



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 20th AUGUST 2024 AT 7.30PM

PRESENT	APOLOGIES
Cllr J. Carroll Cllr A. Stelman Cllr T. Halford Cllr G Perry Cllr J. Dickin Cllr L. Blundell Cllr S. Morris Cllr R. Houghton Cllr M. Gayle Cllr S. Jones Cllr L. Kosciuczyk	Cllr B. Drake

IN ATTENDANCE

Mr G Rippon, Mrs C. Owen, 1 member of the public
Fire Procedure

Minute No.	Agenda Item	
132-24	1	<u>APOLOGIES</u> Cllr Drake.
133-24	2	<u>DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST</u> a) To declare any disclosable pecuniary interests. None b) To declare any personal interests. None
134-24	3	<u>APPROVAL OF MINUTES</u> of 16 th July. RESOLVED Accepted. Proposed Cllr Perry; Seconded Cllr Houghton. All in favour. Point of note: The Neighbourhood Plan was approved at the meeting of Shropshire Council, so is now enforceable.
135-24	4	<u>PUBLIC PARTICIPATION SESSION</u> 10 RESOLVED Item 10 be brought forward. Proposed Cllr Perry; Seconded Cllr Carroll. All in favour. Mr Mike Ashwell spoke on behalf of the Lingen Davies Cancer Fund's project to install bins for boys into all public toilets. Many men undergoing cancer treatment and with prostate issues suffer from incontinence issues. Currently sanitary bins are only provided in female toilets. The charity is asking all the providers of public toilets in Bishop's Castle to provide sanitary bins in all of their toilets and so become an 'exemplar town' for promotional purposes. Branding would be put on the doors and the Lingen Davies charity would put a location map on their social media platforms. Once the bins had been provided

(October possibly) there would be a press release of this positive story. This scheme would then be rolled out to the rest of the county.

PHS could provided extra bins for the toilets provided by the Town Council for £327 per year for a 3-year term.

RESOLVED: Approved. Proposed Cllr Perry; Seconded Cllr Stelman. All in favour.

Thanks were recorded for Mr Ashwell and the Lingen Cancer Trust's hard work.

136-24 5 **REPORT FROM THE MAYOR**

Police Presence. Unfortunately, the police did not attend the council meeting as requested to address the issues around antisocial behaviour in town.

RESOLVED: Cllr Dickin should request a meeting with Inspector Kelly before the next Council Meeting. Proposed Cllr Stelman; Seconded Cllr Houghton. All in favour.

However, the public must log their complaints on-line, via 101, or via a form handed in at the Police Station. The police will only respond if complaints are officially logged. These can be made anonymously. If they don't know, they cannot act.

Fan Zone This event, (to watch and follow Oliver Morgan's participation in the Olympics), was a great success. Approximately £6,000 was raised for SpArC swimming pool. The importance of having swimming pools in rural areas was stressed.

From September, the mayor will work on Mondays from 1-4.30pm in the Town Hall.

Resurfacing. This has begun in the Hight St. The workmen have been very compliant and helpful.

137-24 6 **REPORT FROM THE CLERK**

The Clerk had received a letter showing good examples of low-level lighting.

The Clerk had received a letter showing the results of the consultation with regard to putting in street lights on Ox Leasowe. The majority had declined the extra lights.

However, the residents had been asked whether they would pay for the lights, not whether they wanted them.

138-24 7 **UNITARY COUNCILLOR**

SpArC has had a lot of support. £178,000 of the £250,000 needed has been raised, thanks to the Fan Zone event.

Shropshire Council have launched a consultation about removing CCTV from Shrewsbury town centre because of costs.

There are no further details about the £56 green bin charge starting in October. Food waste will need to go in the black bin for the time being.

Parish and Local Councils need to feedback by 16th September whether they will help Shropshire Council to pay for Highways, Leisure and Street Scene services. Small Parish Councils are reluctant to increase precepts, especially where the housing embargo continues.

County Councillors Houghton, Kidd and Hartin will arrange a meeting for South Shropshire Councils to discuss the situation soon.

139-24 8 **ROAD NAME BOARDS FOR WINTLES LANE**

- 140-24 9 **PARKING RESTRICTIONS**
- Disabled Bays.
- RESOLVED:** The bay at the top of the hill be removed. 2 bays outside the chemist, 2 in the auction yard, 2 in Harley Jenkins Street and 1 outside the church be repainted and a traffic order added and correct signage. Proposed Cllr Perry; Seconded Cllr Stelman. All in favour.
- Salop St.
- RESOLVED:** Double yellow lines should be marked around both corners at the Station St end, (to the shorter distance shown on the draft plan). An H-bar and no parking should be painted at the pinch point on the opposite side to the Three Tuns. Proposed Cllr Morris; Seconded Cllr Carroll. All in favour.
- Boar's Head junction.
- RESOLVED:** A raised table to slow traffic down will be installed. Road markings will give priority to traffic coming up from the Church to turn into Station St, and give way markings will be painted at the bottom of Union St and where Church St meets Station St.. Proposed Cllr Perry; Seconded Cllr Kosciuczyk. All in favour.
- Conservation Area. The Neighbourhood Plan requires that no through traffic or heavy vehicles be allowed in the conservation area unless for access only.
- RESOLVED** Appropriate access only signage be put at all approaches to the town and in particular on the edges of the conservation area. Proposed Cllr Carroll; Seconded Cllr Gayle. All in favour.
- 141-24 10 **BINS for BOYS** - already covered in item 4.
- 141-24 11 **SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL PROVISION**
- A basic survey has been sent out from Shropshire Council to all parish councils asking whether parish councils are willing to help Shropshire Council or not.
- There will be a mayor's network meeting in September to discuss this. Parish Councils need more information to justify any rise in precepts.
- RESOLVED:** The town council replies to the effect that it is unable to decide until it has more details. Shropshire Council needs to call an area place plan, so that a coordinated response can be ascertained and delivered fairly, (e.g. some services are sited in one ward but serve an area covered by many wards). Also, an Equality Impact Evaluation that looks at rurality issues needs undertaking. Proposed Cllr Houghton; Seconded Cllr Carroll. All in favour
- 142-24 12 **ALLOTMENTS**
- RESOLVED.** The council changes the terms of the deposit payable for a new plot from £200 per se, to £200, £100 or £50 depending on size of plot, (with the option of paying in installments). Proposed Cllr Houghton; Seconded Cllr Stelman. All in favour.
- There has been a formal complaint made following a recent inspection of allotments.
- RESOLVED.** The Clerk will refer the complaint to the allotments liaison group who will discuss it and bring back to the September meeting.
- 143-24 13 **PLANNING**
- a. 24/02882/VAR

Variation of Condition No. 2 (approved drawings for Plot attached to permission 19/02170/FUL dated 24 October 2019 at Land West Of The Wintles, Bishops Castle, Shropshire.

RESOLVED. Support. Proposed Cllr Perry; Seconded Cllr Stelman. All in favour.

An application had been received regarding a tree and referred to the tree warden.

144-24 14

MONTHLY FINANCES

- i. To note the Bank Reconciliation

RESOLVED. Noted. Proposed Cllr Carroll; Seconded Cllr Perry. All in favour.

- ii. To approve the following invoices for payment:

Payee	Item	Invoice	Amount £
Shropshire County Pension Fund	Monthly pension payment	September Return	1166.10
HMRC	PAYE and NI	September Return	808.95
Staff salaries	4 staff	September Return	3363.85
C. Owen	Minute taker	108.	60.00
G. Dudley	Toilet cleaning	109.	500.00
Dan Turner	Grass cutting	110.	1338.90
Mousematt	IT	111.	341.80
Janes Petals	Town pride/playing fields	112.	341.80
Shropshire Council	licence	113.	70.00
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Allotment Society	Maintenance	115.	17.41
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BCHRC	Affiliation Fees	117.	25.00
LG inspections	Lift Maintenance	118.	210.00
Halls SMS	Toilet consumables	119.	55.08
Enterprise House	Materials	120.	15.00
Enterprise House	Christmas lights	121.	157.50
Wildes Plant Hire	Town pride/playing fields	122.	122.40
SLCC	training	123.	566.80
BCBS	Materials	124.	743.33
PWCS	Window cleaning	125.	48.00
Smiths of Derby	Clock repairs	126.	2053.44
Viking	Stationery	127.	118.98
G.J.Rippon	Expenses	128.	58.02
For Information			
BT	telephone /broadband	129.	488.29
water plus	Water rates	130.	120.10
Lloyds Bank	Bank Charges	131.	3.00
SSE	Electricity	132.	535.40
Shropshire Council	Rates	133.	187.00
	Total		13718.10

RESOLVED. The invoices be paid except for the clock repairs. Proposed Cllr Houghton; Seconded Cllr Morris. All in favour.

- 145-24 15 **PLANNING FOR BIODIVERSITY NET GAIN**
Going Wild are progressing with investigating the green sites. The civic bowling green site is still waiting confirmation of ownership.
Following the Michaelmas Fair, the Climate Action Group did a very good job of reducing the waste left by the public. More conversations need to be had with the food vendors about their waste avoidance.
On 25th September there will be a public meeting at the Three Tuns to discuss the Community Heat Network.
- 146-24 16 **REPORTS FROM MEETINGS ATTENDED**
Old Market Square renovations continue. Thanks to Cllr Gayle, her daughter and other residents for weeding a large part of it.
- 147-24 17 **NEXT MEETING**
Tuesday 17th September. Meeting closed at 21.22pm.