

# Church Stretton Town Council

## MINUTES OF THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN SILVESTER HORNE INSTITUTE, CHURCH STRETTON ON TUESDAY 11<sup>th</sup> JANUARY 2022 AT 7.00p.m.

**Present:** *Councillors:* Cllr L Antill, Cllr N Carter, Cllr C Carson, Cllr S Davies (Vice Chair), Cllr R Foulkes, Cllr J Lawton, Cllr J Luck, Cllr M Morris, Cllr A Munro (Chair), Cllr H Stowell, Cllr B Welch.

**In attendance:** *Officers:* Mrs H Merrett (Admin).  
*Unitary Councillors:* Cllr Luff & Cllr Evans  
*Members of the Public:* 2

### 21.118 **WELCOME**

The Chair welcomed Councillors to the meeting.

### 21.119 **TO RECEIVE APOLOGIES**

From: Cllr G Lewis, Cllr N Carter, Dr K Howe (Town Clerk), Mrs G Bailey (RFO).

### 21.120 **TO DECLARE DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS**

Members are reminded that they are required to leave the meeting during discussing and voting on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, whether or not the interest is entered into the register of members' interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer.

**NONE**

### 21.121 **QUESTIONS FROM MEMBERS OF THE PUBLIC**

**NONE**

### 21.122 **UNITARY AND PARISH WARD MATTERS**

#### **a) Report from Unitary Councillor Luff**

The Church Stretton Library will be discussed at the Shropshire Council Cabinet meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> Jan 2022 (which will be live-streamed). The January meeting is replacing the December 21 meeting which was cancelled. Cllr Luff is due to have a meeting with Kevin Adkins about traffic in Carding Mill Valley and parking issues in Church Stretton. Cllrs Luff and Evans are continuing with their surgeries. It was noted that line painting on the road in Sandford Avenue is very worn – Cllr Luff will report this to Highways. The traffic lights on the A49/Sandford Avenue junction need updating. There will be a meeting with Highways England on 4<sup>th</sup> Feb (which will include Technical Engineer Nick Nugent) on the traffic lights issue.

The issue of planning applications going to the Planning Inspector was raised as the Planning Department at Shropshire had not made a decision in time. Was this due to the Planning Department being under resourced? Cllrs Evans and Luff were unaware of this – Cllrs Luck & Munro will forward information to them.

Oakbank will be taking no more residents.

#### **b) Parish Ward Issues (Little Stretton, South, North, All Stretton)**

The Town Council will make representations to Acton Scott Farm Museum – Cllr Munro to write a letter. Although this is just outside the Church Stretton boundary it was felt that it is important to help. Community Messenger and other town media forum could be used.

**c) Road Closures/Works**  
None

**21.123 TO CONFIRM AND SIGN THE AMENDED MINUTES TAKEN AT THE TOWN COUNCIL MEETING ON 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021**

Proposed by Cllr. Davies, seconded by Cllr Morris and

**RESOLVED (unanimously) to confirm and adopt, the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021 as correct, and these were duly signed, initialled and dated on each page by the Chairman as a true record.**

**21.124 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM FINANCE COMMITTEE:**

a) Proposed by Cllr. Davies, seconded by Cllr Morris and

**RESOLVED (unanimously) to approve the finalised budget of £506,410 for financial year 2022- 2023**

b) Proposed by Cllr. Hartshorne, seconded by Cllr Luck and

**RESOLVED (unanimously) to approve the precept of £436,056 for financial year 2022-23**

c) Proposed by Cllr. Munro, seconded by Cllr Davies and

**RESOLVED (unanimously) to approve amended Standing Orders as resolution (after altering 21 Item d from “Data Controller” to “Information Commissioner”)**

d) Proposed by Cllr. Luck, seconded by Cllr Carson and

**RESOLVED (unanimously) to receive the accounts for November 2021**

e) Proposed by Cllr. Munro, seconded by Cllr Lawton and

**RESOLVED (unanimously) to receive the minutes taken at the finance working group meeting on 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021**

f) Councillors **NOTED** the report from the Brooksbury Charity and that all accounts are now up to date.

g) Councillors **NOTED** the report from the Church Stretton Recreation Park Charity and that all accounts are now up to date.

h) Councillors **NOTED** the report from the Silvester Horne Institute Charity and that all accounts are now up to date.

i) Proposed by Cllr. Munro, seconded by Cllr Luck and

**RESOLVED (unanimously) to approve the proposal from the CIC that the organisation be wound up and struck off.**

**21.125 TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM STRATEGY COMMITTEE:  
HOUSING NEEDS SURVEY**

This work will continue but problems with the Shropshire Local Plan mean that it will be less urgent than previously thought. The Communication Committee need to get the survey out to the public asap.

STANDING ORDERS WERE SUSPENDED TO ALLOW A VERBAL REPORT ON RECTORY WOOD AND FIELD LOCAL NATURE RESERVE DESIGNATION BY A MEMBER OF THE PUBLIC.

**21.126 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM PUBLIC REALM COMMITTEE:**

**a) Rectory Wood LNR Designation**

Proposed by Cllr. Antill, seconded by Cllr Davies and

**RESOLVED (unanimously) to approve payment of legal seal and placing of announcement in a local paper regarding Rectory Wood and Field Local Nature Reserve Designation.**

**b) Rectory Wood Emergency Tree Works contracts costs**

Proposed by Cllr. Munro, seconded by Cllr Lawton and

**RESOLVED (unanimously) to approve payments of £2,900 + VAT and additional £1,175 + VAT due to difficult site access.**

**c) 3 year Leasowes Coppice Management Contract**

Proposed by Cllr. Luck, seconded by Cllr Carson and

**RESOLVED (unanimously) to approve payment of £6,807.44 commencing 1<sup>st</sup> April 2022 to Ed Andrews**

**21.127 TO RECEIVE REPORTS FROM PLANNING COMMITTEE:**

Councillors **NOTED** the minutes taken at the planning committee meeting on 14<sup>th</sup> December 2021

**21.128 TO RECEIVE REPORT FROM PERSONNEL COMMITTEE:**

Councillors **NOTED** the verbal report from the personnel committee meeting on 30<sup>th</sup> November 2021 and that the Amenities position is currently vacant. The next meeting will be Wednesday 12<sup>th</sup> January 2022

**21.129 TO NOTE CORRESPONDENCE:**

**NONE**

**21.130 TO NOTE THE CHAIR'S DIARY December 2021**

Councillors **NOTED** the above

**21.131 TO NOTE THE VICE-CHAIR'S DIARY December 2021**

Councillors **NOTED** the above

**21.132 TO NOTE FORTHCOMING MEETINGS**

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| i) Personnel Committee Meeting       | Wednesday 12 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 2.00pm |
| ii) Planning Committee Meeting:      | Tuesday 18 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.00pm   |
| iii) Public Realm Committee Meeting: | Tuesday 25 <sup>th</sup> January 2022 at 7.00pm   |
| iv) Council Meeting:                 | Tuesday 22 <sup>nd</sup> February 2022 at 7.00pm  |

Meeting finished at 8.30pm

Signed by ..... Date.....  
As a true and accurate record of the meeting.

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