

Minutes of the Meeting of Ellesmere Town Council held on Monday, 6th October, 2014 at 7.20pm at Ellesmere Town Hall.

PRESENT: The Town Mayor, Cllr A Clarke, The Deputy Mayor, Cllr J Frost, Cllrs Mrs L Davies, Mrs J Williams, Mrs E Cross, G Elner, B Phillips, R Hartley, B Knight, I Ward and R Harrington.

In attendance: Mandy Evans, Town Clerk
Jo Butterworth, Assistant Clerk

113/14 To receive apologies and reason for absence. Cllr Mrs S McMullan- prior engagement.

114/14 Disclosure of Personal and Prejudicial Interest. To receive declarations under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 s32 and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012. RESOLVED: to note.

115/14 Grant Dispensations. RESOLVED: none received.

116/14 Public Participation Session. Presentation by Kevin Slack, Director and James Bennett, Project Architect at Greenspace Architects Ltd. Ellesmere. 14/03934/FUL – Land at Church Street, Ellesmere. Erection of 10 dwellings to include alterations to pedestrian footpath link to Cremorne Gardens; works to brick wall. Following the presentation many questions from concerned residents were raised regarding this planning application. (Appendix A). Mr P Vermeulen asked if the Town Council could contact Highways, Shropshire Council as there is a need for more drop zones on the pavements in the town for mobility scooters. To have the bumps put back to help the blind on the pavement in Cross Street where it has recently be resurfaced. RESOLVED: to note. FUTHER RESOLVED: to contact Highways, Shropshire Council.

117/14 Police Matters. PC Paul Crump reported that there have been 8 recorded crimes in September. (2 assaults, 2 recorded thefts, 1 house burglary and 3 criminal damage). RESOLVED: to note.

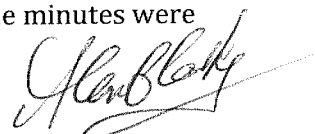
118/14 Shropshire Council Report. Shropshire Cllr Mrs A Hartley informed members that the Local Joint Committee are meeting on Wednesday, 8th October, 2014 at Ellesmere Town Hall and part of the meeting has been put aside to discuss the Place Plan and to identify the future of Ellesmere. The meeting is for the benefit of the community and they also have a spokesperson from the Health Service to discuss the future of the hospitals in Shropshire and their services, cut backs and redesign. Shropshire Cllr Mrs A Hartley stressed how important it is for everyone to get involved in this.

Ellesmere has been identified with 2 other towns for Connecting Shropshire for faster broadband.

Shropshire Cllr Mrs A Hartley completed her report stating that she will be liaising with Wrekin Trust and Ellesmere Town Council to allocate local people being housed in the new houses being built on Wharf Road. RESOLVED: to note.

119/14 Minutes. To read and confirm the minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on: Monday, 1st September, 2014. (Attached). RESOLVED: that members present at the meeting apart from 1 abstention received from Cllr Mrs J Williams approved, confirmed and signed the minutes as a true copy.

120/14 Planning, Development & Land Committee Meeting Minutes – Monday, 22nd September, 2014. To read and confirm the minutes. (Attached). RESOLVED: that the minutes were approved, confirmed and signed as a true copy.



**Minutes of the Planning, Economic, Development and Land Committee Meeting,
Ellesmere Town Council held on Monday, 22nd September, 2014.**

PRESENT: Cllrs G Elner, J Frost, R Hartley, R Harrington, A Clarke, B Phillips and Cllr Mrs S McMullan.

In attendance: Jo Butterworth, Assistant Clerk.

To receive apologies and reason for absence. RESOLVED: Cllr I Ward – Prior Engagement, Cllr Miss E Edwards – Work Commitments.

Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. To receive declarations under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 s32 and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012. RESOLVED: None received.

Grant Dispensations. RESOLVED: None granted.

In the absence of a public question time on the agenda, but with members of the public wishing to speak Cllr Alan Clarke proposed to suspend standing orders and all members agreed. RESOLVED: to Standing Orders suspended to allow a 10 minute public question time.

Mr Groombridge of Talbot Street, Ellesmere wanted to talk about the application to build 10 houses to the rear of Talbot Street. Mr Groombridge having been through all the documents has no issues about the building, his and his neighbours concern is the access. The lane is currently in regular use to provide access for several garages. Mr Groombridge stated that he believes that Talbot Lane is owned by the Town Council Lane as they maintain a street light on the lane. Mr Groombridge wants assurance from the Town Council that if the application is granted that access through Talbot Lane will be available throughout the whole building process.

Mr Vermeulen of Talbot Street, Ellesmere reported to Council that when he bought his property he had problems with Mr Horton cutting off access to Talbot Lane which runs from the start of the lane to the back corner of Mr Vermeulen's shed. The next part of the lane is not called Occupation Lane and Mr Vermeulen would like to know who owns it as nobody has ever maintained it. In Mr Vermeulen's deeds it shows that in 1867 the site of proposed development was given by John William Spencer Brownlow to the Town of Ellesmere. Mr Vermeulen would like to know when this land was sold to Mr Horton. The deeds show that the entrance to Talbot Lane was sold to a Maltkin Cottage which is number 19 Talbot Street in 1880. Mr Vermeulen believes that the development is totally out of context and that the new access road on Church Street will only be a single track lane on the land given to the Town by Spencer Brownlow.

Members of the public were advised that discussions on this application will be continued by Council members.

Cllr Clarke proposed that we move back into Council. Resolved: Council Resumed.

Planning Application Decisions (for information only)

14/03186/FUL – The Lakelands School, Ellesmere SY12 0EA. Erection of new science block.

Decision: Grant Permission.

RESOLVED: to note.

Planning Applications for consideration:

14/03991/TCA – 32 St. John's Hill, Ellesmere SY12 0HA. Notification of proposed tree works to include the removal of 2 self-seeded Sycamore trees and group of Leylandii Cypress trees; removal of decaying stems from Holly tree; all lying within the Ellesmere Conservation Area.



Members agreed that due to the genuine reason for removal they were in support. RESOLVED: to support this application.

14/039555/ADV – Tesco Stores Ltd, Canal Way, Ellesmere SY12 0EJ. Erect and display free standing advertisement and directional signage. Members agreed to support the application. RESOLVED: to support this application.

14/03934/FUL – Land at Church Street, Ellesmere. Erection of 10 dwellings to include alterations to pedestrian footpath link to Cremorne Gardens; works to brick wall. A presentation for this application will be made to the Town Council at the next council meeting on: Monday 6th October, 2014. Confirmation received from Planning, Shropshire Council for an extension for the Town Council's response to be made by: Tuesday, 7th October, 2014. The questions raised by the members of the public at the beginning of the meeting will be looked into prior to the meeting on the 6th October and responses will be given if possible. Members are concerned that the developer is suggesting that CIL money is used to enhance the access to this development and they didn't see how this development would help link the Mere to the Town. Cllr Frost proposed a site visit to Talbot Lane. RESOLVED: to look into the questions raised by the public. FURTHER RESOLVED: To wait to make comment on this application until after the presentation on 6th October. FURTHER RESOLVED: For members of PEDaL to attend a site visit to Talbot Lane on Thursday 25th September at 2pm.

To consider any other planning applications received after the issue of the Agenda. (To be notified at Meeting).

14/03990/TPO – Land rear of 69 Cherry Drive, Ellesmere SY12 9PF. Removal of one branch of one Oak tree protected by The North Shropshire District Council (Elson Park, Ellesmere) TPO 1987. Members agreed to support this application. RESOLVED: to support application.

14/04047/OUT – Outline application for the proposed development of a hotel, boating marina, leisure complex, pub/restaurant, 250 dwellings together with land for cabins and touring caravans with associated infrastructure to include access. Cllr Clarke commented that town needs this application particularly the hotel and leisure complex as the Town Council would like Ellesmere to be the central hub of the tourist industry so he feels it is vital that we accept the application, the houses are a necessary part to create the road up to Oswestry Road. Cllr Clarke does have some concerns about the rising population of Ellesmere, it is approximately 3000 people at the moment and with this development which we have been awaiting eagerly to go through but because the Samdev has not been agreed yet additional planning is being submitted which makes a potential total of approximately 500 dwellings are being considered at by Shropshire Council at present which would increase the population of Ellesmere by a 1/3. Cllr Clarke wants to know if it is possible check the capacity of the Towns' infrastructure such as the water removal and sewage, he would like to know the limit to the capacity as he feels that on planning grounds the Town Council are not going to be able to stop the majority of applications that are being submitted but he believes that there must be a limit to the capacity that the infrastructure can support. Cllr Elnor informed Cllr Clarke that when he discussed this issue at Shropshire Council he was informed that he was told sewage, electricity, etc. have to by law be upgraded if a planning application has been granted. Cllr Clarke informed members that where the current sewage works are now there are buildings all around it so that it may limit the expansion. Cllr Elnor commented about the additional infrastructure people normally discuss are things like schools, police, doctors etc. He went on to say that 'schools could be made bigger, that there is a piece of land ring-fenced for a doctors surgery and that talks should be entered into with the current surgery to see if they have plans to relocate and if not that talks should be entered into with other interested surgeries. More Police would be justified with the additional population and dwellings.' RESOLVED: to support this application. FURTHER RESOLVED: to contact Severn Tent to find out the maximum capacity of dwellings that can be supported by the current infrastructure.



14/01744/OUT Old Station Yard Brownlow Road Ellesmere Shropshire. The Assistant Clerk read an email sent to the Clerk from Shropshire Cllr Mrs A Hartley by Mark Perry at Shropshire Council asking if she feels that the Town Council's objections should be considered by the Planning Committee or if Cllr Mrs A Hartley would be happy for the application to proceed under delegated powers. Members welcomed news that Cllr Mrs A Hartley's reply had been that she agrees with the Town Council Comments and that she was not happy for the application to be decided by delegated powers. So it will now be considered by the Shropshire Councils' Planning Committee. Cllr R Hartley commented that he feels the highways department should look into the application as there have been changes since the application was first granted in 2006 such as the Hawthorns has just been granted permission which will see an increase of 130 dwellings on Elson Road and Trimpley Street. Cllr Elner proposed that Mark Wootton of Shropshire Council is invited to meet with PEDaL members to discuss the problems with the highways in Trimpley Street, Brownlow Road and Cambria Avenue. Also Cllr Elner would like to attend the planning meeting when this application is discussed by Shropshire Council so that he can put the Town Councils' objection across in person. RESOLVED: Invite Mark Wootton to meet with PEDaL members. FURTHER RESOLVED: Assistant Clerk to contact Mark Perry to find out when this application will be going to Shropshire Councils' Planning Committee.

Top Tips in Responding to a Planning Application. (To be tabled and forwarded to all members of the Town Council). RESOLVED: to note.

Following the Planning, Economic, Development & Land Committee meeting the following update was given:

14/03934/FUL

Answer to Mr Groombridge's questions:

1) Lane Ownership

Ellesmere Town Council have 83 street lights in the town, that they provide maintenance and pay for electricity to. 1 of these street lights is in Talbot Lane, but the Town Council do not own the lane or any of the other roads that the lights they maintain are on.

Shropshire Council have confirmed that Talbot Lane has always been unadopted by them as it is privately owned and have provided us of a map to show their highways and also a land registry map to show that Talbot Lane is currently having ownership registered on the whole of the lane. We have received confirmation that the land is being registered to Mr Christopher Horton and Mrs Yolande Jaques.

2) Confirmation of Access throughout Development.

As the Town Council do not own Talbot Lane residents will have to have discussions with the land owners Mr Christopher Horton and Mrs Yolande Jaques to confirm whether access can be assured throughout the building process, should planning be granted.

Answer to Mr Vermeulen's questions:

1) Occupation Lane & Ownership

I have spoken to Shropshire Archives, Highways and also Ellesmere Society to see if I can get confirmation that the end of Talbot Lane was in fact Occupation Lane, but without success. Nobody has ever heard of Occupation Lane.

As for ownership the whole of Talbot Lane is currently pending first registration to Mr Christopher Horton and Mrs Yolande Jaques.



2) Ownership Of the Field on Church Street

Mr Vermeulen kindly let us copy the deeds for his house, which we could find no indication that the field was left to the Town of Ellesmere. Mark Blount from Shropshire Council believes that before the field was in the ownership of Mr Horton that it was in fact owned by 2 sisters. The field is currently pending first registration to Mr Christopher Horton and Mrs Yolande Jaques.

RESOLVED: to note.

14/04047/OUT – The Assistant Clerk contacted Severn Trent to find out the maximum capacity for sewerage for the town. An application form would need to be completed at a cost of £354.43. Cllr I Ward suggested to ask Shropshire Council to ascertain the sewerage capacity for the town under the SAMDev and Place Plan review. Members agreed: RESOLVED: to review this with Shropshire Council.

121/14 Meetings/Training Courses. The Town Mayor, Cllr A Clarke reported he attended: 1. Shropshire Outdoor Partnerships meeting where they are prioritising to improve people's health and wellbeing to support local communities, environment and tourism through the management and development of recreational access in Shropshire. 2. NHS Workshop – Futurefit on care and clinical need and the Town Mayor, Cllr Alan Clarke expressed his concern on the delay travelling from one end of the County to the other and stressed there is a great need for centralized services based in Shrewsbury. Cllr G Elner would like to see emergency departments be a close distance to Ellesmere with close motorway/transport links and close to railways stations. Cllr J Frost informed members that the Cardio Respiratory Clinic has moved out of Shrewsbury and is now in the Telford area. Cllr Mrs E Cross asked if members have any comments prior to her attending a meeting with the Shropshire Helicopter Liaison Group. RESOLVED: to note.

122/14 Matters Arising from the Minutes.

- a) Progress Report – for consideration. (No Report). Cllr R Harrington objected to the minutes approved under item 7 on the agenda as he also felt he was a victim of the newspaper report and felt he has not received any support. The Town Mayor, Cllr A Clarke said that Cllr R Harrington was out of order as the minutes have already been approved and confirmed. RESOLVED: to note.

123/14 Correspondence.

(a) Items for consideration (information items will be circulated at the meeting).

AGM The Shropshire Housing Alliance. 23rd October, 2014 (3-5pm) Council Chambers, Shirehall, Shrewsbury. RESOLVED: to note.

Ellesmere Rotary Regatta. Thank you letter for the donation received from the Town Council. RESOLVED: to note.

Ellesmere Amateur Dramatic Society. Letter received regarding facilities at the town hall. RESOLVED: to defer this item until next month due to the Amateur Dramatics not receiving quotations.

Disabled Access Trail update – Shropshire Wildlife Trust. Progress report of the disabled access project at the Mere was read to members. RESOLVED: to note.

Swan Mere Day Centre, Community Interest Company. Thank you letter for the kind donation towards the patio set and invitation to members for a fundraising event on 25th October, 2014 (10.00am-12.00 noon). RESOLVED: to note.

Ellesmere Patients' Group. The Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group (SCCG) are placing patient input at the heart of its clinical decision making process and have asked Patient Participation Groups to canvass their local communities for views on healthcare priorities in their area. Four priorities have been noted by Ellesmere



Patients Group for this half year expressed by local people and staff of the Ellesmere Practice. EPG would like the views from the council as representatives of the people in the Ellesmere area. Members are aware that the surgery is out of capacity if they do not develop the site which has been designated for a new surgery and need to know if they are still prepared to go ahead. Members would also like to know if the Surgery have a 5 year plan to take another site over or develop the existing GP Practice. Members agreed to suspend Standing Orders to allow Shropshire Cllr Mrs A Hartley to add to the debate. Shropshire Cllr Mrs A Hartley responded that it was Shropshire County Council who instigated this land for a medical centre and Shropshire Council are being pressurised to sell this land. Members agreed to resume Standing Orders. Cllr B Knight said that Ellesmere Patients Group do a wonderful job and the town needs a new medical practice. RESOLVED: to write to the GP Practice and EPG as the Town Council are greatly concerned about the fact the land allocated for a medical practice has not been acted on and developed and would like assurance that this will be undertaken at the earliest convenience as there is a risk of losing this land and it may be offered to a new developer or other Medical Practice.

SALC AGM & Conference – Saturday 1st November, 2014 11.15am – 15.30pm.
Council Chambers, Shirehall, Shrewsbury.

(a) Nominations for Honorary Officers

(b) Long Standing Clerks

(c) Nominations for the Jan Snell Award.

RESOLVED: to complete the booking form for the Town Mayor, Cllr A Clarke to attend.

Arriva Train Wales. Response from the town council letter dated 4th September, 2014 was read to members. RESOLVED: to forward the response onto the Rail Users Association.

(b) Correspondence Circulated during the month:

Shropshire Walk-in Centre Proposal – NHS Shropshire Clinical Commissioning Group. RESOLVED: to note.

Long Listing and Short Listing Process – Futurefit. RESOLVED: to note.

Briefing Note for Parish and Town Councils – Shropshire Council. Licensing of Hackney Carriage (Taxis) and Private Hire Vehicles. RESOLVED: to note.

Oswestry & Bridgnorth T&P Councils – SALC. RESOLVED: to note.

Shropshire Schools Forum Sustainability Task & Finish Group – Shropshire Council.

Stoptober Campaign – Shropshire Council. RESOLVED: to note.

North Shropshire Area Committee – 29th September, 2014. Wem Senior Club (7pm).

SALC Information Bulletin – 19th September, 2014. RESOLVED: to note.

Newsletter Police & Crime Commissioner for West Mercia – September, 2014.

RESOLVED: to note.

(c) Other Correspondence received after the Agenda being sent out.

Flower bed – Grange Road. Resident from Grange Road has noticed that the flower bed seems to be missed out from planting which does not give a good impression upon entering the town. Due to the dangerous location of the flower bed which used to be maintained by the gardening club members agreed: RESOLVED: to re-position the flower bed to a safer area and to approach the gardening club to see if they will consider planting the bed again.

Mereside Kiosk. As from the 25th September, 2014 the lease on the kiosk has finished. Estates, Shropshire Council will advertise and hopefully have someone in place before the next season. Cllr I ward said Shropshire Council are assessing the usage. RESOLVED: to note.



Remembering those lost in WW1 from Ellesmere Urban. St. Chad's Church, Shrewsbury are holding weekly remembrance services on Wednesdays 27th August, 2014 – June, 2019 to remember by name every man and woman listed on a Shropshire war memorial in the week of the 100th anniversary of their death. On the 29th October, 2014 they will be remembering Hubert Wauton of Ellesmere. Names of those remembered each week are available:

www.stchadschurchshrewsbury.com/ww1-services. RESOLVED: to note.

SALC Information Bulletin – 3rd October, 2014. RESOLVED: to note.

Town Hall Maintenance.

Delivering Sustainable Drainage Systems. Consultation Document. Responses by: 24th October, 2014. RESOLVED: to forward on to the Planning, Economic, Development & Land Committee.

The Mere Green Flag Award.

124/14 Planning.

(a) Planning Application Decisions (for information only)

(b) Planning Applications for consideration:

14/03934/FUL – Land at Church Street, Ellesmere. Erection of 10 dwellings to include alterations to pedestrian footpath link to Cremorne Gardens; works to brick wall.

Members discussed at length material reasons to object to this planning application it was: RESOLVED: that Cllrs G Elner and I Ward meet with the Clerks at 9.30am on the 7th October, 2014 to compile a response. FURTHER RESOLVED: email received from Ms S Bodgener will be forwarded onto Shropshire Council regarding this planning application.

14/04317/HHE – 13 Willow Crescent, Ellesmere SY12 0AJ. Erection of a single storey rear extension to semi-detached dwelling, dimensions 4 metres beyond rear wall; 3.8 metres maximum height, 2.5 metres high to eaves. RESOLVED: members agreed to support this application.

(c) To consider any other planning applications received after the issue of the Agenda. (To be notified at Meeting). RESOLVED: to note none received.

125/14 Annual Place Plan Review. The Clerk informed members that there is possible funding of £1,000.00 on the understanding that the council do not apply for funding for a Community LED Plan in the next 12 months. The Town Council agreed to consult with the residents about the Place Plan by placing a questionnaire in the December issue of the Ellesmere Gazette for back ground information/ identify priorities as a result of new developments. Cost £25.00 delivery charge for 2000 copies, centre page pull out - £150.00.

The council would require a list of priorities – medical centre, pathways to new developments, market hall, improved traffic system, more recreational areas, and development related infrastructure – what infrastructure needs within the town associated with new developments and allocate CIL money for infrastructure needs.

Members considered having an online questionnaire (survey monkey) with Shropshire Rural Community Council who will host and do analysis, to complete a press release and an article to school newsletters to encourage parents and children to get involved and consider a prize to encourage people to fill in the questionnaire. RESOLVED: members agreed to complete an application form for possible funding up to £1,000.00. FURTHER RESOLVED: members agreed to place a questionnaire in the Ellesmere Gazette. FURTHER RESOLVED: to forward to the Planning, Economic, Development and Land Committee to discuss this further.

126/14 ROSPA Inspection 2014. Following the annual ROSPA report the council need to approve:



Beech Grove – replace 12 worn chain repair links - £45.00 plus VAT. RESOLVED: members agreed to the repair.

Kingfisher Play Area – remove perimeter wet pour from around 3 separate areas and dispose of old wet pour. Replace with new wet pour to remove trip hazard and gap around the edging - £1605.00 plus VAT. Or. To cover wet pour with artificial grass 30mm pile £3899.46 plus VAT/astro turf £3100.46 plus VAT. The Assistant Clerk reported that upon looking in the file she noticed that £5,000.00 was granted to the Town Council from Fletcher Homes.

RESOLVED: members would like to know the life span of astro turf and if there are any funds available to cover the wet pour with astro turf.

To replace 2 worn toddlers seats with new - £204.00 plus VAT. RESOLVED: members agreed to replace the seats.

127/14 Insurance. To note that the fidelity guarantee cover has been increased to £300,000.00 following the recommendation from the Internal Auditors. RESOLVED: to note.

128/14 Council Standing Orders amendment – to note that following an amendment to the 1960 Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act to the law standing order section I (m) “Photographing, recording, broadcasting or transmitting the proceedings of a meeting by any means is not permitted without the Council’s prior written consent” is no longer legal and must be removed after 5th August, 2014 Cllr I Ward suggested to replace section 1(m) with “to adopt the Open and Accountable Local Government published by Department for Communities and Local Government (August, 2014) as amended”. RESOLVED: that all members were in agreement.

129/14 Annual Accounts 2013/2014. Completion of the audit for the year ended 31st March, 2013 – 31st March, 2014 has been completed by the external auditor Mazars. The annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to their attention giving any cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met. Notice of conclusion of the audit and right to Inspect the Annual Return has been displayed for a period of 14 days according to The Accounts and Audit (England) Regulations 2011 (SI 2011/817). RESOLVED: to note. FURTHER RESOLVED: that the Town Mayor, Cllr A Clarke congratulated the Clerks.

(a)Ellesmere Town Council Assets. The Clerk reported that after speaking to Mazars, External Auditor the council’s assets for 2013/2014 will be used as a base figure, therefore, figure should show the same for the year after. Any new assets should reflect the recorded value (paid for) until disposed. RESOLVED: to note.

130/14 Payments for August, 2014 to be approved and confirmed. (Tabled). RESOLVED: that the payments were approved, confirmed and signed.

131/14 Budget Deliberations 2014/15. To start the budget process for the forthcoming year. RESOLVED: to do so.

132/14 Caretaker Assistants/Cleaners.

- (a) Melanie Connor and Natalie Roberts have successfully passed NVQ Level II Cleaning & Support. RESOLVED: to send a letter of congratulations.
- (b) To note that their appraisals have been completed by the Clerk. RESOLVED: to note.
- (c) As from the 1st October, 2014 the National Minimum Wage has increased to £6.50 per hour. RESOLVED: to note.

133/14 First World War Centenary (1914 – 1918). The Clerk tabled the final design of the Ellesmere WW1 Commemorative Plaque for member’s approval. Approximate costs are: A3 - £2500.00 and A4 - £1750.00. Members agreed: RESOLVED: to change the wording to “In memory of “our” sons and daughters”. FURTHER RESOLVED: to order A3 size plaque and

organise a meeting with the designers regarding materials. FURTHER RESOLVED: the Clerk will arrange a further meeting with all parties involved.

134/14 Young Good Citizens Awards 2014. CSO Tracey Walker nominated local boy "Billy Austin" for this award who has been successfully chosen. A specially commissioned certificate signed by the Chief Constable and High Sherriff's together with a voucher for the value of £50.00 will be presented at Police Headquarters, Hindlip Hall, Worcester on Thursday, 23rd October, 2014. Members agreed: RESOLVED: to invite Billy Austin to the December meeting and present him with a certificate from the Town Council.

135/14 Risk Assessment Policy. To consider and amend as necessary. RESOLVED: to note.

136/14 Date of next meeting – Monday, 3rd November, 2014. RESOLVED: to note.

137/14 Exclusion of Press and Public. That by the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 and under Section 100 (A) of the Local Government Act 1992, the public and press be excluded for the remainder of the meeting for the following items of business on the grounds they involve the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in the Acts. Exempt Minutes will be kept. RESOLVED: to note.

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Public Question Time from Monday, 6th October, 2014.

Sue Bodgener

Q) Asked about the movement of the development boundary.

A) Kevin Slack informed Mss Bodgener that the boundary has not been pulled back at the minute and that it has been a suggestion under the SAMDev and that it is not current policy, he said that in his mind it is a retrograde step to move the boundary as suggested in the SAMDev because he thinks that development outside of it would be better.

Q) Ms Bodgener, stated that if this development went as close to the Mere as proposed it would be setting a precedence for future development.

A) Mr Slack believes that it is a positive move for the town and the Mere.

Alison Devismes

Q) We as a town have recently campaigned heavily against another application that was similarly as close to the Mere. Everyone in town is proud of our beauty spot, tourists come to see the Mere in a tranquil area with its history, not new houses. What are the Town Council going to do to help support the town to get rid of this application?

A) Councillor A Clarke informed the public that Town Council will be considering this application under item 12(b) on the agenda.

Rob McBride

Q) Essentially the land owner is going to make the most profit front his development, the inspector that considered the Swan Hill site said "significantly in the balancing exercise I have also found that the proposed development will be harmful to the character and appearance of the surrounding area in terms of it's unacceptable impact on the setting of the Mere, the historical designated park land of the Cremorne Gardens and setting of the adjacent conservation area" Mr McBride believes that if this application goes ahead the Swan Hill Site will be resubmitted. He then went on to suggest that the land could be used as a community orchard, common land or even some allotments, something that graduates from the Mere to the town. The Mere has just been designated a Green Flag site and will increase tourism to the Mere, not houses.

Pete Vermeulen

Q) Questioned the ownership of Talbot Lane and Occupation Lane due to the Town Council having a street light down there. He also believes that the introduction of the additional vehicles will have an adverse effect on the road, which used to be a lovely cobbled street.



A) Councillor A Clarke reported that Ellesmere Town Council have 83 street lights in the town, that they provide maintenance and pay for electricity to. 1 of these street lights is in Talbot Lane, but the Town Council do not own the lane or any of the other roads that the lights they maintain are on. The whole of Talbot Lane including what Mr Vermeulen calls Occupation Lane is currently pending first registration to Mr Christopher Horton and Mrs Yolande Jaques.

Kieran Williams

A) After being shown the presentation and illustration of the town which he said Mr Slack had mentioned would be paid for with Community Infrastructure Levy from other developments during his presentation Mr Williams wanted to know how much would actually be paid for by the proposed development.

Q) Mr Slack says that he made it clear it was the drawings were an aspiration for the Council to consider to enhance the route from the Mere to the town.

Edward Bevan

Q) The planning application mentioned consulting with Shropshire Wildlife Trust and Natural England Mr Bevan wanted to know if this consultations had taken place.

A) James Bennett informed Mr Bevan that the consultations had not been undertaken as part of the pre-application but that would be the next step. Only a desktop ecology study has been completed so far, but it is something along with several other reports that would need to be done if the planning application is successful.

Q) The application mentions an enhanced wildlife corridor, what are the plans to enhance what is already there in the terms of wildlife?

A) Mr Slack responded by saying that the county ecologist has made recommendations because ironically the number of visitors to places like the Mere have a negative impact on the wildlife so they have asked us to create outside the line of the Mere a zone which wildlife can with a mix of native species of shrubs and some new trees can actually find a route through that is not actually subject to a lot of people.

Q) How is that an improvement of what is already there?

A) (Kevin Slack) There mown grass there currently which does not have as high an ecological value as some other habitats.



At : 14:38

Town Council Current A/c

List of Payments made between 01/08/2014 and 29/08/2014

<u>Date Paid</u>	<u>Payee Name</u>	<u>Cheque Ref</u>	<u>Amount Paid</u>	<u>Authorized Ref</u>	<u>Transaction Detail</u>
04/08/2014	Shropshire Council	6382	927.47		Joint Energy Costs 1st Qtr
04/08/2014	Shropshire Council	6383	100.00		Recharge Election costs 2013
06/08/2014	Factor 21 (North) Ltd	6385	1,249.62		S/Lighting Maintenance 1st Qtr
06/08/2014	Shropshire Council	6384	6,250.00		Mere Contribution
11/08/2014	Technical Services Shrops Ltd	6386	10,749.14		Upgrade of CCTV system
11/08/2014	Border Janitorial Supplies	6387	108.36		Cleaning Materials
11/08/2014	PHS Group Plc	6388	503.21		Cross St WC Sanitary Contract
12/08/2014	B Lewis	6389	661.66		Gardening Contract August
12/08/2014	Shropshire Council Pensions	6390	634.77		Pensions Month 4
14/08/2014	British Gas Business	DDR	494.00		Gas - TH
15/08/2014	Shropshire Council	DDR	892.00		Business Rates TH
20/08/2014	Mrs Mandy Evans - Clerk	6391	1,341.23		Salary Month 5
20/08/2014	Miss Joanne Butterworth	6392	946.78		Salary Month 5
20/08/2014	Shropshire Council Pensions	6396	654.24		Pensions Month 5
22/08/2014	Mr Clive Parry	6393	375.39		Wages Month 5
22/08/2014	Mr Des Harvey	6394	567.57		Wages Month 5
22/08/2014	Mrs Melanie Connor	6395	199.63		Wages Month 5
22/08/2014	Miss N Roberts	6397	201.50		Wages Month 5
26/08/2014	PG Skips Ltd	6400	89.22		Skip Hire - TH
26/08/2014	Staples	6401	114.41		Stationery
26/08/2014	P & W Maintenance Ltd	6402	691.20		Grounds Maintenance - July
26/08/2014	Jim Edwards	6403	200.00		Work to Kingfisher Walk
27/08/2014	SLCC	6404	45.00		Staff Training
27/08/2014	Severn Trent	6405	1,032.49		Water - Cross St WC
27/08/2014	Severn Trent	6406	1,331.77		Water - TH
27/08/2014	SLCC	6407	100.00		CILCA resit/replace chq 6380
28/08/2014	LLoyds Bank	PAYMENT	34.86		Service Charges
29/08/2014	A.G.H Ltd	6398	120.00		Drain Jetting - TH
29/08/2014	J C Dyke	6399	46.60		General Maintenance - TH

Total Payments	<u>30,662.12</u>
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