



BISHOP'S CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL



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MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF BISHOP'S CASTLE TOWN COUNCIL HELD IN THE COUNCIL
CHAMBER, TOWN HALL ON TUESDAY 18th July 2023 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT	APOLOGIES
Cllr J. Carroll Cllr S. Morris Cllr G Perry Cllr R. Houghton Cllr A. Stelman Cllr J. Dickin Cllr T. Halford	Cllr R. Bromley
IN ATTENDANCE	
Mrs C. Owen, Mr G. Rippon and 4 members of the public	

Fire Procedure

Minute No.	Agenda Item	
92-23	1	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Cllr Bromley
93-23	2	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> a) To declare any disclosable pecuniary interests. Item 12a Cllr Perry (<i>reimbursement of expenses - an invoice item</i>) b) To declare any personal interests. None
94-23	3	<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> of 20 th June 2023. RESOLVED Accepted. Proposed Cllr Perry; Seconded Cllr Stelman. All in favour.
95-23	4	<u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION</u> The Community Partnership members gave an update. The group has a new structure. It still wants to be a conduit between the Town Council and the Community and act as an umbrella for smaller town groups. It would like to work with the Council to provide public assemblies/forums to discuss local issues. The Council will discuss the best ways of working with the Community Partnership at the next meeting. The group would like to provide a sustainability page that could be updated by them but can be accessed via a link on the Bishop's Castle website. The Character Assessment that was prepared for the Neighbourhood Plan will be finished off and provided as a standalone document.

It was agreed that Climate Action (Initiative) will be reported on in the agenda quarterly.

The Community Heat Network has put in a pre-planning application. They have been advised that their best approach is to include it in the (Shropshire's) Place Plan. It was thought the Place Plan's consultation period was closed, but the Group have been told they have until 1st September. The Network was encouraged to contact Mathew Mead.

96-23 5 **REPORT FROM THE MAYOR**

The Charter celebrations went well with mostly positive feedback. Thanks to everyone's hard work. Cllr Houghton thanked the Mayor personally on behalf of the town for a job well done. Cllr Perry thanked Pru and Abbi Dakin for their expertise in assisting the Council through the necessary legislation that needed to be complied with.

97-23 6 **REPORT FROM THE CLERK**

The Clerk had received an email from the Public Health Development Office following on from the Joint Strategic Needs meeting of 31st March 23 looking into working on any action/forming working groups.

The Tennis Club is celebrating its Centenary on the weekend of 29th/30th July. There will be free coaching sessions; an exhibition match and a celebration tea on the Sunday afternoon. Councillors are invited to attend.

Following complaints about smelly loos, PHS have replaced the air fresheners.

Thanks go to Wendy and Chris from Foxholes for undertaking a deep clean of the toilets prior to the Charter weekend.

The state of the auction yard toilets is a cause for concern as visitors often complain.

RESOLVED. Actions a) b) and c) above. Proposed Cllr Stelman; Seconded Cllr Houghton. All in favour.

98-23 7 **UNITARY COUNCILLOR**

Lydbury North and Edgton Parish Councils have written letters in support of keeping the in-patient beds at the Stonehouse Community Hospital, and encouraged the Town Council to do the same.

Pest Control has been cut from Shropshire Council's budget. Councils are advised to seek help from private providers when necessary.

There is likely to be a consultation on whether Shropshire Council funded transport for SEN students of nursery age and post-16 students should be continued. (Budget saving).

99-23 8 **HOSPITAL COMMITTEE**

A Community group has been set up to campaign to save the in-patient beds from closure at the Stonehouse hospital. There will be another meeting later this week. It is hoped councillors can attend. Can the campaign group present a vision for Bishop's Castle? Can the Joint Strategic Needs assessment be involved?

A petition has been started. There will be a public meeting with the Health Trust (?) on 3rd August at the Community College, Bishop's Castle.

Cllr Houghton will find out how the petition can be presented and whether the public will be allowed to speak/ask questions. It might be that the petition and questions need to be submitted in advance.

An Equality Impact Assessment was carried out when the beds were temporarily closed but it is not clear if the needs of protected groups were represented adequately.

Cllr Dickin and Dr Penney are zooming with St Marcel next week to see how they have been able to commission an additional hospital and recruit staff in St Marcel.

ANTISOCIAL BEHAVIOUR

Antisocial behaviour in the skate park and around it has included racist and homophobic graffiti on the shelter, very loud music played in the evening and a lot of litter (including broken glass).

A resident, Cllr Dickin, the Community Support Officer and Cllr Stelman have all spoken with the group to try and resolve the issues.

The problems are exacerbated by a few older young people who are old enough to buy alcohol and smoke.

Options include removing the shelter and/or cleaning off the graffiti and painting it with graffiti-proof paint; stopping the development of the pump park; installing CCTV in the park.

However, the preferred approach is to ask for 4 youngsters to represent the group and meet with Cllrs Dickin and Stelman and the youth coordinator to discuss and seek a solution and create a sense of ownership on their part. The Youth Coordinator will undertake some detached youth work in the skate park over the summer, (possibly with support from South Shropshire Youth Forum).

RESOLVED. Cllrs Dickin and Stelman and the Youth Coordinator will meet with the youngsters as above. In addition, a new litter bin and a graffiti board will be sited on the Skate Park. The Clerk is authorised to spend up to £600 on a bin and will cost and email councillors with the price of a graffiti board with a view to purchasing both as soon as possible. Proposed Cllr Stelman; Seconded Cllr Perry. All in favour.

PLANNING**1. New applications:**

(Responses are Object, Support, or Representation, submitted with comments if required)

a. 23/02836/ADV

Application for the erection of illuminated and non-illuminated signs to the exterior of the building sign a - one x new sign written house name and logo, sign b - one x new sign written house name and logo, sign c - one x new double sided pictorial fixed to existing bracket, illuminated by linolites, sign d - one x new sign written amenity text, sign e - one x new set of individual house name letters with secondary sign written text and logo, sign f - four x new outdoor lanterns, sign g - seven x new led floodlights at The Three Tuns Inn , Salop Street, Bishops Castle, Shropshire, SY9 5BW

RESOLVED. Support. Proposed Cllr Perry; Seconded Cllr Morris. All in favour bar 1 abstention.

b. 23/02976/TPO

Application to remove deadwood, crown clean and reduce over extended lateral limbs of 1no Wellingtonia (S1) & remove deadwood, reduce over extended lateral limbs and crown raise by approx. 10m 1no Wellingtonia (S2) protected by the Shropshire Council (Haining Croft and Tall Trees, Church Lane, Bishops Castle) TPO 2010 (Ref: SC/00025/10) | Tall Trees Church Lane Bishops Castle Shropshire SY9 5AF

RESOLVED. Support. The tree warden is in agreement). Proposed Cllr Perry; Seconded Cllr Morris. All in favour bar 1 abstention.

c. 23/02977/TCA

Application to crown reduce by approx. 25% by 3no Yew (Y1,Y2,Y3), fell 1no Yew (T4), crown reduce by 50% and remove lower branches of 1no Yew (Y5), remove hedge of Leylandii (L) & crown reduce by 50% 1no Holly (H) within Bishops Castle Conservation Area | Tall Trees Church Lane Bishops Castle Shropshire SY9 5AF

RESOLVED. Support. The tree warden is in agreement). Proposed Cllr Perry; Seconded Cllr Morris. All in favour bar 1 abstention.

d. 23/02290/DIS

Application to discharge of Conditions 3 (Archaeology), 4 (Materials), 5 (Masonry), 6 (Fenestration), 7 (Roof Lights) and 8 (Bat and Bird Boxes) attached to planning consent 21/03795/FUL | The Co-op 63 Church Street Bishops Castle Shropshire SY9 5AD

No action necessary.

e. 23/02049/FUL

Application for the provision of two car parking spaces for existing flats, and associated landscaping | Old Bank House Salop Street Bishops Castle Shropshire SY9 5BN

RESOLVED. Support. Proposed Cllr Carroll; Seconded Cllr Stelman. All in favour bar 1 abstention.

For information only

f. 23/03007/AMP

Application for a Non-Material Amendment to planning consent 22/04610/FUL - Reduce number of dwellings to two | BC Brewing & Pub Company Ltd The Six Bells Brewery Church Street Bishops Castle Shropshire SY9 5AA

102-23 11 **MONTHLY FINANCES**

i) to receive the bank reconciliation.

RESOLVED. Accepted. Proposed Cllr Perry; Seconded Cllr Morris. All in favour.

ii) To receive the Internal Auditor's report

RESOLVED. Accepted. Proposed Cllr Morris; Seconded Cllr Carroll. All in favour.

iii) To agree the account and governance statement

RESOLVED. Accepted. Proposed Cllr Stelman; Seconded Cllr Morris. All in favour.

103-23 12 iv) To approve the following invoices for payment:

Payee	Item	Invoice	Amount £
Shropshire County Pension Fund	Monthly pension payment	July Return	904.40
HMRC	PAYE and NI	July Return	706.46
Staff salaries	4 staff	July Return	2,487.08
C. Owen	Minute taker	105.	40.04
G. Dudley	Toilet cleaning	106.	500.00
D. Turner	Grass cutting	107.	1115.00
Mailroom	Maintenance	108.	270.17
Iain Selkirk	Audit	109.	375.00
Vprint	Printing	110.	141.84

BCBS	Materials	111.	96.14
Castle Clothing	Charter	112.	348.00
Exemplum	Printing	113.	1217.78
Halls SMS	Toilet consumables	114.	36.72
The flag shop	Charter	115.	144.35
Andrea Pellegram	Neighbourhood plan	116.	791.96
Real Gardner	Town pride/playing fields	117.	482.55
J. Lancashire	Allotments	118.	120.00
J.M. Kirkpatrick	Charter	119.	1000.00
James Hallam	Insurance	120.	57.74
James Hallam	Insurance	121.	437.69
Shropshire Council	licence	122.	70.00
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For information			
Shropshire Council	Rates	124.	187.00
BT	telephone /broadband	125.	399.75
waterplus	Rates	126.	32.18
waterplus	Water rates	127.	45.81
	Total		£12516.79

- 104-23 13 **THE CLIMATE AND ECOLOGICAL EMERGENCY BILL**
Deferred until next meeting. Cllr Bromley to prepare a report on what the impacts on individuals, the Town Council and wider influences are and circulate before the next meeting.
- 105-23 14 **REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED**
Cllr Houghton had attended a meeting with SpArC and Shropshire Council. The swimming pool will open on 1st August with an extensive programme over the summer, following repairs to the plant room and shower block.
- 106-23 15 **NEXT MEETING**
Tuesday 15th August at 7.30pm.
The meeting closed at 9.06pm.