



Church Stretton

Town Council

Minutes of the Strategy Committee Meeting held in the Silvester Horne Institute, Church Stretton on Tuesday 7th June 2022 at 2.00p.m.

Present: Councillors: Cllr J Luck (Chair), Cllr A Munro (Ex-Officio), Cllr S Davies, Cllr H Stowell

In attendance: Officers: Mrs G Bailey (Locum Town Clerk and RFO), Mrs H Merrett (Admin), Cllr B Welch
Members of the Public: 2

SC.01 Welcome

The Chairman welcomed Councillors to the first full strategy meeting.

SC.02 Apologies

These were received and accepted from Cllr G Lewis.

SC.03 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Cllr Davies declared that she is Chair of the Friends of Church Stretton Library

SC.04 Public Questions

None

SC.05 Housing Needs Survey

Councillors received a verbal update on the progress of the Housing Needs Survey. Over 800 replies currently received and anticipate 1000. Number is already statistically significant. First results beginning of July. Councillor Munro is liaising with Shropshire Council.

SC.06 Shropshire Council Local Plan

Councillors received a verbal update on the emerging Local Plan.

Stage 1 - July 5th – 15th, legal and strategic matters (eg duty to cooperate)

Stage 2 – Place Plans, targets, Shropshire Council policy on development. Church Stretton Town Council has 3 main objections, DP24 (development in AONB), S5 on place plan, and strategic plans. More development needed if inspector wishes to engage. Questions have been published on minerals and waste strategy. Stage 2 may come into effect from August onwards.

Linking this plan to the new council website (under the “shaping the future” section) is seen as important.

SC.07 Neighbourhood Plan

Councillors considered the development of a Neighbourhood Plan.

A paper will be drawn up from David Howards comments on the CLP to incorporate more detailed costings from Sue Manns-Hoffman. Paper will be presented to Full Council on 28.6.22

SC.08 Shropshire Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan

Councillors received a verbal update from the Chair on Shropshire Local Walking and Cycling Infrastructure Plan.

Shropshire Council officer Rose Dovey will be attending the planning committee meeting 14.6.22 at which queries to the technical draft report can be pointed out. The Councillors noted that the letter sent by Planning to Rose Dovey was very good and wished to thank her for her intention to attend the forthcoming planning meeting.

SC.09 Library Strategy Consultation

Councillors considered a response to Shropshire Council's Library Strategy Consultation. Discussed strategy and safeguarding community services in Church Stretton. The possibility of setting up a consortium of local organisations was considered. It was agreed that Cllr Sheila Davies, who is chair of the Friends of Church Stretton Library Group would forward any documents that the Town Council could use in its submission to Shropshire Council in support of the Library

SC.10 Divisional Boundary Review and Community Governance Reviews (CGRs)

Councillors considered action with regard to the divisional boundary and community governance reviews. It was agreed that the Council is happy for the boundaries to remain as they are but would be agreeable for other groups to join if they wished. It was pointed out that All Stretton not in All Stretton Division.

The Council would welcome having it's own single unitary councillor rather than being in a double size area (Church Stretton and Craven Arms) with two councillors.

It was agreed that the Chair would send the response as detailed above to Shropshire Council.

SC.11 Date of next meeting – Tuesday 6th September 2022 at 2.00p.m.

There being no further business the formal meeting ended at: 3.50pm

Councillor Munro made a statement that a report on flooding in Essex Road had been received. More conversations are needed with Shropshire Council. The current sewer is not large enough and will require major works – no point unless more gulleys are put in by Shropshire Council. This will be reported on to Shropshire Council.

Signed by Date

Chair of Church Stretton Town Council Strategy Committee
As a true and accurate record of the meeting