



# Church Stretton

Town Council

**Minutes of the Town Council meeting held in the  
Silvester Horne Institute, Church Stretton on  
Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023 commencing at 7:00pm**

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

**Apologies:**

**In attendance:** Officers: Mrs N Hook (Locum Town Clerk), Mrs G Bailey (RFO),  
Mrs H Merrett (Committees and Finance Support)  
Unitary Councillors: Cllr H Luff. PCSO D Baron. Members of  
Public 6

The Chair welcomed all to the meeting.

**22.179 Apologies**

None received

**22.180 Disclosable Interests**

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

There were no declarations of disclosable interests.

**22.181 Questions from members of the public**

Cllrs received an update from Wally Blake re: Verges Restoration Project. It was agreed to get specific ideas onto paper to forward to Shropshire Council and Highways England for future consideration.

**22.182 Unitary and Parish ward matters**

**a) Unitary Issues**

Report from Cllr Luff

- EV charging points location have been agreed.
- Nick Newton is meeting with Cllr Luff and Cllr Munro in Church Stretton on 31<sup>st</sup> Jan 2023 to discuss road markings outside the school and measures for Sandford avenue over the railway bridge.
- Only the Shropshire County Council Riverside bid was successful, future bids need to be improved.
- Yellow lines in Little Stretton should be completed in this financial year

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

- **Little Stretton**  
See item above on Yellow Lines

**c) Policing**

Report from PCSO David Baron

- 6 new crimes in the area
- Cyclists are going through town at speed on Electric bikes
- The new Police Sergeant would like to attend future meetings
- Cllr Carter noted that unmarked police cars were much more in evidence and noted her thanks

**22.183 Minutes**

The minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on **20<sup>th</sup> December 2022** were proposed by Cllr Carson, seconded by Cllr Carter and **RESOLVED 10 in favour, 1 abstention FC 22/23 093** to approve the minutes. They were signed by the Chairman.

The minutes of the Extraordinary Town Council Meeting held on **17th January 2023** were proposed by Cllr Munro, seconded by Cllr Davies and **RESOLVED unanimously FC 22/23 094** to approve the minutes. They were signed by the Chairman.

Amended Minutes of **25<sup>th</sup> October 2022** were proposed by Cllr Munro, seconded by Cllr Davies and **RESOLVED unanimously FC 22/23 095** to approve the minutes. They were signed by the Chairman.

**22.184 Strategy Committee**

Cllrs noted the minutes of the Strategy Committee meeting held on 6th December 2022.

**22.185 Finance Committee**

Cllrs received the minutes taken at the Finance Committee meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023 and it was proposed by Cllr Munro, seconded by Cllr Welch and **RESOLVED unanimously FC 22/23 096** to accept the recommendations regarding the Local Government Pension Scheme.

Review of Asset Register was deferred to the next Council meeting in February

**22.186 Public Realm Committee**

Cllrs noted the minutes taken at the Public Realm Committee meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

**22.187 Personnel Committee**

Cllrs noted the minutes taken at the Personnel Committee meeting on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

**22.188 Planning Committee**

Cllrs noted the minutes taken at the Planning Committee meeting on 17<sup>th</sup> January 2023.

**22.189 Precept**

It was proposed by Cllr Davies, seconded by Cllr Stowell and **RESOLVED unanimously FC 22/23 097** to approve the Precept request in the amount of £447,537 for 2023/24 and the Chair signed the request document.

**22.190 Standing Orders**

Cllrs received the amended Standing Orders and It was proposed by Cllr Luck, seconded by Cllr Lawton and **RESOLVED unanimously FC 22/23 098** to approve the document.

**22.191 Interim Internal Audit Report**

Cllrs noted the Interim Internal Audit Report.

**22.192 Shropshire Council Consultation**

Cllrs noted the recent consultation circulated by Shropshire Council relating to Unsafe Walking Routes and were grateful to Shropshire Council to be asked for their input. Concern was expressed that rail crossings had not been taken into account within the consultation. There was discussion as to whether the section of the B5477 by Little Stretton with no pavement and a blind bend would be covered by this.

**22.193 Correspondence.**

Cllrs noted correspondence received:

**(a)** Invitation from Shropshire Council Climate Change Workforce  
The Locum Town Clerk will check on how to register as a Town Council

**(b)** Invitation from Parish UK Network  
The Locum Town Clerk will check if this is a legitimate organisation and, if so, will keep Town Council details up to date.

**22.194 Mayors Report**

There was no report due to the Christmas break.

**22.195 Mayors Diary**

Cllrs noted the Mayors diary

**22.196 Vice Chairs Diary**

Cllrs noted the Vice Chairs diary

**22.197 Next meeting**

To note the next meeting date on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 at 6.30pm (to allow for the co-option of Councillors prior to the main meeting) in the Silvester Horne Institute

The public meeting closed at 8.30pm.

**22.198 Confidential Items**

Under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 S1(2), It was proposed by Cllr Morris, seconded by Cllr Luck and **RESOLVED unanimously FC 22/23 099** to exclude Public and Press due to the confidential nature of business which may arise relating to Staffing and Property or as determined by the Town Council.

**22.199 Update on Staffing Matter**

Councillors were provided with an update on the proceedings relating to a former member of staff. Having received the proposal at Personnel Committee, it was proposed by Cllr Stowell and seconded by Cllr Davies and **RESOLVED FC 22/23 100** to authorise the 3 respondents to negotiate the position at the mediation hearing. Cllrs Munro and Lawton abstained from the vote.

Cllr Lawton provided an update on the position relating to the recruitment of a permanent Town Clerk.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed by .....

Date...28<sup>th</sup> February 2023 .....

As a true and accurate record of the meeting.