re parking outside Spar. Options discussed. Police to be invited to next meeting to discuss further. (see Clerk's Report section)</p>
94-2023	13.	CLUN CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP
		<p>Report received and noted. Further information given regarding Himalayan Balsam by Tree Warden.</p> <p>Discussion regarding river pollution evidence.</p>



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		Cllr. Angell reminded Council that we are due a report from the Clun Liaison Group. Council agreed we need to know what progress they are making and bring current issues to their attention.
95-2023	14.	FINANCE
		<p>1. To receive the Bank Reconciliation Received</p> <p>2. To discuss and approve the new Grant Application procedure/policy Deferred</p> <p>3. To discuss and decide on the purchase of regalia for the Mayor. Deferred</p> <p>4. Remembrance Day – Council’s donation Agreed to continue with wreath as previously</p> <p>5. To discuss and decide on applying for a Unity Trust Multipay charge card Deferred</p> <p>6. 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 £418.44 p (home working allowance, mileage and SLCC subscription and plumbing components) (S1-S7 Localism Act 2011)</p> <p>d. G.J.Rippon £70.39p expenses agreed in July not paid due to oversight</p> <p>e. Halls £136.77p (toilet consumables) (S1-S7 Localism Act 2011)</p> <p>f. Halls £105.74p (toilet consumables) (S1-S7 Localism Act 2011)</p> <p>g. Memorial Hall £122.50p (room hire) (S1-S7 Localism Act 2011)</p> <p>h. S. Wallace £75.00p (Placing concrete slab for bench) (S1-S7 Localism Act 2011)</p> <p>i. CCEG £184.50p (Grant to assist with financing the stall on Clun show) (S1-S7 Localism Act 2011)</p> <p>j. SLCC £596.60p (Clerk’s Conference) (S1-S7 Localism Act 2011)</p> <p>All approved. Proposed by Cllr. Andrews and seconded by Cllr. Wooldridge</p>
96-2023	15.	CORRESPONDENCE



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		None
97-2023	16.	INFORMATION FROM COUNCILLORS
		Cllr. Shepherd reported from Personnel Committee that 2 very good applications for the post of Minutes Clerk have been received.
98-2023	17.	AGENDA ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING
		Position of tree for Reg Maund Buffalo Lane footpath ownership
99-2023	18.	DATE AND VENUE OF NEXT MEETING
		Next meeting to be held on Tuesday 7 th November 2023 at Memorial Hall
		Signed by the Chair.
		Meeting closed 9.45pm