



Much Wenlock Town Council

Full Council Meeting

13th January 2022

Supporting Papers



Local Policing Charter Councillor Meeting Meeting Record Minutes

Date / Time:	11 th November, 2021 at 1800 hrs
Location:	(via MS Teams)
Chair:	Superintendent Stu BILL
Minute Taker:	Superintendent Stu BILL

No	Summary	Action
1/11/11/21	Introduction	
1.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Chair / LPA Commander Supt Stu BILL. First involved in policing in 1997 – all career with West Midlands Police before transfer to West Mercia in May 2021. Background primarily in local policing and operations (firearms and public order). Expectations of the meeting – strategic overview of LP Charter and general policing, not place for specific operational issues. Shropshire overwhelmingly a safe place to be – that doesn't mean however that it does not suffer from the most serious of crime. Confidence levels sit at 85% (massive compliment to the force, however may be impacted in next figures by local and national events). Satisfaction rates often sit a little lower ~70%. We know we aren't good at keeping people updated and sharing what we have done. 	
2/11/11/21	Three Biggest Issues	
2.1	<p><u>Drugs / vulnerability posed by County Lines (criminal exploitation)</u></p> <p>We know drug dealing is an issue locally – often however they are the “foot soldiers” and vulnerable themselves. Work underway (overt and covert) to tackle to the key players.</p>	

<p>2.2</p>	<p><u>Domestic Abuse</u></p> <p>Huge hidden crime causing generational damage. We know it takes 30+ incidents to get reported to police (on average).</p> <p>The physical and emotional damage can be huge. Children exposed to these adverse childhood experiences far more likely to enter the CJS themselves.</p>	
<p>2.3</p>	<p><u>ASB (including anti-social use of vehicles)</u></p> <p>Often we refer to “low level ASB.” No-one has ever defined what “high level” ASB is?</p> <p>ASB has a huge impact on quality of life and this should not be under-estimated.</p>	
<p>3/11/11/21</p>	<p>New Chief Constable</p>	
<p>3.1</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The new Chief Constable, Pippa MILLS, is the first ever female Chief in West Mercia Police. • Experiences from Met and Essex, including organisational change around IT (where there is much work for West Mercia to do). • Very much about inclusion – expect to see a step change around this. Inclusion will formally be a new addition to the vision / values of the Force. • Standards (uniform, equipment etc.) extremely important. 	
<p>4/11/11/21</p>	<p>LP Charter <i>(if you don't know what it is - Google it - only two clicks will find it)</i></p>	
<p>4.1</p>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Visibility and accessibility – these mean very different things in the modern world. I know it will be a frustration to many of you about the number of SNOs and how often you see them. 2. Responding to our communities – demand comes in many ways. Through 999, 101, online, local enquiries, emails, PCCs office etc. There is a challenge for us on “follow-up” contact where we need to get better. Indeed this is the area where satisfaction levels with our service suffers the most. 	

3. **Prevention** – lots of work going into early intervention to try to get ahead of the problems. Challenge is that the benefits of this not felt for many years. Recent feedback from new Early Intervention & Prevention Officers – from 35 individuals referred in, 25 have not come to note since (this is a huge success). Early days but positive results.
4. **Vulnerability** – links to above. Often the “offenders” are also victims themselves. Need to improve our referrals to Victims Advice Line (VAL) and on-going support.
5. **Relationships** – need to build more (partially damaged by COVID). Confidence levels are high but we cannot be complacent. The community is changing (Afghan refugees’ example). We need to be more inclusive as a force.
6. **Partnerships** – work well with Local Authority and others, however we are experiencing challenges as a result of the pandemic of partners “backing away” and not returning to the workplace.

7th Peelian Principle 1829 – *“The police are the public and the public are the police.”* How many know the rest of that quote? It goes on to say *“the police being only members of the public who are paid to give full-time attention to **duties which are incumbent on every citizen** in the interests of **community welfare** and existence.”* He could have said reducing crime, however he didn’t. This is a holistic approach and is quite visionary given that it is almost 200 years old.

160 parishes in Shropshire. Priorities breakdown as:

- 38% crime
- 35% roads
- 16% ASB
- 6% no response
- 4% no priorities given
- 1% other

What have we delivered so far? We have a tracker on this – expect to be able to publish data in the near (ish) future. Problems getting completion to reflect actual deployments are being worked through.

SNT resourcing levels:

- 1 x C/Insp
- 3 x Insp
- 28 x PC
- 49 x PCSO

Don’t get too hung up on local numbers – they are there for

	<p>contact. When required we pull resources together for bigger operations (Op Medusa example – 30+ officers, Merseyside, BTP etc. working to tackle County Lines in Shropshire).</p> <p>Visibility means lots of different things. Crime has changed, so has policing. Overwhelmingly requires a partnership response to resolving local issues.</p> <p>The SNT Inspectors have been tasked to ‘review’ all the priorities on their areas and produce a document to their Parish Clerks detailing data of successes and updates.</p> <p>Actions raised:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) All SNT teams to send their SNT poster to their Parish Clerk so that they can be placed on noticeboards – completed. 2) The Local Policing Charter to be sent to all the Parish Clerks https://www.westmercia.police.uk/police-forces/west-mercia-police/areas/west-mercia/campaigns/campaigns/2019/local-policing-charter/ - completed. 3) Contact details of Graham DONALDSON, Phil NOCK and Darren JUKES as the Shropshire LPA Rural and Business Crime Officers to be sent to the Parish Clerks – completed. 															
<p>5/11/11/21</p>	<p>NH Matters / General Performance</p>															
<p>5.1</p>	<p>Are you signed up? If not, why not?</p> <p>1st July to November:</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="379 1375 1348 1630"> <thead> <tr> <th>LPA</th> <th>Messages sent</th> <th>Replies</th> <th>People registered in period</th> <th>Other registrations (website)</th> <th>Admin registered (by officer or PCSO)</th> <th>Total members</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>Shrops</td> <td>493</td> <td>107</td> <td>1286</td> <td>990</td> <td>296</td> <td>1918</td> </tr> </tbody> </table> <p>Overall crime down around 5% compared to 2019/20, however recognise the challenge / issues around crime recording. ASB reporting down compared to 2019/20 (spike last year caused by COVID).</p> <p>We know we aren’t good however at capturing personal ASB (three types – personal, environmental and nuisance).</p> <p>Blurring of lines between ASB and Public Order offences means sometimes had to distinguish. We are working on this.</p>	LPA	Messages sent	Replies	People registered in period	Other registrations (website)	Admin registered (by officer or PCSO)	Total members	Shrops	493	107	1286	990	296	1918	
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6/11/11/21	Challenges as a service?	
6.1	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Project Uplift – we are seeing a rise in officers, however the benefits not truly realised yet due to entry programme and loss of experience over years. • Operating in a post-COVID environment – partners withdrawal already alluded too (manifests itself in data such as PPO powers invoked over the period). Example in news today about Ambo waiting times – this has a knock-on effect to policing as we are and have been an agency of last resort. • Mental Health – as we emerge from COVID the consequences are clear. The MH system was not coping before, it is even more an issue now. Individuals who are fundamentally unwell are coming into contact with police due to a lack of provision elsewhere. • Austerity – likely challenges to come around finance (not unique to policing but worth noting). 	
7/11/11/21	Questions?	
7.1	<p><u>Focus upon feedback</u></p> <p>Police have been poor generally at sharing results of activity. Healthy degree of cynicism by all attendees over the LP Charter and feedback of results.</p> <p>Acknowledged and understood by police – C/Insp Mark REILLY took away action to ensure some performance data could be shared in order that (in the New Year) parishes could determine if their local issues needed to change.</p>	
8/11/11/21	Date, Time and Location of Next Meeting:	
8.1	<p>Monday, 25th April 2022 (rearranged from 14th April) at 18:00 hours (via MS Teams – link to be distributed nearer the time)</p>	All

MUCH WENLOCK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of the
TOWN COUNCIL MEETING
held at The Guildhall, Much Wenlock
at 7 pm on Thursday, 2nd December 2021

Present: Cllr David Fenwick, Cllr Mike Grace, Cllr Wilfred Grainger, Cllr Sam Neal, Cllr John O'Dowd, Cllr Marcus Themans, Cllr Robert Toft, Cllr Daniel Thomas (in the chair), Cllr Chris Tyler, Cllr Duncan White

Town Clerk: Trudi Barrett

In attendance: Several members of the public

1. Chairman's Welcome

The Mayor welcomed everyone to the meeting and presented his report:

"Since we last met, we had a very well planned and thoughtful open-air Remembrance Sunday event, remembering those who fought in both World Wars and other conflicts. Our thanks go to Wenlock Parish Church for organising it under challenging circumstances. On behalf of our residents, I laid wreaths at Bourton and Much Wenlock.

Remembrance in Much Wenlock was also highly successful in fundraising, with £6,941 raised for the Royal British Legion. As a Town Council, we thank our branch organiser, David Turner, and all who manned the stands and who went round fundraising for this vital charity. The people of our Parish truly gave generously.

The Town Council's Christmas lights committee delivered an exceptional event that has received brilliant feedback from businesses and the public. Nearly 400 people attended the switch-on last Thursday night and were treated to a range of performances from the Primary School Choir, the Young Farmers, the local belly dancing group and characters from Disney. Special thanks must go to Zara and Chris Bowden for providing a PA system, with Zara being the MC for the night, and she did an excellent job. Her grandad, Jerry Bowden, a former Mayor, was involved for many years and he would have been proud of the Council and his family for putting on such a great event.

Thanks are also due to Sean Nicholas from Cuan Wildlife Rescue, Gary Owen from Wenlock Fencing, Andrew and Jack Woodhouse from Northwoods, Paul Laming and the Much Wenlock Lights Fund for the sponsorship and installation of the Christmas trees in the Square and at the end of Sheinton Street. Andrew and Jack Woodhouse also installed the trees in the planters at the top end of the High Street.

Keeping up with the theme of Christmas, Holy Trinity's Christmas Tree Festival has been extended, and you can see great additions from a range of community groups who created trees.

Much Wenlock Christmas Fayre takes place on Saturday, and I think we can safely say it's an event we're all looking forward to."

2. Apologies for Absence

Members RESOLVED to accept the following apologies: Cllr Mike Atherton – unwell, Cllr Grace – delayed.

3. Disclosure of pecuniary interests

Members were reminded that they are required to leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, whether or not the interest is entered in the register of members' interests maintained by the monitoring officer.

4. Dispensations

None requested.

5. Shropshire Council Report

Shropshire Councillor, Daniel Thomas, presented the following report:

"I had a very productive meeting with Sergeant Kate Øen, PC Rod Lake and concerned residents about the top of Harley Bank, where there continue to be accidents. We had a good discussion on mitigation and will look to put proposals to Shropshire Council.

Secondly, a nod to Covid-19 protocols which have been brought into place again, I'm afraid to say that Shropshire has the highest rates in the West Midlands and Wenlock & Broseley has the highest rates in South Shropshire. Please exercise caution.

I'd like to thank the Planning Committee for my invitation to their flooding meeting with John Bellis. John confirmed that he had seen work by McCloys showing that a solution to flooding on the site known as Hunters Gate 2 can be found. It is his opinion that the best thing for flooding prevention on that side of town is for the 120 homes to go ahead.

Plans for parking proposals within Much Wenlock which were shelved in 2020 are coming back. I'll be discussing these with Shropshire Council officers and would like a member of the Planning Committee to join me.

December's Shropshire Council meeting has been moved to January due to clashes with the North Shropshire By-election so I will have more to report back on then."

Councillor Grace joined the meeting.

6. Police Report

The Local Policing Team had sent their apologies. Members noted the written report provided.

7. Public Session

There had been no requests to speak.

8. Minutes

- a. **It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to approve and adopt the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on 4th November 2021.**
- b. **It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to adopt the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 5th October 2021.**
- c. **It was PROPOSED, SECONDED and RESOLVED to adopt the minutes of the Finance & Asset Management Committee meeting held on 19th October 2021.**

9. Town Clerk's Report

Members **NOTED** the written report from the Town Clerk on outstanding matters and action taken since the last Council meeting. The Clerk reminded Members that the Council office would be closed over the festive season from 23rd December 2021 to 3rd January 2022 inclusive. She also advised that the current roadworks and road closure on Barrow Road would not be operational on the day of the Christmas Fayre.

10. Ironbridge Power Station Planning Application (ref. 19/05560/OUT)

- a. Members considered the response received from the Department for Levelling Up, Housing & Communities to the request for more information on the decision not to call in the Ironbridge Power Station application. The response stated that the application had been carefully considered against the call in policy and it had been decided that intervention would not be justified. The Department did not give reasons for calling in or declining to call in planning applications.

Members expressed their disappointment with this response.

It was RESOLVED to invite Philip Dunne to visit to discuss town issues, including the call-in request.

- b. Members considered the response received from Shropshire Council to the Town Council's complaint about procedural issues associated with the handling of the application at the Southern Planning Committee meeting on 20th September and the offer of a meeting with the Assistant Director Economy and Place. It was noted that there appeared to be no mechanism for the Town Council to lodge a complaint.

It was RESOLVED to accept the offer of a meeting with the Assistant Director Economy and Place.

This opportunity could be used to raise other relevant issues. The Mayor and Councillor White would represent the Town Council, with other Councillors, as available.

11. Shropshire Draft Local Plan (2016 - 2038)

- a. Members noted a report from the Town Council's local consultation event for Much Wenlock groups, organisations and support services, held on 3rd November 2021.
- b. Members considered the recommendations contained within the report.

Concern was expressed that the views of a number of representatives of local groups, organisations and support services was not necessarily representative of the whole community and that many groups did not have a corporate view. It would be beneficial to extend the consultation to individuals but this would depend on time and capacity. It was noted that this consultation was to inform the Council's presentation to the Examination in Public and was not formal consultation on the Draft Local Plan.

The Planning & Environment Committee would consider how views could be gathered from the wider community, perhaps by means of a questionnaire on the Council website. It would be important to ensure that the consultation carried out by the Town Council was accurately described at the EIP.

It was RESOLVED that the Council:

1. **Considers the suggestions from the community event as a basis for progressing the case at the EIP.**
 2. **Agrees that it should, through the Planning & Environment Committee and its working groups, continue to engage with all interested local groups and individuals in the community to build its case for the EIP.**
 3. **Should receive and consider a formal proposal and recommendations for approval ahead of the EIP.**
 4. **Addresses the 'non-planning' comments that relate more closely to the other responsibilities through the appropriate committees and groups.**
- c. Members considered the response received from Shropshire Council's Planning Policy & Strategy Manager to the question why Shropshire Council did not change its mind and alter the Draft Local Plan when requested to do so in June this year. The officer had reiterated the point that Shropshire Council had already undertaken the Regulation 19 Pre-Submission consultation when the Town Council's position had changed, following the May 2021 elections. The late (non-duly made) representations had been submitted for the Inspectors to consider and it would be at the discretion of the Inspectors as to how they treated these comments. The officer had suggested that the EIP was the most appropriate forum to discuss the issues and had advised that the Inspectors had the ability to propose main modifications if necessary to make the Plan sound.

It was noted that the Inspectors initial questions had been posted on the Shropshire Council website. The Inspectors had invited Shropshire Council to make any main modifications now in order to make the Plan sound.

It was RESOLVED to write to Shropshire Council's Planning Policy & Strategy Manager stating that the Town Council had seen the opportunity for a main modification to the Local Plan, as invited by the Inspectors, and now asked Shropshire Council to make a main modification as requested previously by the Town Council. A copy of the request should be sent to the Programme Officer for the EIP.

12. Policing Priorities

At the request of the local policing team, Members considered whether the policing priorities identified in June 2021 were still current:

1. Thefts of vehicles and machinery from gardens and outbuildings, particularly in rural areas.
2. Anti-social behaviour, including drug taking and drug dealing in the town centre.
3. Speeding on rural roads and large vehicles ignoring weight limits.

It was RESOLVED to retain the priorities identified in June 2021.

13. Christmas Lights Switch-on – 25th November 2021

Members considered feedback on the Christmas lights switch-on event on Thursday, 25th November. Thanks were expressed to the working group who had organised the event, to traders and to the public for attending. The event had been a great success with a good atmosphere and much positive feedback had been received. There was some disappointment that shopkeepers had not made more effort to extend their displays onto the street. There were lessons to learn from the event and arrangements for next year would be considered nearer the time.

14. Councillor Surgeries

It was RESOLVED to hold joint Town Councillor and Shropshire Councillor surgeries from January 2022, on the second Saturday of the month (excluding December and August), at the Museum, with a local police officer present when available.

The Mayor undertook to draw up the rota and to contact the Museum to book the dates.

15. Consultation

- a. Members noted the response submitted to the consultation on the Bridgnorth Future Connectivity Plan.
- b. Members considered DEFRA consultation on **amendments to the Environmental Permitting (England and Wales) Regulations 2016 as applied to groundwater activities and related surface water discharge activities**, which affects the operation of cemeteries (deadline for response 22nd December 2021).

Members noted the SALC response, which provided a useful guide for Town and Parish Councils to respond. **It was RESOLVED that the Clerk should respond to the consultation on behalf of the Town Council, using the SALC response as a model.**

16. Correspondence

Members noted the following items, which had been distributed via email between meetings:

- a. SALC information bulletins and other information
- b. NALC newsletters and other information
- c. Press releases from Shropshire Council
- d. Rural Bulletins from the Rural Services Network
- e. Invitation to Citizens Advice Shropshire AGM on 25th November 2022
- f. Together Reducing and Ending Exploitation in Shropshire, Newsletter Autumn 2021
- g. Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership Annual Review 2020-21
- h. Friendly Bus – Ways to Support Friendly Bus this Christmas
- i. Healthwatch Press Release: Report outlines the problems described by those facing food insecurity, 11.11.21
- j. Notification of helicopter night flying training phase over Shropshire and its borders from RAF Shawbury from 15th November for approximately five weeks.
- k. Notification of change of contact details for West Mercia We Don't Buy Crime
- l. Local policing charter update
- m. Shropshire Climate Action Partnership Newsletter November 2021
- n. Friendly Bus Newsletter December/January

17. Agenda Items for Next Town Council Meeting

Members suggested the following item for inclusion on the agenda for the next meeting: Local Plan Examination in Public.

18. Date of next meeting

Members noted that the next meeting would be held at 7.00pm on 13th January 2022 at the Guildhall.

Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the above Act it was **PROPOSED, SECONDED** and **RESOLVED** that, due to the confidential nature of the business to be transacted, the public and press should not be present.

19. Complaint

Councillors considered progress with a complaint from a member of the public. **It was RESOLVED to approve the draft response.**

20. Report from Property Working Group

Members considered a report and recommendations from the Property Working Group.

It was RESOLVED as follows:

- a. **Guildhall**
 - i. To commit to the full repair of the Guildhall.
 - ii. To engage with Shropshire Council's Conservation Officer regarding renovation of the Guildhall.
 - iii. To engage a professional fund raiser to obtain funding for the renovation of the Guildhall.
 - iv. To check the Council's VAT position and any VAT implications of the proposals for the Council's properties.
- b. **Corn Exchange**

To commit to the full repair of the Corn Exchange.

c. Cemetery Chapel

To commission a condition report for the Cemetery Chapel.

d. 10 High Street / 2 Burgage Way

To approve the recommendations contained in the confidential report.

9 Members were in favour with 1 abstention.

The meeting closed at 8.55pm

Signed
Town Mayor

Date

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MUCH WENLOCK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a **Planning & Environment Committee meeting**
held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 2nd November 2021 at the Guildhall, Much Wenlock

Present: Councillors Mike Grace, Wilfred Grainger, Chris Tyler, Duncan White (in the chair)

In attendance: Trudi Barrett – Town Clerk, Cllr Mike Atherton, two members of the public

1. Apologies

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the following apology: **Councillor David Fenwick – unwell**

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Members were reminded that they are required to leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, whether or not the interest is entered in the Register of Members' Interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer.

3. Dispensations

None requested.

4. Public Session

A member of the public was invited to speak on agenda item 19c at the relevant point during the meeting.

5. Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 5th October 2021 be **APPROVED** and signed as a true record.

6. Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered:

<p>21/04565/FUL 63 Oakfield Park, Much Wenlock</p>	<p>Erection of single storey side extension following demolition of existing garage and installation of dormer to front in connection with conversion of roofspace into additional living accommodation (amended to scheme approved under Planning Permission Ref: 20/04358/FUL).</p> <p>It was RESOLVED no objection.</p>
<p>21/04859/TCA 50 Sheinton Street, Much Wenlock</p>	<p>Fell 1no Ash (T1), reduce and thin the crown by 50% of 1no Acacia (T2) & 1no Cherry (T3) and fell 1no Cherry (T4) within Much Wenlock Conservation Area.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED no objection although Councillors would like to see some replacement planting.</p>
<p>21/04815/TCA Holy Trinity Church, Wilmore Street, Much Wenlock</p>	<p>Works to trees labelled T36 – T47 on plan to include crown reduction by 20% of 7no Lime and felling of 5no Lime within Much Wenlock Conservation Area.</p> <p>Conversation held between tree officer, Church and Priory Hall. Problems with roots damaging wall, drains, H&S, leaf fall. Measures to protect remaining trees – been thought through.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED no objection, providing applicant follows advice from Tree Officer.</p>
<p>21/04933/FUL 10 Hunters Gate, Much Wenlock</p>	<p>Erection of a single storey rear extension.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED no objection.</p>
<p>21/04837/FUL 5 Wilmore Street, Much Wenlock</p>	<p>Replacement of three sash windows to the front elevation; three box sash windows and two full casement windows to the rear elevation; and one set of French doors to the rear of the property.</p> <p>It was RESOLVED no objection.</p>

7. Planning Decisions

It was **RESOLVED** to note the following planning decisions:

21/03299/FUL Land adj 6 Bridge Road, Much Wenlock	Erection of a detached dwelling. Grant permission
21/03154/FUL Withies Campsite, Stretton Road, Much Wenlock	To replace existing fence with new brick wall enclosure and gate entrance. Withdrawn
21/00736/FUL Proposed dwelling NW of Yew Tree Cottage, Stretton Westwood, Much Wenlock	Proposed construction of zero carbon house, within the quarry edge rock face. Grant permission

8. Local Plan Review – Community Consultation for Examination in Public

Members considered final arrangements for the event to be held at the Methodist Church Hall on Wednesday, 3rd November for representatives of local groups and organisations. Following an introduction, round table conversations would be facilitated by Town Councillors, with a plenary session at the end of the meeting. Verbal feedback would be provided at the Town Council meeting on 4th November, and a written summary prepared thereafter.

It was noted that around 17 acceptances to the invitation to the meeting had been received so far. Refreshments would be offered to those attending.

9. Flooding issues

a. Members received an update from the Flood Group.

It was reported that all key drains had been cleared recently but three problems remained:

- i. A drain on the opposite side of the road to Ashfield Hall and Twickel House: when a gas pipe had been installed the drain had been cut and was disconnected. This was on Shropshire Council's repair list.
- ii. A drain in Sheinton Street had collapsed and needed replacing. This was outlined in red on the road.
- iii. On Farley Road, almost opposite Forester Gardens, there was a drain that blocked repeatedly and was being investigated by Shropshire Council.

There was an agreement in place with Shropshire Council that they would clear the fallen leaves on Station Road every 10 days during autumn to prevent them blocking the drains.

The National Flood Forum (NFF) meeting held on 6th October had been well attended and provided an opportunity for local issues to be discussed. The NFF had taken email addresses and would circulate a newsletter about flooding issues in the town and surrounding area. It was noted that the planned drainage work on the Stretton Road was included in the current year's budget.

Concerns were raised about the development proposals for Wheatland Garage. If the outline application were approved, any full application should be closely scrutinised with regard to drainage measures.

Members of the Flood Group were extremely worried about the application to site another 53 chalets on the Shadwell Quarry site. If these were sited on platforms in the lake, rather than around the edge, this would raise the water level. Drone coverage indicated that the quarry was now over 240ft deep and covered an area of eight acres. The depth had increased by 15ft in the last year. The pool was filling up and could reach the natural overspill level of the ground causing water to seep through the boundary. A potential collapse and resulting flood from the quarry would go either to the sewage works or to Farley fuel dump, either of which would have serious, toxic consequences.

It was RESOLVED to raise concerns about the application and the quarry with Shropshire Council.

Shropshire Council should be informed that the Flood Group had advised the Town Council that they were monitoring the area closely. Water levels were rising, by 15ft over the last year, increasing the risk of potential flooding from Shadwell Quarry. This could have severe implications for development proposals and the adjoining land and infrastructure. Farley dump, the sewage works and Down Mill were all at risk, depending on how the quarry wall might break. The Flood Group could provide further information. The letter should be copied to the Environment Agency. Members of the Flood Group would also raise this issue at the next NFF meeting.

b. Members considered the response to queries raised with Shropshire Council's Drainage and Flood Risk Manager following the meeting held on 11th August. They welcomed the helpful information and were pleased to see that potential funding and flood attenuation options were being explored.

The Clerk was asked to seek a date for a further meeting with the Drainage and Flood Risk Manager and to check whether he had been able to obtain a copy of the McCloy report

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- c. There were no other flooding issues.

10. Transport Working Group

Members considered a report from the Transport Working Group. The Group was making plans to carry out a traffic survey of the town and continued to engage with issues in Sheinton Street. Members were in communication with the Shropshire Council Traffic Engineer and were urging progress with Shropshire Council highways proposals for the town and for the feasibility study for the Gaskell corner. The group was also looking at the current proposals for Bridgnorth connectivity.

11. Trees in the Conservation Area and Across the Town

There had been no response so far from the County Arboriculturalist regarding options available when dealing with applications for work to trees. The Clerk was asked to check whether there was a policy for replacement trees and whether the Tree Officer could insist on replacement planting in the Conservation Area.

It was RESOLVED to defer further consideration of this item to the next meeting, pending a response from the Shropshire Council officer.

12. Climate Change and Ecological/Nature Emergencies

Councillors noted an update on progress from Councillor Atherton, the Council's champion for developing its response to Climate Change and the Ecological and Nature emergencies. Councillor Atherton was networking, researching and exploring good practice and measures taken by other Councils that might be introduced in Much Wenlock. It was clear that finding ways for the Council to make a contribution to addressing the ecological and nature emergencies was a long-term project.

Councillors noted the need for baseline measures so that progress could be quantified.

13. Consultation

14. Street Lighting

15. Street naming *

16. Footpath/Bridleway Creation Orders*

17. Footpath Diversion Orders*

18. Road closures*

Members noted the following road closure:

Location: High Street, Much Wenlock

Date: 25th November 2021

Time: 3.30 – 9.00pm

Purpose: Christmas Lights Switch-on

19. Highways matters *

- a. Members considered a verbal report from the walkabout meeting held with PCSO Breese to discuss parking on pavements in the town. This had been a useful opportunity to highlight parking issues and the PCSO had issued notices to some cars, mainly in Back Lane. The PCSOs will take action if a vehicle is physically blocking the footpath and causing a danger. The local policing team would continue to monitor and attend to any problems.
- b. Members noted responses from Shropshire Council and Spar regarding the issue of large vehicles mounting the pavement on the corner of Queen Street and Back Lane. Shropshire Council had advised that the local highway technician would visit to consider options. The Logistics Compliance Manager at Blakemore (Spar) had advised that the smallest 18-ton rigid lorry on the fleet was used to make deliveries to the Much Wenlock Spar and had offered to discuss the matter further.

It was RESOLVED to suggest that Blakemore liaise with Shropshire Council to consider options for addressing the problems for large vehicles manoeuvring around the corner of Queen Street and Back Lane.

- c. Members considered concerns about road safety at the bend on the A458 at the top of Harley Bank, near to Stokes Barn. A member of the public advised that he insured properties at this location and had witnessed many accidents at this location over the years, including three fatalities. Measures might be introduced to reduce the risk, such as applying a pink anti-slip surface on the road and cutting back the vegetation around the many warning signs. Concerns had already been reported on 'Fix my Street'.

It was RESOLVED to write to the Shropshire Council Traffic Engineer to request that he arrange for the overgrown vegetation to be cut back and review the highway safety at this location.

- d. Members considered concerns raised about the deteriorating condition of the road surface in Sheinton Street on the right-hand side of the road towards the A4169. The road had been marked for repair in early August but no work had been carried out.

It was RESOLVED to Shropshire Council to ask when the repair work would be undertaken.

20. Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs)*

21. Stopping Up Orders*

22. Speed Limit Orders*

23. Prohibition Orders*

24. Date of next meeting

It was **NOTED** that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 30th November 2021 at 7.00pm at the Guildhall, Much Wenlock.

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the above Act and due to the confidential nature of the following business to be transacted it was RESOLVED that the public and press should not be present.

25. Planning Enforcement

There were no planning enforcement issues to hand.

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....

MONTH	MINUTE NUMBER	RESOLUTION	TASK COMPLETE	COMMENT
May 2021	22	Defer consideration of the Council's policies relating to data protection to a future meeting.	In progress	
24 th June 2021	18	Support the 'Queen's Green Canopy' initiative, raise public awareness and ask relevant committees to consider where trees might be planted	Ongoing	Trees for Gaskell Ground and Old Cemetery under consideration.
July 2021	10	Arrange a workshop of all Councillors to brainstorm ideas and start the process before the summer break	Pending	Not possible before the summer break. Date and arrangements to be agreed
	14	Finance & Asset Management Committee to consider the practicalities of flying the Union flag at the Guildhall	In progress	Advice obtained from Holy Trinity Church team.
Sept 2021	10	Approve the Document Retention Policy, subject to the production of and agreement to operational guidelines.	In progress	Operational guidelines to be drawn up.
	15	Invite community activists to an introductory workshop in order to explore a Council and community-wide approach.	Pending	
Dec 2021	10a	Invite Philip Dunne MP to visit to discuss town issues, including the Ironbridge Power Station call-in request.	Yes	Meeting arranged.
	10b	Accept the offer of a meeting with the Shropshire Council Assistant Director Economy and Place.	Yes	Meeting arranged.
	11c	Write to SC's Planning Policy & Strategy Manager regarding the opportunity for a main modification of the Local Plan, as invited by the Inspectors.	Yes	Response received.
	12	Retain the policing priorities identified in June 2021.	Yes	Police advised.
	15	Respond to the DEFRA consultation on amendments to the Environmental Permitting (England & Wales) Regulations 2016 as applied to groundwater activities and related surface water discharge activities which affects the operation of cemeteries.	Yes	Response submitted.
	19	Resolved to approve the draft response to a complaint from a member of the public.	Yes	Response sent.
	20	Resolved to approve recommendations from the Property Working Group: a.ii. To engage with SC's Conservation Officer regarding renovation of the Guildhall. a.iii. To engage a professional fund raiser to obtain funding for the renovation of the Guildhall. a.iv. To check the Council's VAT position. c. To commission a condition report for the Cemetery Chapel.	In progress In progress In progress In progress	Initial contact made and meeting being arranged. Contact made with Place Plan Officer and a fund raiser recommended by other Clerks. Initial advice obtained from SALC Quotations to be obtained.

Other Activities

- Defibrillator/CPR training undertaken on 3rd December 2021
- Attendance at Clerks' network meeting on 7th December 2021
- Meeting with the Manager, Shropshire Museums on 9th December 2021

Trudi Barrett
Town Clerk

Much Wenlock Town Council Budget 2022/23

Second Draft: 20/10/21

Agenda item 11

Code	Description	2021/22	Income to 30/9/21	2022/23	Comments
NET INCOME					
ADMINISTRATION					
1100	Income Misc	100	4945	100	£1143 from Covid Book Sales
1175	Neighbourhood Fund	0	0	0	Not known
1176	Precept	208203	N/A	221905	
1190	Interest Received	500	7	100	Interest rates low
TOTAL		208803	4952	222105	

Code	Description	2021/22	Expenditure to 30/9/21	2022/23	Comments
EXPENDITURE					
Administration					
4000	Salaries (Office Staff)	48000	21574	52130	Increments/increase in Clerk's hours
4001	Wages (non-office staff)	21000	9603	20500	Reduction in cleaning hours
4002	PAYE/Employees NI	10000	5258	13370	
4003	Employers NI	4050	1926	5000	
4004	Pension Contributions	12600	5954	13355	Fixed costs
4095	Pension Deficit	1400	1400	1400	Fixed cost
4005	Administration Costs	300	98	300	
4006	Bank Charges	100	50	150	
4008	Printing	1200	568	1200	3 year contract with Sharp
4009	Consumables	300	58	300	
4010	Travelling Expenses	100	0	100	
4011	Telephone and Broadband (Corn Ex)	1700	541	1300	Cheaper 3 year Contract in place
4012	Stationery	500	269	500	
4013	Advertising & Publishing	500	139	500	
4014	Postage & Petty Cash	300	37	200	Reduced use of postage
4015	Office Equipment & Repairs	1220	15	1000	
4016	Audit Fees	1500	0	1400	
4017	Staff Training & Conferences	600	200	600	
4018	Insurance* (August to August)	9000	9877*	9000	3 year contract with Zurich
4019	Subscriptions	1700	1507	1800	ALC/Zoom annual charges
4020	Data Control	35	35	35	
4022	Professional Fees (Ellis Whittam)	3100	2479	3500	New contract required for 22/23
4030	Election Expenses	0	0	0	£8000 in reserves
4031	Town Archives	350	1026*	350	*Relates to Pandemic Project
4032	Councillor Expenses	200	0	200	
4050	Software	150	70	200	
4090	Councillor Training	1000	237	1000	
4175	Neighbourhood Fund	0	0	0	
4215	Music Licenses	250	0	250	
4415	Website Development and Mgmt	500	355	700	Upgrading security
4425	Town Celebrations	500	0	500	
TOTAL		122155	52373	130840	

			Income to		
312	The Square	2021/22	30/9/21	2022/23	Comments
1202	Commercial Stalls	250	363	600	Improved activity
	TOTAL	250	363	600	

			Expenditure to		
312	The Square	2021/22	30/9/21	2022/23	Comments
4406	Repairs & Maintenance	1500	0	200	No major works /Add to reserves
	TOTAL	1500	0	200	

			Income to		
304	10 High Street	2021/22	30/9/21	2022/23	Comments
1270	Rental - 2 Burgage Way	8700	4350	8700	8700
	TOTAL	8700	4350	8700	

			Expenditure to		
305	2 Burgage Way	2021/22	30/9/21	2022/23	Comments
4406	Repairs & Maintenance	2000	817	1500	
4401	Gas	1500	403	1750	Increase in gas charge expected
4405	Rates	0	0	0	
4540	Estate Agency Fees	1000	348	800	Expected increase did not occur
	TOTAL	4500	1568	4050	

			Income to		
321	Linden Lodge	2021/22	30/9/21	2022/23	Comments
1260	Rent	7500	3750	7500	
	TOTAL	7500	3750	7500	

			Expenditure to		
304	10 High Street	2021/22	30/9/21	2022/23	Comments
4406	Repairs & Maint	5000	0	2000	Add unspent funds to reserves
4400	Electricity	1200	109	1400	
4401	Gas	2000	0	2300	Nil if building unoccupied
4405	Rates	4950	0	6400	Nil if building unoccupied
	TOTAL	13150	109	12100	

			Income to		
401	Cemetery	2021/22	30/9/21	2022/23	Comments
1110	Income Misc	100	100	100	Sharpen Bequest
1301	Burial & Memorial Fees	8000	2544	8000	Review of fees due
1302	Cemetery - Rent of Land (Allotme	450	450	450	Review of price due
	TOTAL	8550	3094	8550	

			Expenditure to		
321	Linden Lodge	2021/22	30/9/21	2022/23	Comments
4406	Repairs & Maint	2000	0	2000	
4540	Estate Agency Fees	938	469	938	Fixed fees in place
	TOTAL	2938	469	2938	

			Expenditure to		
401	Cemetery	2021/22	30/9/21	2022/23	Comments
4009	Consumables	50	0	50	
4400	Electricity	100	32	120	
4402	Water Charges	250	0	100	Limited use of water
4405	Rates	773	457	790	
4406	Repairs & Maint	2000	0	1000	Add unspent funds to reserves
4450	Grass Cutting	7560	3150	7650	Minor additional works.
4530	Skip Hire	1200		1400	Recent increase in charges
	TOTAL	11933	3639	11110	

		2021/22	Expenditure to 30/9/21	2022/23	Comments
107	Grants & Donations				
4024	Grants to Community Groups	2000	0	3000	Expenditure planned for October
4305	Library Funding	13460	0	16000	Some costs coming from reserves
	TOTAL	15460	0	19000	

		2021/22	Expenditure to 30/9/21	2022/23	Comments
110	Civic Events				
4319	Mayoral Civic Events	500	0	1000	Mayor making
4321	Mayors Allowance	900	420	900	
4321	Civic Regalia	250	0	250	Regalia repairs
	TOTAL	1650	420	2150	

		2021/22	Expenditure to 30/9/21	2022/23	Comments
111	King Street Toilets				
4405	Rates	750	0	0	Rates abolished
4406	Repairs & Maintenance	2000	0	1000	Add to reserves
	TOTAL	2750	0	1000	

		2021/22	Expenditure to 30/9/21	2021/22	Comments
112	St Marys Lane Toilets				
4405	Rates	2000	0	0	Rates abolished
4406	Repairs & Maintenance	0	0	500	
	TOTAL	2000	0	500	

		2021/22	Expenditure to 30/9/21	2022/23	Comments
201	Environmental Services				
4009	Consumables	200	0	200	
4100	Misc Expenses	0	0	0	
4209	Street Cleaning	30	0	40	
4406	Repairs and Maintenance	250	111	300	
4522	Street Lighting Maintenance	6800	5778	8700	SOX Light replacement programme
4523	Street Light Non Routine Maint	2000	0	2000	
4524	Street Lighting Power	3500	1962	3700	Contract due for renewal
4097	Air Quality Monitoring	0	0	0	
4527	Public Toilets	15000	5351	15000	Contract to October 2022
4098	Pure Washrooms	750	750	750	Contract ends Sept 2022
4099	Climate Change	1000	0	1000	
	TOTAL	29530	13952	31690	

EARMARKED RESERVES	
319 S106	12369
320 Heritage	10500
321 Pandemic Project	91
323 Public Toilets	5000
326 Election Expenses	8000
328 Property	50000
333 Neighbourhood Fund	12843
334 Charities	1705
335 Grants	50
341 Archives	641
342 Bus Shelter	50
343 Library	19920
	<u>121169</u>

Expenditure	275486
Less income	-53581
REQUIRED PRECEPT	221905
	6.58% increase

		2021/22	Expenditure to 30/9/21	2022/23	Comments
205	Town Promotion				
4009	Consumables	200	0	200	
4100	Misc Expenses	200	0	200	
4200	Floral Displays	1800	1206	1650	Expected increase did not occur
4201	Christmas Lights	10200	0	10000	New installation contract required
	TOTAL	12400	1206	12050	

		2021/22	Expenditure to 30/9/21	2022/23	Comments
311	Cooke Clock				
4406	Repairs & Maint	155	0	155	Contract in place
	TOTAL	155	0	155	

		2021/22	Expenditure to 30/9/21	2022/23	Comments
313	Bus Shelters				
4406	Repairs & Maint	200	0	750	Repair work due Nov/Dec 2021.
	TOTAL	200	0	750	

		2021/22	Expenditure to 30/9/21	2022/23	Comments
324	Gaskell Rec Ground				
4402	Water Charges	500	98	500	
	TOTAL	500	98	500	

		2021/22	Expenditure to 30/9/21	2022/23	Comments
325	Gaskell Rec Ground Joint Use				
4603	Grounds Maintenance	12000	1700	12000	
4604	Contingency	0	0	0	
	TOTAL	12000	1700	12000	

4604	Contingency	2000	1700	2000	
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TOTAL EXPENDITURE	260987	87464	275486	
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Subject: RE: Much Wenlock Town Council and Examination of Local Plan 2016 - 2038
Date: Wednesday, 8 December 2021 at 13:03:05 Greenwich Mean Time
From: Edward West
To: Town Clerk
CC: Programme Officer
Attachments: image003.jpg, image004.jpg

Dear Trudi,

Thank you for your response. Can I reiterate that the reason for there being no change proposed to the Much Wenlock proposals ahead of submission was not purely a procedural one. I have highlighted the relevant sentence below in my original e-mail which I feel makes this point clear.

So in short, the Council does currently feel the Plan as submitted, including the proposals for Much Wenlock, is sound. We would not have submitted if we did not believe this to be the case. The point is that it is only the Examination process which can now introduce 'main modifications' to the Plan, and therefore it is of course right that the Town Council should ask for their representations – both duly made and non-duly made – to be considered by the Inspectors.

It will be a decision for the Inspectors how they wish to consider this issue at the Examination and, ultimately, if they feel that there is a need to propose main modifications to the Plan in order to make the Plan sound.

At this stage therefore, the Council will not be suggesting a 'main modification' to the draft Local Plan with respect to this issue. If, in due course, and having considered the evidence including the Town Council's representations, they indicate a main modification is required, we will of course at that stage consider proposing a 'main modification' for them to consider.

Kind regards,

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Sent: 08 December 2021 12:31
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Cc: Programme Officer <Programme.Officer@shropshire.gov.uk>
Subject: Much Wenlock Town Council and Examination of Local Plan 2016 - 2038

Dear Eddie

Thank you for your message below. Councillors note that the reason why Shropshire Council could not change the Plan when requested by the new Much Wenlock Town Council was a procedural one.

Much Wenlock Town Councillors have seen that the Plan Inspectors have invited Shropshire Council to consider whether it might be necessary to advance any potential Main Modifications to the Plan in order

to make it sound. As this opportunity has arisen, Much Wenlock Town Council asks that you now make a main modification to the Plan in line with the request submitted by the Town Council on 9th June 2021 (copy letter attached).

I look forward to your response.

Yours sincerely,

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From: Edward West <edward.west@shropshire.gov.uk>

Date: Wednesday, 17 November 2021 at 14:32

To: Town Clerk <townclerk@muchwenlock-tc.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Much Wenlock Town Council and Local Plan Proposals

Dear Trudi,

Apologies for the delay in responding to this.

My response to the Town Council's question...

Whilst it was recognised the Town Council's position on the Local Plan changed following the May 2021 elections, this did not alter the fact that Shropshire Council had already undertaken the Regulation 19 Pre-Submission consultation on the Local Plan in early 2021. Post Regulation 19, the Council cannot propose any significant (or 'main') modifications to the Plan before proposing to submit the Plan, unless of course it was felt there was a fundamental issue with the draft Plan which could not be rectified by more minor modifications.

As previously discussed at length with the Town Council, we have submitted the late (no-duly made) representations to the Examination for the appointed Inspectors to consider, and it will therefore be at

the discretion of the Inspectors as to how they treat these comments. We now strongly feel it is the Examination which is the most appropriate forum to discuss these issues. The Inspectors has the ability to proposed main modifications if they feel it is necessary to do so in order to make the Plan sound.

I hope this helps,

Eddie

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From: Town Clerk <townclerk@muchwenlock-tc.gov.uk>
Date: Thursday, 21 October 2021 at 12:37
To: Edward West <edward.west@shropshire.gov.uk>
Cc: Dan Thomas <Dan.Thomas@shropshire.gov.uk>
Subject: Much Wenlock Town Council and Local Plan Proposals

Dear Eddie

At the last meeting of Much Wenlock Town Council, Councillors resolved to write and ask you the following question:

Why did Shropshire Council not change its mind and alter the Draft Local Plan when requested by the newly elected Town Council in June this year?

I look forward to your response.

Thanks and regards

Trudi

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Subject: Fwd: Expression of Interest for CIL Funding - Future Working
Date: Tuesday, 21 December 2021 at 14:57:27 Greenwich Mean Time
From: Dianne Dorrell

Forwarded to Parish and Town Councils, Shropshire on behalf of Eddie West, Planning Policy and Strategy Manager, Shropshire Council

Expression of Interest for CIL Funding – Future Working

Dear all

As you may be aware I assumed the chair of the Council's Internal Infrastructure Group (IIG) earlier this year. One of the main tasks of the IIG is to administer the spend of the Council's CIL funds, subject to an Expression of Interest (Eol) process, often from Parish and Town Councils. I know many of you have been involved with this process over the last few years, including submitting Eols to Shropshire Council for consideration.

Whilst this process is still considered an effective mechanism as a means to allocate the Council's CIL funding, it is now felt particularly important for the IIG to more fully understand the implications of the County's strategic infrastructure needs resulting from planned growth. As many of you will know from being involved in the Eol process this is an important consideration in decision making, and ultimately ensures that CIL funding is used appropriately. These strategic infrastructure needs are likely to be focussed on a number of areas including highways/transport, education, health, climate change, digital and green infrastructure.

To support this immediate work, it has been agreed that the consideration of all future Expressions of interest for CIL funding by the IIG is now 'on pause' until April 2022. This three month pause will allow officers time to consider the implications of a number of on-going relevant work streams, notably: the draft Local Plan; the emerging Local Transport Plan and School Place Planning.

Importantly, this pause of future Eols will NOT impact on any previous decisions made by the IIG. Therefore, where CIL funding has been committed to projects this will continue to stand.

Also, for the avoidance of any confusion, this pause on Eols will NOT impact on the Neighbourhood Fund element of the CIL which the Council administers and circulates once a year. This will continue to happen as scheduled in March/April 2022.

I am sure many of you will have further questions about this process. Therefore I will be liaising further with SALC early in January to arrange briefing sessions specifically for Parish and Town Councils. More information on these sessions will follow early in the new year.

In the meantime if you have any specific questions please let me know, and if I do not speak to you beforehand I hope you all have a happy and safe Christmas.

Kind regards,

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Meeting with Lindsey Bucknor of Made in Shropshire Markets
7pm 6th December 2021 - Mary Webb Room

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Present - Lindsey Bucknor, Cllrs Mike Atherton and Duncan White

Dates for 2022 were agreed - Saturday 16th April, Saturday 18th June, Saturday 20th August
The markets are to run from 0900 - 1500hrs.

The 2.5 x 2.5m stalls are to be erected by a company employed by Made in Shropshire along the line of parking bays that run down the High St nearest to the cash point machine. They will not be on the footpath so as to provide a clear passage and there will be sufficient room in the roadway to permit emergency vehicles to pass if needed.

It was agreed by LB to get the company supplying the gazebos to carry out an accurate measure of the High St, but it is anticipated that 18-20 stalls will be able to fit the space available. They will do their own Risk Assessment and already have their own public liability insurance. All stalls have to be invited members of the group and they will ensure a balanced percentage mix of different types of stalls from jewellery, food, clothes, furniture etc.

The company are restricted to members and in these circumstances the regular stalls that use the space under the Corn Exchange will have to be informed that they will not be able to attend on the Made in Shropshire market dates.

Made in Shropshire have their own publicity and social media management and will be doing their own promotion for the dates. We can also use our own social media outlets to back this up.

The council will need to apply for a road closure order for the High St from 0630 - 1600 for these dates. The road will need to be closed at 0630hrs to allow erection of the gazebos and traders will start to set up from 0730 and start to pack down from 1500hrs.

It is their opinion that for the first market there is no need for extra parking provision other than normal. Parking can then be assessed and, if necessary, extra provision made for the remaining two dates. It was discussed to approach William Brookes school to ask about extra parking if needed, with the possibility of encouraging users to walk along parts of the Olympian Trail as a route to get to the market from the school.

It was thought that a busker or street entertainment could be explored to add to the town atmosphere.

It was agreed to inform emergency services and include the local first responders in advance of the events.

DW agreed to be available for the first event from road closure to reopening in case of any issues and to be able to assess the process and potential issues with parking etc.

It was agreed to inform local traders in plenty of time in an effort to prevent any issues and gain cooperation.

If this is a success for both parties then the whole town will benefit and it will showcase our beautiful town. This is an experiment and, as such, comes with some business risk for the stall holders who agree to attend. They already have to pay for an allocated, provided gazebo, so it was agreed that the council would not charge for street usage.

At the end of 2022 we can review and discuss a more regular market (Whitchurch have just agreed to monthly markets from Made in Shropshire).

Shropshire Drug and Alcohol Strategy 2021-2023 - draft strategy consultation

1. [Shropshire Drug and Alcohol Strategy 2021-2023 - draft strategy consultation](#)

- Period: 01 December 2021 - 31 January 2022
- Status: **Open**
- Audiences: Everyone
- Topics: Community and living, Health and wellbeing
- Type: Public

[A draft drug and alcohol strategy for Shropshire](#) has been prepared, building on the previous Alcohol Strategy 2017-2019 and Crime Reduction Strategy 2017- 2020. The new strategy reflects national policy and strategy and will be overseen by Shropshire Safeguarding Community Partnership and the Drug and Alcohol Misuse Strategic Priority Group. There are also strong links with the Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin Long Term Plan 2019-2024, the county's Mental Health Partnership Board, the Health and Well-Being Board and the Sustainable Transformation Programme (STP) priority prevention for alcohol.

The strategy will be delivered through a partnership approach. The aim of the strategy is to build the conditions to create a healthy and vibrant community, safe from the harms caused by drugs and alcohol, where all people can have the best start in life, and live and age well. This will be achieved by using information, best practice and guidance to determine local need and appropriate responses to tackle and prevent further harms using the resources we have in the most effective and cost-efficient way.

In order to ensure the draft strategy reflects the needs of statutory and non-statutory services, the community, businesses and individuals it is important to consult on the draft document. This will allow feedback to be considered and any changes made before the strategy is formally approved and implemented.

Shropshire Council

Budget consultation 2022/2023

- Period: 05 January 2022 - 16 February 2022
- Status: **Open**
- Audiences: Everyone
- Topics: Budgets
- Type: Public

Shropshire Council spends over £554m every year delivering services to our local communities. We spend most of our budget on adults and children's social care, protecting more vulnerable people in ever more complex and, by necessity, expensive ways. These are services that 97% of the population of Shropshire don't access directly, yet they are growing in cost at a faster rate than any other areas.

Government funding for services has reduced year on year at the same time that our costs are increasing. We can raise more income from council tax, but this can only go so far. We must set a balanced budget in law and so we have little choice other than to raise income from other sources, cut our costs elsewhere, or both. This means asking our communities to pay more in council tax, more in fees and charges, and receive less in services as available funding is redirected to those vital areas most in need – adults and children's social care.

Further cuts to existing budgets are becoming increasingly difficult, and we'll continue to look at other ways to deliver income into the council to put us on a more sustainable funding position. We'd like your views on proposals being taken forward for the 2022/23 financial year so that we can take account of the taxpayers' views on these proposals.

(Please note: in this exercise we're seeking views on the overall scale and direction of the proposals rather than the detail underpinning them. Where any savings proposals would impact directly on an individual, specific consultation would take place as part of a future implementation plan).

But first, before we dive into the detail, it's important that everyone understands some background information on our financial position.

We have two main types of funding - revenue funding and capital funding:

- Revenue funding pays for the services referred to above and consists of revenue support grant, council tax, business rates, other specific government grants, and income. These funds can be used to support day to day services including adults and children's social care, waste collection and disposal, highways maintenance and cultural and leisure services
- Capital funding, on the other hand, includes capital grants, capital receipts from sales of assets, other contributions and borrowing. This funding may only be used for capital projects and can't be used to support our day to day running budget. So, to deal with one common misunderstanding first: it's illegal for us to borrow money to pay for revenue costs. Unlike the government, we can't borrow money to pay for day-to-day services.

The main pressure on council budgets is within the revenue budget, so we're trying to think how we can use the capital budget to develop some large-scale schemes that will deliver added income or reduced costs for us. This approach enables us to spend capital money, or even borrow money, to deliver defined schemes that will reduce our running costs or generate income. This should then relieve the pressure on the revenue budget and reduce the pressure on delivering further savings in service areas.

In terms of funding, the main area that we have control over is setting the council tax level for the next year. For 2022/23 we're proposing a 3.99% increase overall (a 1.99% general increase and a 2% 'precept' increase that's used specifically to fund the growing costs in social care. This is the maximum that we can raise through council tax in this year.

We're obliged to provide certain statutory services. These include adults and children's safeguarding and social care, waste collection and disposal, and home to school transport for children aged 5-16. Whilst we aim to deliver these services as efficiently as possible, we must fund any increase in demand. Together these services make up almost 80% of our net revenue budget. The need to fund these services increases the pressure on other areas of the council (those areas considered discretionary), so we're looking to find other ways to bring new or added income in to support discretionary services where possible. This may be through capital investments, through new income opportunities or through joint commissioning of services. We look for these opportunities before considering cuts in services.

We're planning to deliver savings of £10.555m in 2022/23, and £4.469m of these are savings which had been agreed for 2022/23 in previous years' financial strategies. The remaining £6.086m of these savings for 2022/23 are new proposals that have been established in order to help balance the 2022/23 budget.

These savings aren't enough to close the full funding gap that we have in 2022/23, and we plan to use one-off grants from the government to balance the books, as well as using our remaining reserves that we've set aside for this purpose. A significant funding gap will remain in the budget the following year, 2023/24, and given that the government has only provided a one-year funding settlement to local authorities for 2022/23 it's not known whether one-off grants will be available to partially offset the funding gap arising in future years. This position is summarised in the table below:

2022/23 financial year	£m
Revenue funding gap before consultation	66.917
Increase in council tax of 3.99%	-6.916
Proposed savings for 2022/23	-10.555
Use of one-off government grants	-36.275
Use of reserves	-13.171
Remaining funding gap	0.000

The funding mechanism for local government had been expected to change in 2022/23, bringing with it a much closer alignment of funding with the costs of social care, although the government has delayed this change for a number of years. It's not clear when this will now be implemented, which makes long-term financial planning extremely difficult for the authority.

We want your help in confirming that our budget plans are appropriate in terms of the council tax rises proposed and the headline savings suggested. **To have your say, simply click on the 'How to get involved' tab on this page to access a quick survey. The closing date for comments to be received by us is Wednesday 16 February 2022.**

Your thoughts will be considered by full council when they discuss and agree on the final budget on Thursday 24 February 2022.