

**Minutes of the Meeting of Ellesmere Town Council held on Monday 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 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, J Williams, Miss E Edwards, Cllrs R Harrington, I Ward, G Elner, B Knight, B Phillips, and R Hartley.

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

Questions from the Public. Alison Devismes resident from Grange Road highlighted to members her concern regarding the rising number of traffic volume and speeding in this road and would like to know of any action which can be put in place to reduce this increase of speed and if this area could be decreased to a 30mph zone.

282/13 To receive apologies and reason for absence. Cllr Mrs S McMullan – unwell. RESOLVED: to note.

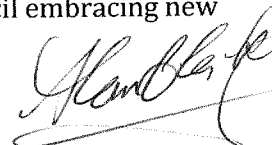
283/13 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests. To receive declarations under consideration on this agenda in accordance with the Localism Act 2011 s32 and The Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012. RESOLVED: to note.

284/13 Grant Dispensations. RESOLVED: to note none received.

285/13 Public Participation Session. RESOLVED: this item will be considered as part of the the police report.

286/13 Police Matters. PC P Crump reported that during the month of February, 2014 a total of 2 crimes have been recorded both for assault and the people responsible for the recent house burglaries have now appeared in court. The Police Station is now empty and everything has been moved over to the Town Hall, PC Crump highlighted that they are not open to the public at the Town Hall and the only problem with the move is that his laptop does not pick up signal in the Town Hall. Cllr G Elner asked about the phone which was in the Police Station and PC Crump replied that this has now gone along with the phone lines. PC Crump commented that the Police when enforcing traffic speeds have to be visible and cannot be discreet, PC Crump will contact the Traffic Liaison Officer, Shropshire Council to see if it is possible to complete a speed check which will be beneficial to PC Crump to find the average speed. Cllr I Ward said Ellesmere Town Council need to make their own application to Shropshire Council to monitor the speed and volume of traffic and to include previous data collected over the last few years. RESOLVED: to note. FURTHER RESOLVED: to write to Shropshire Council.

287/13 Shropshire Council Report. Shropshire Cllr Mrs A Hartley reported that hopefully by the next meeting the adoption of Diksmuide Drive should have been completed. Cllr I Ward asked if the SAMDev plans had been passed last at last Thursday's Cabinet meeting as submitted. Shropshire Cllr Mrs A Hartley replied that this had been passed and the next step will be to submit the document to Ministers. Shropshire Cllr Mrs A Hartley informed members that Elson Road, Grange Road had been taken out as the preferred housing quotation would be by the Wharf and other sites taken out of the equation not earmarked for development included the railway yard. There was positive comments about Ellesmere Town Council embracing new housing and development. RESOLVED: to note.



288/13 Minutes. To read and confirm the minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> February, 2014. (Minutes attached). RESOLVED: that the minutes were approved and confirmed as a true copy.

289/13 Meetings/Training Courses. Any reports from attended meetings during the last month.

(a) Town Clerks Meeting; Monday, 10<sup>th</sup> February, 2014, Shirehall. Recent changes to Shropshire Council's Planning Service. (Tabled). RESOLVED: to note.

The Clerk reported the following:

(b) Community Infrastructure Levy (CIL) Training Course – Tuesday, 25<sup>th</sup> February, 2014. This course was attended by the Clerk and Assistant Clerk due to limited spaces of 2 per town/parish council.

Upon receipt the Resource Pack from this course will be forwarded to all members which will include presentation slides.

- Town and Parish councils who do not have a Neighbourhood Plan will receive 15% which will be forwarded from Shropshire Council every April. There is a limit of 5 years to spend this money or Shropshire Council can claim it back.
  - In Place Plans areas which have been identified for CIL funding must be categorised under the Core Strategy 9 – Infrastructure Contributions Policy as: Critical/Priority or Key and be able to justify and see what aspirations are achievable for 2014/2015.
  - Ellesmere Town Council were considering a Neighbourhood Plan but it is too late to complete as this should have been completed if the council did not want to be part of the SAMDev process.
  - Therefore, it will not be necessary to invite Cllr M Bennett to a future meeting to discuss a Neighbourhood plan.
  - Options for consideration are to complete a Community LED Plan or update the Town Plan.
  - Ellesmere Town Council can have a planning policy in place with their material objections for Shropshire Council to consider when making decisions.
- RESOLVED: to note.

(c) Pension Seminar – Monday, 3<sup>rd</sup> March, 2014, Guidhall, Shrewsbury (12 – 2pm). The Clerk reported that the Assistant Clerk and the Clerk attended this seminar as from the 1<sup>st</sup> April, 2014 there will be changes with the Local Government Pension Scheme which once confirmed will be place on a future agenda for the Town Council to approve dispensations. RESOLVED: to note.

290/13 Matters Arising from the Minutes.

a) Progress Report – for consideration. (to note no report). RESOLVED: to note that there was a progress report which was attached with papers.

**291/13 Correspondence – items for consideration (information items will be circulated at the meeting).**

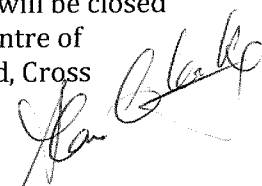
Fairness, Respect, Equality Launch (FRESH). Central Baptist Church, Claremont Street, Shrewsbury SY1 1QG. (10.00am – 12.30pm). RESOLVED: to forward information to the Town Mayor, Cllr A Clarke.

Planning – NPPF and the 5 Year Land Supply Issue, Shrewsbury Town Council.

RESOLVED: to circulate to members. FURTHER RESOLVED: defer to a future meeting.

Register of Electors 2014 and Monthly Updates. Register available to members of request. Copy kept in office. RESOLVED: to note no members requested copies.

Ellesmere Carnival Road Closures, Shropshire Council. The following roads will be closed on the 23<sup>rd</sup> August, 2014 (12.50pm – 14.30pm and 20.20pm – 22.00pm). Centre of Ellesmere to include Canal Way, Oswestry Road, Scotland Street, Wharf Road, Cross



Street, Sparbridge, Willow Street, Trimpley Street and Victoria Street. RESOLVED: to note.

Ellesmere Rural Parish Council. Due to cuts in the budget and obligations to services with the upkeep of the village halls in their own parish they are unable to make any donation towards the upkeep of Ellesmere Town Hall for 2014/15. RESOLVED: to note.  
Wharf Head Sculpture. Risk Assessment and designs to be tabled. Cllr J Williams felt that this sculpture represented an industrial link and members agreed that the design had been re-assessed with the Town Council's comments regarding the safety matters made by representatives from the Town Council had been taken on board it was therefore: RESOLVED: to erect the sculpture as risk assessment had been completed on the understanding that Ellesmere Sculpture Initiative take responsibility if any future damage or injuries should occur. FURTHER RESOLVED: to request a copy of their Public Liability Insurance to be held on file.

**Correspondence Circulated during the month:**

SALC Information Bulletin – 7<sup>th</sup> February, 2014/14<sup>th</sup> February, 2014. RESOLVED: to note.

Events at The Boathouse, Ellesmere 2014 – Updated. RESOLVED: to note.

Connecting Shropshire, Shropshire Council – Update. RESOLVED: to note.

A summary of the revised PAF Licence proposal. RESOLVED: to note.

Shropshire Hospital Services Reconfiguration. RESOLVED: to note.

Possible Business Opportunity – Castlefields, Shropshire Council. Shropshire Council looking for more income from renting out Castlefield car park for commercial business opportunity. RESOLVED: to note.

**Other Correspondence received after the Agenda being sent out.**

Junior/Adult Tennis for Promotional & Sport Relief-22<sup>nd</sup>/23<sup>rd</sup> March, 2014 from 10am to 2pm. New Wharf Square. Criftins Tennis Club. Events Licence Application form has been completed and will be kept on file. RESOLVED: to note.

Mere Advisory Board – Thursday 6<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 (2.30pm) at: The Boathouse, Ellesmere. RESOLVED: to note.

Road Closure, Shropshire Council. St John's Hill, Ellesmere. From the junction with St Johns Close with Church Hill/Sandy Lane) 18<sup>th</sup> March, 2014 – 1 day (8.30am to 16.00pm) – comms line works. RESOLVED: to note.

Determining Planning Applications and the Presumption in Favour of Sustainable Development. Thursday 24<sup>th</sup> April, 2014 (4.45pm - 7.00pm). Council Chamber, Shirehall. RESOLVED: that the Town Mayor, Cllr A Clarke, Cllrs G Elner and J Frost will attend this event.

Highways, Shropshire Council. Scottish Power are relaying cable from the substation in Cross Street Car Park along Watergate Street, Church Hill to St. John's Hill from Tuesday, 4<sup>th</sup> April, 2014.

**292/13 Planning.**

**(a) Planning Application Decisions (for information only)**

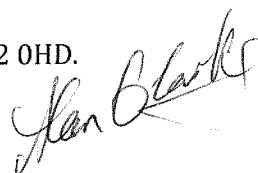
13/04306/FUL – Smardale, Grange Road, Ellesmere SY12 9DJ. Erection of two storey and single storey extension to the rear; Erection of detached garage and installation of dormer windows to rear and side elevations.

Decision: Grant Permission.

RESOLVED: to note.

**(b) Planning Applications for consideration:**

14/00562/LBC – Red Lion Hotel, 18 Church Street, Ellesmere SY12 0HD.  
Replacement roof due to woodworm infestation and fungal decay.



RESOLVED: members approved this application.

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

13/04050/FUL – 19 Hillcrest, Ellesmere SY12 0LJ. Erection of a single storey side extension.

Decision: Grant Permission.

RESOLVED: to note.

13/03456/VAR – Wharf Road, Ellesmere. Variation of Condition No 1 (approved plans) attached to planning permission 12/04816/REM to revise site layout to accommodate revised access, car parking and electric substation.

Decision: Grant Permission.

RESOLVED: to note.

For Information Only. 13/05137/REM – Wharf Road, Ellesmere. Amendments to the 6 flats at the end of Wharf Road. Removal of gabled rendered windows to allow more brickwork and pitched roof instead of hipped roof.

Decision: Grant Permission.

RESOLVED: to note.

14/00770/TPO – 10 Pine Close, Ellesmere SY12 9PP. Reduction by 20% to 1 no. Oak tree (covered by NSDC Elson Road, Ellesmere TPO 1973 and Ellesmere Park TPO 1987 Elson Park.

RESOLVED: members approved this application.

14/00774/FUL – 7 Cygnet Close, Ellesmere SY12 9QB. Erection of a first floor side extension.

RESOLVED: members approved this application.

293/13 Scotland Street. Report received from Highways, Shropshire Council following the site visit states that they will pursue various options through the Capital Programme 2014/15, but will complete minor white lining improvements. RESOLVED: to note.

294/13 Payments for January, 2014 to be approved and confirmed. (Reports will be tabled). RESOLVED: that the payments were approved and confirmed.

295/13 Cleaner/Caretakers Assistant. Mrs Melanie Connor has been appointed and started on: Thursday, 13<sup>th</sup> February, 2014. RESOLVED: to note.

296/13 Risk Assessment Policy. Cllr I Ward informed members that the Town Council as part of the risk assessment policy should request a copy of third party Public Liability Insurance as standard. The Clerk replied that any events held on the Town Council's land does ask for a copy of the Public Liability Insurance. RESOLVED: to do so.

297/13 Date of next meeting – Monday, 7th April, 2014. RESOLVED: to note.

298/13 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.

