



# BISHOP'S CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL



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## MINUTES of the MEETING OF BISHOP'S CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL

HELD ON ZOOM

ON TUESDAY 21st December 2021 AT 7.30PM

<b>PRESENT</b>	<b>APOLOGIES</b>
Cllr G. Perry Cllr A. Stelman Cllr J. Dickin Cllr J. Carroll Cllr D. Du Cros Cllr T. Halford Cllr S. Morris Cllr B. Hawes	
<b>IN ATTENDANCE</b>	
Mr G. Rippon Mrs C. Owen	

### Fire Procedure

Minute No.	Agenda Item	
220-21	1	<b><u>APOLOGIES</u></b> None received
221-21	2	<b><u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u></b> a) To declare any disclosable pecuniary interests. None. b) To declare any personal interests. None.
222-21	3	<b><u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES of 16<sup>th</sup> November 2021</u></b> <b>RESOLVED:</b> Accepted. Proposed Cllr Stelman; Seconded Cllr Du Cros. All in favour.
223-21	4	<b><u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION</u></b> None present
224-21	5	<b><u>REPORT FROM THE MAYOR</u></b> The Christmas Lights Festival has now taken place. No further Covid Restrictions have been announced to date.
225-21	6	<b><u>REPORT FROM THE CLERK</u></b> Nothing to report.
226-21	7	<b><u>UNITARY COUNCILLOR</u></b>

**PLANNING**

New applications: for information

## 1. 21/05726/DIS

Application to discharge Conditions 3 (materials), 4 (roof detailing), 5 (landscaping) and 6 (vehicular access) of planning permission No. 17/00977/FUL | 13 Bankshead Bishops Castle Shropshire SY9 5JQ

## 2. 21/05644/AMP

Application for the amendment to planning permission No. 17/00977/FUL (re-orientation of affordable dwelling) | Proposed Dwelling West Of 13 Bankshead Shropshire

## 3. 21/05550/CPL

Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the proposed use of building as an Art Gallery/Studio | Bishops Castle Methodist Church Station Street Bishops Castle Shropshire SY9 5AQ

**MONTHLY FINANCES**

- To note the Bank Reconciliation  
**RESOLVED:** Noted. Proposed Cllr Morris; Seconded Cllr Halford. All in favour.
- To approve the following invoices for payment:

Payee	Item	Invoice	Amount £
Shropshire County Pension Fund	Monthly pension payment	December Return	909.37
HMRC	PAYE and NI	December Return	689.94
Staff salaries	4 staff	December	2494.97
C. Owen	Minute taker	240.	37.56
G. Dudley	Toilet cleaning	241.	336.00
PCPS	Window cleaning	242.	45.00
Exemplum	Printing	243.	7.14
Exemplum	Printing	244.	1011.10
A. Evans	Grass cutting	245.	2293.20
High line	Street Lighting	246.	222.60
Allotment Society	Subscriptions	247.	117.00
Smith's of Derby	Clock repair	248.	180.00
SCC	Joint energy	249.	623.72
RMTG	Subscriptions	250.	55.00
<b>For information</b>			
SCC	rates	251.	163.00
Corona	Electricity	252.	987.18
waterplus	Rates	253.	16.73
bt	telephone /broadband	254.	314.22
ICO	Subscriptions	255.	35.00
	<b>Total</b>		<b>£ 10622.73</b>

In addition, an invoice has been received from Tony Baker for cleaning the Town Hall windows and siting the new memorial bench. (£375).

The lady who donated the new bench is delighted with it. It is planned to have an inaugural ceremony in the new year with the young people and invited press.

For information: The Severn Trent Community Fund has granted £18-19000 for developing services to young people in Bishop's Castle and the surrounding area.

**RESOLVED:** The invoices be paid, including the additional payment. Proposed Cllr Dickin; Seconded Cllr Stelman. All in favour.

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**LEGAL ADVICE**

To discuss the requirement to obtain legal assistance in relation to the continued legal process of the freedom of information requests.

Mr. Jones has stated that the Town Council failed to discharge its duties and has put in an application for Contempt of Court. The Town Clerk is seeking expert legal advice and asks permission from the Town Council to spend up to £500 to consult a solicitor/lawyer of his choosing.

**RESOLVED:** Approved. Proposed Cllr Hawes; Seconded Cllr Halford. All in favour.

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**NDP**

To discuss and agree, that the Council supports the Neighbourhood Development Plan can be published in a Regulation 14 Consultation.

The following amendment was made.

**Neighbourhood Plan new wording for Heat & Wind Network**

The 'Statement of Intent' paragraph 153 on page 57 in the 'Sustainable Construction' chapter, said:-

*"Work is being done to justify and gain funding for a new wind turbine and community heat network. This project is still under development and therefore not sufficiently advanced to include as a BCNDP policy. However, it is possible that once this work has been fully designed, and a review of the BCNP undertaken, it may be able to allocate sites and contain policies to reduce the town's carbon impacts arising from home energy use."*

Will now say:

*"Work is being carried out by Lightfoot and the Bishop's Castle Climate Action group on a possible Heat network and linked Wind Turbine for the Town. A Wind Constraints Study and public consultation on the scheme have been carried out; the survey results show over 80% support for the Heat network and nearly 80% support for the Wind Turbine. The proposals were also given unanimous support by the Town Council at their meeting of 19th October 2021. However, it is felt that unfortunately there is as yet insufficient evidence about the scheme for the proposals to be included in the Neighbourhood Plan at this stage. Once further details have been delivered, Bishop's Castle Town Council has promised to carry out a review of the Plan **with a view** to including a policy or policies in regard to this proposal at the earliest opportunity".*

**--.** Added by council 21/12.21.

**RESOLVED:** The Neighbourhood Development Plan be approved (with the amendment) for Public Consultation. Proposed Cllr Dickin; Seconded Cllr Stelman. All in favour.

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**REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED**

Allotments – will report back after a further meeting

Old Market Square – will report back after a further meeting

Enterprise SWS – The Blue Forgotten Hills project is proving too costly to develop and will be replaced with a smaller scale project to update the Bishop’s Castle website in an interactive map-based form. This will better utilize the Covid Recovery Money granted by Shropshire Council and keep it within budget.

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**NEXT MEETING**

Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> January 2022, 7.30pm.      The meeting closed at 8.02pm.