

Shropshire Council
Legal and Democratic Services
Shirehall
Abbey Foregate
Shrewsbury
SY2 6ND
Wednesday, 16 September 2020

Committee: Council

Date: Thursday, 24 September 2020
Time: 10.00 am
Venue: THIS IS A VIRTUAL MEETING

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You are requested to attend the above meeting.
The Agenda is attached

Claire Porter
Head of Legal and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer)

Ann Hartley (Chairman)
Peter Nutting (Leader)
Vince Hunt (Speaker)
Steve Charmley (Deputy Leader)
Peter Adams
Roy Aldcroft
Clare Aspinall
Nicholas Bardsley
Joyce Barrow
Thomas Biggins
Ed Bird
Andy Boddington
Gwendoline Burgess
Gwilym Butler

Karen Calder
Dean Carroll
Lee Chapman
Ted Clarke
Gerald Dakin
Steve Davenport
Julian Dean
Pauline Dee
David Evans
Roger Evans
Hannah Fraser
Rob Gittins
Nat Green
Kate Halliday
Simon Harris

Nigel Hartin
Nick Hignett
Ruth Houghton
Richard Huffer
Tracey Huffer
Roger Hughes
Ioan Jones
Simon Jones
Mark Jones
Heather Kidd
Christian Lea
Matt Lee
Elliott Lynch
Robert Macey
Jane MacKenzie

Chris Mellings
Paul Milner
David Minnery
Dan Morris
Pamela Moseley
Alan Mosley
Cecilia Motley
Peggy Mullock
Kevin Pardy
William Parr
Vivienne Parry

Tony Parsons
Malcolm Pate
Alexander Phillips
Lezley Picton
Ed Potter
John Price
Keith Roberts
Madge Shineton
Robert Tindall
Dave Tremellen
Kevin Turley

David Turner
David Vasmer
Claire Wild
Brian Williams
Leslie Winwood
Michael Wood
Tina Woodward
Paul Wynn

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AGENDA

1 Apologies for Absence

2 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

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.

3 Minutes of the Meeting held on 16th July 2020

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 16th July 2020. [To follow]

4 Announcements

To receive such communications as the Chairman, Speaker, Leader and Head of Paid Service may desire to lay before the Council.

5 Public Questions

To receive any questions from the public, notice of which has been given in accordance with Procedure Rule 14. Deadline for notification for this meeting is 10am on Tuesday 22nd September 2020.

A petition, bearing over 1000 signatures has been received from Emma Dolphin, requesting a debate under the Council's Petition Scheme. The petition requests that the Council:

Retains the Clive of India Statue in Shrewsbury Town Centre

The petitioner will be allowed 5 minutes to outline their case through written submission, after which there may a debate of up to a maximum of 15 minutes.

6 Appointment of the Chief Executive (Pages 1 - 2)

Report of the Director of Workforce and Transformation is attached.

Contact Michele Leith Tel 01743 254402

7 Annual Treasury Report 2019/20 (Pages 3 - 16)

Report of the Director of Finance, Governance and Assurance is attached.

Contact James Walton Tel 01743 258915

8 Annual Assurance Report of Audit Committee to Council (Pages 17 - 32)

Report of the Director of Finance Governance and Assurance is attached.

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9 Review of the Constitution to Permit the Audit Committee to Approve the Final

Accounts Pack Including the Annual Statement of Accounts (Pages 33 - 38)

The report of the Director of Finance, Governance and Assurance is attached.

Contact James Walton Tel 01743 258915

10 20mph Speed Restrictions Outside Schools (Pages 39 - 70)

The report of the Director of Place is attached.

Contact Mark Barrow Tel 01743 258919

11 Greenacres Farm Supported Living Scheme (Pages 71 - 138)

Report of the Director of Adult Services is to attached.

Contact Andy Begley Tel 01743 255807

12 Portfolio Holder Report for Communities, Place Planning and Regulatory Services (Pages 139 - 170)

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Communities, Place Planning and Regulatory Services is attached.

Portfolio Holder: Councillor Gwilym Butler

13 Annual Report 2019/20 Communities Overview Committee (Pages 171 - 174)

The Annual Report of the Chair of the Communities Overview Committee is attached.

Communities Overview Committee Chair: Councillor Cecilia Motley

14 Motions

The following motions have been received in accordance with Procedure Rule 16:

1. The following motion has been received from Councillor David Vasmer and is supported by Councillors Kate Halliday, Julian Dean and Roger Evans:

Cycle Infrastructure Design

This Council notes that:

1. The Prime Minister has called for "A Golden Age of Cycling".
2. The Prime Minister has set out a vision for a travel revolution in England's streets, towns and communities, stating that: "When I was Mayor of London, one of the things I was proudest of was building some of the world's best cycle lanes".
3. The Government has announced £2billion of funding for walking and cycling.
4. The announcement was accompanied by a document from the Department for Transport, entitled 'Gear Change: A bold vision for cycling and walking'.
5. Gear Change states: "Inadequate cycling infrastructure discourages cycling and wastes public money" and "In order to see the increases in cycling we want, the quality of cycling infrastructure installed on our roads must dramatically improve."
6. Alongside this document, the Department for Transport (DfT) published new cycling design guidance (LTN 1/20 Cycle infrastructure design) which sets out the much higher standards they will now require if schemes are to receive funding.

7. The standards will be enforced by a new inspectorate, Active Travel England, and DfT will expect Local Authorities and developers to utilise the guidance in the design of their schemes regardless of whether they are seeking Government funding.

This Council resolves to:

- a) Support the Prime Minister's "Gear Change" announcement.
- b) Ensure that all cycling infrastructure built in Shropshire conforms to the standards laid out in LTN 1/20.

2. The following motion has been received from Councillor Roger Evans and is supported by the Liberal Democrat Group:

Protecting the public's say in the planning process

This Council notes:

1. The publication by Government of the White Paper, 'Planning for the Future' on 6 August 2020, which set out proposals on reforms to the planning process for the future.
 - That the vast majority of planning applications are given the go ahead by local authority planning committees, with permission granted to around 9 out of 10 applications.
 - That research by the Local Government Association has said that there are existing planning permissions for more than one million homes that have not yet been started.

This Council is concerned that the proposals seek to:

1. Reduce or remove the right of residents to object to applications near them.
2. Grant automatic rights for developers to build on land identified as 'for growth'.
3. Makes alterations to how and where affordable homes can and will be built.

Council notes with concern that:

That the proposed Infrastructure Levy will no longer provide ring fenced money for affordable housing or perhaps even infrastructure.

This Council Further Notes:

1. The Royal Institute for British Architects called the proposals 'shameful and which will do almost nothing to guarantee delivery of affordable, well-designed and sustainable homes'. RIBA also said that proposals could lead to the next generation of slum housing
2. The reforms are opposed by the all-party Local Government Association, currently led by Conservative Councillors.

This Council Believes:

1. That existing planning procedures, as currently administered by our own team allow for local democratic control over future development, and give local people a say in planning proposals that affect them.
2. That proposals for automatic rights to build in 'growth' areas, and increased permitted development rights, risk unregulated growth and unsustainable communities.
3. That local communities must be in the driving seat on shaping the future of their

communities, and local determination of the planning framework and planning applications play an important part in this process.

This Council resolves to:

1. Take part in the consultation in the planning proposals, and to make representations against the proposals as outlined in this motion.
2. Write to and lobby all our Members of Parliament, urging them to oppose these proposals and to circulate their replies to all elected members.
3. Highlight its concerns over these proposals with the public, Parish & Town Councils and local residents.

3. The following motion has been received from Councillor Ruth Houghton and is supported by the Liberal Democrat Group

Motion on working from home September 2020

Our working arrangements changed abruptly in the spring of 2020. With lockdown and social distancing, employees and employers around world and here in Shropshire have learnt new ways of working and made more effective use of established ways of working from home. Notwithstanding the government urging that people should flock back to their offices, it expected that working from home will become an established part of employment practice and the daily lives of employees, including those employed here at Shropshire Council.

This council requests officers to bring to the December full council meeting, a report on its new strategies and support services for council staff working from their homes.

This might include but not be limited to:

- Results of a survey of experiences of employees and councillors, covering both homeworking and office working (perhaps split by “I normally work from home”, “I normally work from the office”, “I work roughly half and half in the office and at home”).
- A description of support measures for both homeworkers and those unable to work from home.
- The council’s plans for office and home working in the short-term and its ideas for the longer term.
- The impact of home working on the council’s ambition to become carbon neutral

4. The following motion has been received from Councillor Nigel Hartin and is supported by the Liberal Democrat Group

Motion to express support for those working hard through the Covid-19 epidemic

This council gives its thanks to everyone who has worked tirelessly to help our county during the Covid-19 epidemic. This council applauds the exceptional efforts that council staff, health and care workers, broadcasters and people in all professions have made to support and strengthen our communities. This council in particular recognises the immense contributions and sacrifices that families, friends and volunteers have made during one of the most challenging years of our lifetimes.

5. The following motion has been received from Councillor Andy Boddington and is supported by the Liberal Democrat Group

Motion on Parking on Pavements

The Department for Transport is consulting on banning parking on pavements in England. Ministers are asking for opinions on three options:

1. Keep things as they are but clarifying some technicalities in the legislation.
2. Give civil enforcement officers working for councils the power to issue penalty charge notices where there is an obstruction.
3. Enforce an outright ban except for emergency vehicles and loading.

It is not unusual to see cars or vans, even HGVs, partially or completely blocking pavements in Shropshire's towns and villages. People struggle to get a pushchair or mobility scooter past. Pavements should be for pedestrians, children on cycles, people in wheelchairs and on mobility scooters, and parents pushing children in buggies. They should not be forced into the road.

This council resolves that officers will respond to the consultation along the following lines:

4. The council supports an outright ban on parking on pavements in residential streets except for emergency vehicles and for loading

15 Questions from Members

To receive any questions from Members, notice of which has been given in accordance with Procedure Rule 15.2. [report to follow]

16 Exclusion of Press and Public

To resolve that in accordance with the provisions of Schedule 12A of the Local Government Act 1972 and Paragraph 10.4[3] of the Council's Access to Information Rules, the public and press be excluded from the meeting during consideration of the following item.

17 Exempt Minutes of 16th July 2020

To approve as a correct record the exempt minutes of the Council meeting held on 16th July 2020. [To follow]

18 Alverley Industrial Estate [EXEMPT] (Pages 175 - 184)

The exempt report of the Director of Place is attached.

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