



Clun Town Council with Chapel Lawn

MINUTES OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT THE VILLAGE HALL, CHAPEL LAWN ON TUESDAY 7th JULY 2026 AT 7.30PM

Present: Cllrs J. McVicar (Chair), A. Martin, P. Jones

There were 4 members of the public present.

Minute	Agenda Item	
121-2026	1	TO RECORD PERSONS PRESENT As above It was RESOLVED by a unanimous vote that Cllr McVicar chair the meeting.
122-2026	2	APOLOGIES Apologies were received from Cllrs M. Jones, D. Morris and J. Limond and ACCEPTED .
123-2026	3	DECLARATION OF ANY DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTEREST IN A MATTER TO BE DISCUSSED AT THE MEETING (a) None. (b) None.
124-2026	4	APPROVAL OF MINUTES (a) It was RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 2 nd June 2026. (b) It was RESOLVED by a unanimous vote to approve the minutes of the Extraordinary Town Council meeting held on 11 th June 2026.
125-2026	5	TO REVIEW ACTIONS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES The actions were not reviewed.
126-2026	6	CO-OPTION TO THE COUNCIL (a) It was NOTED that there are three current vacancies.
127-2026	7	TO RECEIVE CLERK'S REPORT Council NOTED the Clerk's report.
128-2026	8	PUBLIC SESSION (a) Cllr Walmsley reported that discussions between Shropshire Council and a local provider regarding a potential replacement bus service for the 745 were well advanced and that it was hoped that this would be in place by the time that the 745 service ceased. The Council noted this but asked that Shropshire Council urgently consult with local representatives before finalising the details of the service. Cllr Walmsley stated that he had discovered that the funds originally allocated to the Clun Roads Scheme had been moved to the Floods

team at Shropshire Council. The works around Waterloo Ford were being progressed and were likely to be completed by the end of the summer, with due consideration being given to fish spawning. He had not yet been able to find out where work had got to in relation to other aspects of the original Scheme. The Council stated that since a considerable amount of time had elapsed since the Scheme was last discussed, and given that the team now responsible for the work was different from the one with which the plans had been developed, it was important that the current team re-engage with the Council and local experts. **ACTION:** Cllr Walmsley to arrange a meeting between the Floods team and the Town Council/local experts to review and confirm the work to be carried out.

- (b) There was no report from the Police.
- (c) Members of the public commented on Cllr Walmsley's statement about the replacement for the 745 bus service, emphasising the need for consultation, particularly around the timetable. They asked that the Council consider developing a policy position on local transport.

- 129-2026 9 745 BUS SERVICE**
 The Council **NOTED** the Clerk's Report, including the fact that the highly variable usage pattern that had been seen historically would be a challenge for a new service provider.
 Cllr Martin stated that the Council should publicise any new service to help maximise its use. She was also concerned that accessibility be taken into consideration by a new operator. Cllr Jones asked about the contract duration and terms for the proposed new service. **ACTION** Cllr Walmsley agreed to confirm. Cllr McVicar asked Cllr Walmsley to ensure that the Council receive a report from Shropshire Council on usage six months after commencement of the proposed new service.
- 130-2026 10 TOURISM**
 (a) Cllr Martin reported that there might be space available on a free tourism website hosted by Shropshire Council. **ACTION:** Cllr Martin to investigate and report back.
 (b) Visit Shropshire: Cllr Martin stated that Bishops Castle Town Council had suggested sharing a tourism listing with Clun. She outlined the potential advantages to Clun. Councillors were interested but concerned that the scale of the financial contribution match the relative scales of the councils; more information was required to address this. It was **AGREED** to bring the matter back to the next meeting. **ACTION** Cllr MARTIN to obtain further details.
- 131-2026 10 TOWN CEMETERY** *(Note: this item was incorrectly numbered on the Agenda)*
 (a) Cllr McVicar expressed concern that this was not a sensible approach as there were specific issues associated with closed churchyards that had required creation of the committee. Decision was deferred until the November meeting when the new Clerk, who has experience in both closed churchyard and cemetery management, will have had time to review and make recommendations.
 (b) Cllr McVicar noted that the current fee structure is very out of date and also out of line both with the fees charged by the Parochial Church Council in the open parts of the churchyard and also by adjacent councils with cemeteries. It was proposed and **AGREED** that this matter also be deferred for review by the incoming Clerk.
- 132-2026 11 COMMUNITY ISSUES**
 (a) It was **AGREED** that a larger bin was necessary. **ACTION:** Clerk to write to Shropshire Council asking for a larger wayside bin outside the Spar shop.

- (b) A member of the public advised the Council that a revised Management Plan was currently being discussed in relation to the Castle Grounds.
ACTION: Clerk to write to Win Scutt at English Heritage explaining the access issue and asking that it be considered as part of the review.
- (c) The Clerk informed the Council that it had been confirmed that the telephone box was on the public verge. It was proposed and **RESOLVED** by a unanimous vote to seek adoption of the phonebox as a Council asset. **ACTION:** Clerk to write to BT to pursue purchase of the telephone box and to clarify the conditions of transfer.

133-2026 12 GRANT FORM APPLICATION & PROCEDURE

- (a) The proposed form had been circulated. It was **AGREED** that this be adopted immediately. Cllr Jones commented that it would be more sensible to consider grant applications during the year in blocks rather than as they were presented. It was **AGREED** that this was sensible provided that exceptions could be made if necessary. **ACTION:** Clerk to draft a new Grants Policy covering this point.

134-2026 13 YOUTH COUNCIL

- (a) Deferred until the next meeting due to the absence of Cllr M. Jones.

135-2026 14 PLANNING

- (a) The Council **NOTED** the refusal of 25/04298/FUL (Proposed Residential Barn Conversion South of The Hurst, Clunton, Shropshire).

136-2026 15 REPORTS FROM COUNCILLORS

- (a) Cllr Martin provided a report on a meeting of the Clun Environmental Group.
- (b) Cllr Martin reminded the Council of the National Emergency Briefing event on 15th August 2026 at the Memorial Hall.

137-2026 16 FINANCE (see separate Financial Report)

- (a) The Council **NOTED** the Bank Reconciliation.
- (b) The Council **NOTED** the payments made between meetings, including the payment to BT and the associated issue with the Debt Collection agency.
- (c) The Council **NOTED** the income received since the last meeting.
IT WAS RESOLVED by unanimous vote to approved the following payments:

Shropshire Council	Joint Energy Scheme – Street Lights	
	1 April to 31 June 2026	£738.80
Rampant Horse	Reimbursement for Public Convenience supplies	
	(Toilet Paper)	£108.91
SLCC	Membership for Assistant Clerk	£126.00
Andrew Wallace	Mows at Waterloo, 2 times;	
	Strim castle bank 2 times in June	£80.00
Stephen Wallace	Repair to noticeboard at Chapel Lawn	£44.00

- (d) The Council **NOTED** the spend to date against the 2026/27 Budget. The Clerk presented proposed changes to the Budget to address overruns; these will need to be voted on at the next meeting.

138-2026 17 CORRESPONDENCE AND COMPLAINTS

- (a) No complaints have been received, and none were in progress towards settlement
- (b) No correspondence had been received that required presentation to the Council.

- 139-2026 18 TO CONFIRM THE INTERNAL AUDITOR FOR 2026/27**
(a) It was **RESOLVED** by unanimous vote to accept the quote and appoint Rebecca Turner as the Internal Auditor for 2026/27.
- 140-2026 19 ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA**
(a) To discuss progress towards establishment of a replacement for the 745 bus service.
- 141-2026 20 DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING**
The next meeting of the Council will be at 7.30pm on Tuesday 4th August 2026 at Clun Fire Station
- Meeting closed at 9.30pm

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