



SHIFNAL TOWN COUNCIL

**Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of Shifnal Town Council
Held at The Old Police Station, Tudor Way, Shifnal TF11 8DJ
On Thursday 16th September 2021 commencing at 19.13pm**

Agenda dated 10th September 2021

Present: Councillors: P. Williamson (Chairman)
E. Bird, K. Booker, R. Haddon, L. Jenks, D. Marriott, E. Moore,
J. Moore, F. Potter, L. Prendergast, T. Tarran, G. Tonkinson

In attendance: D. Gough (Community Projects Officer)
C. Williams (Secretary)
4 x members of the public

A presentation was given by Andy Moreton of Shropshire Council from 18:37 until 19:12 on the SITS programme. There was subsequently a question-and-answer session.

126/21 Fire Safety Announcement

This was given by the Chairman, Mayor Paul Williamson.

127/21 Public Session

Member of the public raised the following concerns -

Gerald Nickless raised the issue of additional Christmas Lights. If the money has been allocated then this should not have to go back to full Council for the money to be spent. He felt that the volunteers seem to be have been undervalued to which the Mayor expressed his express gratitude to the volunteers. It was stated that the Council is looking at more delegated powers.

Clare Pomeroy queried the consultations that has been conducted with the Council over SITS. It was stated that one consultation was cancelled due to the lack of councillors but in last Octobers meeting the consultations were passed with less councillors. She feels that the people of the town are being ignored and that this is not acceptable. There were discussions between Councillor Bird and Councillor J. Moore regarding the consultations. Councillor Bird argued that the consultation results had not been ignored and stated that any arguments could result in the scheme coming to a standstill. Councillor Tonkinson stated that £650,000.00 had already been spent and stated that the pelican crossing and Cheapside parking should be retained.

128/21 Shropshire Councillors' Question Time

Kevin Turley sent his apologies for not attending the meeting.

Councillor Bird responded to a question by Councillor Prendergast reference potholes. Councillor Prendergast stated that some of the money from SITS should have been spent on

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the number of potholes within the Shifnal area. Councillor Booker agreed. It was pointed out by Councillor Bird that money has been earmarked by Shropshire Council to repair potholes around the Shropshire Council area as a whole due to the agreed substandard highways. Councillor Booker stated that all the money seems to be being spent in and around Shrewsbury rather than the wider area. Councillor Bird confirmed that he did not know when the work in the Shifnal area would be carried out.

129/21 Commencement of Business

Councillor Williamson expressed thanks for councillors attending the meeting.

130/21 Apologies received from Councillors

Councillor J. Horne - injury
Councillor R. Cox - work commitments
Town Clerk Denise Reynolds - illness

It was queried as to whether the meeting could take place due the absence of the Town Clerk. Councillor Williamson stated that this had been checked with SALC and the meeting could go ahead as there were minutes being taken.

131/21 Declaration of Members' Interest

Members are reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate

NONE

132/21 To CONFIRM the Minutes of the Full Council Meeting of the Town Council held on Tuesday 29th June 2021 (amended) and Tuesday 20th July 2021.

Tuesday 29th June 2021 - APPROVED

Tuesday 20th July 2021 - Approval of these minutes was deferred until the October meeting due to some amendments required following comments from Councillor Tarran. ACTION

133/21 To CONFIRM the Minutes of the Extra Ordinary Council Meeting of the Town Council held on Friday 20th August 2021.

APPROVED

134/21 Accounts

- (i) The monthly payment schedule to 17th August 2021 was APPROVED.
- (ii) The monthly payment schedule to 10th September 2021 was APPROVED.

135/21 SITS Working Group

- (i) The reports from the SITS Working Group meetings held on 10th August 2021 and 2nd September 2021 were NOTED.

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- ii) A motion submitted by Cllr J. Moore was CONSIDERED -
“That this Council agrees to advise Shropshire Council, with immediate effect, that it can no longer support this program of works or be held responsible for any future consequences of these works.”

After discussions a recorded vote was requested. The results of the vote for or against the motion are as follows -

Councillor E. Moore	For
Councillor D. Marriott	Against
Councillor T. Tarran	Against
Councillor J. Moore	For
Councillor L. Prendergast	Against
Councillor K. Booker	For
Councillor G. Tonkinson	For
Councillor Z. Turner	For
Councillor R. Haddon	Against
Councillor E. Bird	Against
Councillor L. Jenks	Against
Councillor P. Williamson	Against

Therefore, the motion was dismissed by a 7 against, 5 for majority.

136/21 Planning Committee

- (i) The minutes of the Planning Committee held on 12th August 2021 and 9th September 2021 were CONFIRMED.
- (ii) The planning applications reports to 12th August 2021 and 9th September 2021 were NOTED.
- (iii) The planning application for the new medical centre was CONSIDERED.
Councillor Tarran explained that the Planning Committee felt that the application should be considered at the full council meeting due to the access arrangements. It was discussed that the council are supportive of the new medical centre and the site allocated.

The following queries were raised:

- Councillor Tarran raised the issue of the aluminium sheeting for the roof of the building. These can be very reflective.
- The main issue with the application is the access arrangements. There are insufficient pathways to/from the site and the new driveway to the centre will not have a footpath on either side. There are no new footpaths or crossing proposed and this has the potential for accidents to happen. With an increasing number of residents this will only get worse. Councillor Haddon enquired whether the footpath from Watts Drive should be extended up to the proposed site as you may have to cross the main road twice in order to walk on a footpath.

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Councillor Tarran proposed that the application should be supported in principle subject to crossing provision and footpath extension as well as a recommendation that the roofing should not be reflective. APPROVED

137/21 Estates Advisory Committee

- (i) The report from the Estates Advisory Committee meeting held on 6th September 2021 was NOTED.
- (ii) The recommendations of the Estates Advisory Committee were CONSIDERED. Item number 4, the removal of the wall between the small office and the reception in the first floor of the Old Police Station to be removed was ACCEPTED. The proposal for the contract to be awarded to KRM Construction at a cost of £1,974.00 was ACCEPTED. Delegated expenditure powers to be awarded to the Town Clerk in conjunction with the Mayor and Chairman of the Estates Advisory Committee to the maximum budget of £20,000 for the combined total of £20,000 to progress the requirements of the office move. (Old Police Station Earmarked Reserves, LGA 1972 s.132)

138/21 Internal Audit Advisory Committee

- (i) The report from the Internal Audit Advisory Committee meeting held on 30th July 2021 was NOTED.
- (ii) The recommendations of the report from the Internal Audit Advisory Committee held on 30th July 2021 were APPROVED.

139/21 Christmas Lights Advisory Committee

- (i) The report from the Christmas Lights Advisory Committee held on 12th August 2021 were NOTED.
- (ii) The recommendation of the Christmas Lights Advisory Committee held on 12th August 2021 were APPROVED.
- (iii) The purchase of additional Christmas Tree displays and associated wiring to Church Street buildings was APPROVED in the amount of £969.00 plus VAT as per Turnock Ltd quotation.

140/21 Town Clerk Report

The Town Clerks Action Report to the 9th September 2021 was NOT NOTED due to the absence of the Town Clerk. This will be deferred until the October meeting.

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141/21 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

It was APPROVED that "pursuant to the Local Government Act 1972 s100A and Schedule 12A, the following items will be likely to disclose exempt information and in accordance with the provisions of the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 the public and press be excluded for the remainder of the meeting".

Officers and members of the public left the meeting at 20:20hrs.

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