

Shropshire Council
Legal and Democratic Services
Shirehall
Abbey Foregate
Shrewsbury
SY2 6ND

Wednesday, 9 December 2020

Committee: Council

Date: Thursday, 17 December 2020

Time: 10.00 am

Venue: THIS IS A VIRTUAL MEETING - PLEASE USE THE LINK ON THE AGENDA TO LISTEN TO THE MEETING

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The Agenda is attached

Claire Porter
Director 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 Aspinnall

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 Shington
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 (Pages 1 - 12)

To approve as a correct record the minutes of the previous meeting held on 24th September 2020.

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 is 10am on Tuesday 15th December 2020.

6 Setting the Council Taxbase for 2021/2022 (Pages 13 - 36)

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

Contact James Walton Tel 01743 258915

7 Treasury Strategy 2020/21 - Mid Year Review (Pages 37 - 58)

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

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8 Shifnal Town Centre Improvement and Transport Plan (Pages 59 - 78)

The report of the Head of Transport and Environment is attached.

Contact Steve Brown Tel 01743 257802

9 Draft Climate Strategy and Action Plan (Pages 79 - 118)

Report of Director of Place is attached

Contact Mark Barrow 01743 258916

10 Annual Report of the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate Support (Pages 119 - 132)

Report of the Portfolio Holder for Finance and Corporate Support is attached.

Portfolio Holder: Councillor David Minnery

11 Questions on Notice from Members (Amendment to the Constitution) (Pages 133 - 134)

Report of the Leader of the Council is attached.

12 Motions

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

1. 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:

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

2. The following motion has been received from Councillor David Evans and is supported by the Conservative Group

This Council recognises the concerns expressed by members of the public and animal welfare groups about the impact on animals and vulnerable people by loud fireworks in residential areas, whilst also accepting the enjoyment fireworks bring to many people.

Therefore, Council resolves to ask Scrutiny to investigate this issue and report back"

3. The following motion has been received from Councillor Dave Tremellen and is supported by the Councillors Kevin Parady, Pauline Dee, Madge Shingleton, Heather Kidd, Chris Mellings, Tony Parsons, Andy Boddington, Ted Clark, Pam Moseley, Jane MacKenzie, Nigel Hartin and Kate Halliday.

Fireworks control.

A significant number of people believe the law regarding the sale and use of fireworks does not prevent or sufficiently reduce the risk of fireworks causing injury or distress to

animals or humans.

Many believe that further research is needed to fully appreciate the impact of noise on animals, but in the interim a number of things can be done to improve the situation by:

- introducing a limit on the public use of fireworks in the celebration of family events not associated with traditional Bonfire night (on or around the 5th November)
- tightening restrictions on the sale of fireworks in the run up to Bonfire night (on or around the 5th November)
- asking the government to work towards legislation to reduce the maximum noise level of fireworks, ensuring they are labelled accurately to indicate the level of noise generated and their compliance with that law
- restricting the importation from outside the UK of fireworks that do not comply with UK law
- licensing all public firework displays and ensuring displays are better promoted to the public as being compliant.
- requiring person(s) wishing to purchase fireworks for domestic displays to apply to their local authority for a temporary users' licence that makes clear the penalties for failing to comply with regulations regarding the display of fireworks within a domestic environment, specifically restricting the display only of fireworks within Classes 1 and 2.

But at the very least...

MOTION

This Council resolves:

- to require all public firework displays within the local authority boundaries to be advertised in advance of the event, allowing residents to take precautions for their animals and vulnerable people
- to actively promote a public awareness campaign about the impact of fireworks on animal welfare including the precautions that can be taken to mitigate risks
- for fireworks sold to the public for private displays, to write to the UK Government urging them to introduce legislation to limit the maximum noise level of fireworks to 90dB and restricting such private sales to fireworks within Classes 1 and 2.
- to encourage local suppliers of fireworks to stock 'quieter' fireworks for public display.

4. The following motion has been received from Councillor Andy Boddington and is supported by Councillors Ruth Houghton, Chris Mellings, Roger Hughes and David Vasmer.

Motion for Shropshire Council on the role of local media during the 2020 pandemic

This has been the toughest of years for our county, our country and much of the world. A novel virus and novel solutions have meant rapid innovation in service provision and also effective communication. Shropshire Council's media team and our local media have been central to explaining what is happening and directing people to the support and options available in unprecedented times.

This council gives its thanks to:

- The members of the council's communications team for their work during the

emergency.

- Local media, including BBC Radio Shropshire, the Shropshire Star and our local newspapers on the progress of Covid-19 and the challenges of combating it's spread.

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

Shopping Centres.

- A. This council notes with concern the present value of the Shopping Centres compared with the amount that was paid for them. It also notes comments made by Grant Thornton our Council Auditors concerning the original valuation and consequently the price that was paid to the previous owners. It also notes that the ownership details still show that it is registered in the Channel Islands and still has not been brought over and registered in mainland UK.
- B. Considering all these and the history of the centres it requests officers prepare a report to be presented to February's council which will include
 1. The information it received regarding its then current value.
 2. The amount it is estimated that will be needed to carry out any upgrades and alterations.

6. The following motion has been received from Councillor Dean Carroll and is supported by Councillors Rob Gittins, Lezley Picton, Steve Davenport and Paul Milner.

At the meeting of Full Council of Shropshire Council on 19th September 2019 this Council moved a motion to plant a new tree for every Shropshire resident by 2050. Thanks to the efforts of this authority and external funding that has been secured from DEFRA we are now in a far stronger position than imagined.

Therefore this Council resolves to:

1. Plant a new tree for every resident in Shropshire by 2030
2. Ask the Chief Executive to place on record the thanks of this Council for the efforts of the officers responsible
3. To reiterate its commitment to developing a 'Tree Bank'.

13 Questions from Members (Pages 135 - 142)

To receive any questions from Members, notice of which has been given in accordance with Procedure Rule 15.2. Report attached,

14 Appointments to Committees

Place Overview Committee

Cllr Claire Wild to replace Cllr Matt Lee as a substitute member of the Place Overview Committee.

15 Report of the Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority (Pages 143 - 146)

To receive the report of the Shropshire and Wrekin Fire and Rescue Authority arising from its meetings held on 28 September 2020 and 14 October 2020. Report attached.

16 Exclusion of Public and Press

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 items.

17 Exempt Minutes (Pages 147 - 148)

To approve as a correct record the exempt minutes of the Council meeting held on 24th September 2020.

18 Shrewsbury School Place Planning

Exempt Report of the Director of Children's Services is to follow.

Contact Karen Bradshaw Tel: 01743 252401

19 Delivery of a Business Park Programme for Shropshire 2021-36 and approval for Phase I (Pages 149 - 168)

Exempt report of the Director of Place is attached

Contact Mark Barrow Tel 01743 258919

20 Addressing Unmet Housing Need - Site Disposals To The Housing Company

Exempt report of the Director of Place is to follow.

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21 Strategic Property Acquisition Shrewsbury

Exempt report of the Director of Place is to follow.

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