

Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of Shotton Town Council held on Monday 7th October 2019 at 6.45pm in Room 32 Deeside Enterprise Centre, Rowley's Drive, Shotton.

Present: Councillor Gillian Brockley (Chair)

Councillors S Bibby, Doreen Mackie, R Dowie, E R Jones, R Davies, S Davies, N Brown, Kelly Evans-Brown, G Cooper, M Evans, T Oldfield, D Evans, Mr Wayne Jones (Streetscene Officer), Mr K Crumplin (Snr Streetscene Officer) and Aaliyah Rugg (Reporter Leader)

19/058 Apologies:

Apologies for absence had been received and accepted from Councillor Angela Phillips and Inspector G Cust.

19/059 Declaration made by members in accordance with councils Code of Conduct:

None reported or received prior to commencement of meeting.

19/060 Minutes of Council:

The Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Shotton Town Council held on 2nd September 2019 were approved as a true record and authorised to be signed by the Chair (Cllr Gillian Brockley)

19/061 Chair's Remarks:

Very quiet month.

19/062 Police Items:

Apologies had been received and accepted from Inspector Gareth Cust.

Members asked that minutes from Police meetings arranged by the Chair in future be sent out to members. Clerk advised that when any future minutes that are typed up will be sent to all members for information.

- Motor bikes still on 33 Club field.

At this point councillor advised that we do not have matters arising anymore; this had been agreed by council.

The following would be reported to the Inspector:

- Nothing changed problems still with cyclists, drugs – police need to be seen.
- Problems more prominent Fridays & Saturdays.
- Memorial Garden – reported to David Huxley – drugs, no respect, area disgusting.

- Charmley's Lane – bench – anti social behaviour, intimidating for public, stronger police presence – bench to be removed.
- Vagrancy Act – better things not being used.
- Persistent problems – Salisbury Street – anti social behaviour, vandalism. Matter in police hands. Member was meeting with residents of Salisbury Street to address the problems.

Member requested that thanks go to the Inspector and police regarding anti social incident involving elderly residents Farmfield Close Shotton, for their quick response. Also, response from Flintshire County Council. Positive response from both parties. Residents would feel better with more police presence in the Town.

19/063 Streetscene:

Mr Kevin Crumplin (Snr Streetscene Officer) and Mr Wayne Jones (Streetscene Officer) were welcomed to the meeting.

Mr Crumplin informed councillors that in September 30 – 36 incidents had been reported and attended too. Some had been cautioned, issued with fixed penalties (£200) 5 issued in Deeside.

Members raised the following with officers:

- ASH WASTE bins causing problems – (entry side Victoria Road) still overflowing after numerous emails and telephone calls made by the Clerk and councillors. Concern about Health problems attracting vermin. Flintshire County Council Streetscene asked to look into this problem and to approach Ash Waste. This matter needs urgent attention and sorting a.s.a.p.
- ASDA – waste land hedge – vermin – not healthy situation for residents Dee View. Mr Wayne Jones advised notice had been served on ASDA regarding this situation.
- Clothes Bank Charmley's Lane- bags being removed and clothes being thrown everywhere, not a nice situation. Concerns about children going into clothes banks, very serious problem. Decision the clothes bank be removed from site Charmley's Lane.
- Garages – Clwyd Street – rubbish etc being left in this area.
- Fly tipping – Chevrons Road (o/s 37) – problem
- Cameras Butler Street – any evidence on cameras to prosecute culprits? – FCC can download evidence on site to see what's going on, no productive evidence?
- Camera – Salisbury Street – waiting to be organised.
- Bench bottom Charmley's Lane – point for drinking & anti social behaviour. Intimidating shop owners concerned, loss of customers due to people feeling intimidated. Remove bench.
- Flintshire County Council side waste always checked.
- Recycling stock of bags etc – residents very concerned that unable to obtain bags etc. Wayne reported that all restocked should be no problem. Member thanked Streetscene for information and action.

Members thanked Mr Wayne Jones and staff for:

- Weed spraying.
- Fly tipping removals getting better
- Cycle path King Edwards Street
- Light on Road

Sign entrance on the Community Hospital needs repairing.

19/064 Clerk's Report:

The Clerk reported the following:

- Plaque on the Steel man had gone missing – police informed.
- Memorial Garden vandalised – needles, cans excrement not nice job for Streetscene or Joint Maintenance workers to clear up.
- Given out at meeting – Correspondence from Mr S O Jones (Chief Officer (Streetscene & Transportation) Waste Management Strategy – public consultation dates and times of drop in events in Flintshire.
- Deposit Flintshire Local Development Plan Consultation 30th September to 11th November. This was discussed and members who attended the meeting gave report. Clarify from Flintshire County Council the voting protocol.
- Request for the play equipment King George Street to be painted. Clerk advised that she had contacted Hawarden Community Council and advised due to the bad weather the painting be left till the spring. Also, the bench had been placed on the play area King George Street.
- Cllr Bibby had met with the stone masons and engineer from Flintshire County Council and arrangements were in place for the two stone plaques to be placed in the Bridge brook Road.
- External Audit papers had been returned with only one issue regarding Terms of Reference. The council have two committees (Sub Finance and Joint Maintenance Agreement) therefore the council should setup terms of reference for these committees. Clerk advised that this was now in place. Members approved and accepted the report made by the Clerk.
- Confirmation on the match funding for 2019/2020. Clerk just needed clarification that the council had agreed and figures in for (£5000.00) to match fund area identified as being most in need of investment King George Street. Member confirmed the match funding agreement. Clerk would inform Mr R Roberts of this decision.
- The roundabout on North Street playing field had been installed. Chair to organise with Councillor G Cooper and Parc Adfer for a photo to be organised.
- Copy of attendances over the 5 week period for the summer play scheme was sent out with agendas for members information (750 in total attended) very well attended. Member said it was a fantastic scheme credit to County Council and staff.
- Meeting of County Forum was on Monday 7th October 2019, Clerk to write and ask if it could be on another day as it always falls on Shotton Town Council meeting date. Members would attend if on another date.
- North Wales Fire and Rescue Authority's consultation had been sent by email to all members for information.
- FLVC E Bulletin available for member's perusal.
- Voluntary Voice Newsletter available for member's perusal.

19/065 Planning Applications:

The attached list of Planning Application observations were sent to the Chief Planning Officer to be presented to the next Planning Committee Meeting.

19/066 Lighting:

- a) **Manweb** - None to report.
- b) **General** – Christmas lights always on 1st December – Clerk to get confirmation from Queensferry and Connah's Quay Councils as to when they will be putting there's up.

Member advised that this time last year we had 23 lighting columns out, this year we have only 1 .
Keep up the good work.

Member asked about the poppies for columns. Clerk advised that they had been ordered and all was in hand.

19/067 Accounts for Payment:

The accounts for payment were before council that evening for payment (September / October) It was resolved that the accounts before council that evening be authorised and payments made.

19/068 Members Information:

- Member thanked all councillors who had given donations for the Coffee Afternoon in aid of Macmillan Cancer Charity. (£258.03 raised). Councillors congratulated member on this. Also, on Monday 14th October at 7pm Sleigh committee meeting would be held in the Melrose all welcome to come along.
- St Ethelwold's School –Cllr Cooper in his role as LA Governor for the school, had been invited to attend school to hear Mr Ken Skates AM talk to children about Environmental Issues and the reason for the cameras on the A494. Children very inquisitive and responsive. Speed reduction to 50mph carbon emissions had dropped since introduction.
- Funerals of Peter Treadwell and Peter Lloyd- very well know Shotton lads, notice of peoples deaths very rarely seen in papers to make people aware of funeral arrangements.
- Member asked the Councils County Councillors if they had heard of any results of objections to the Red Route A494? Flintshire County Council were sending representation to meeting in Cardiff and asked if they had any answers. Clerk to contact Jack Sargeant for clarification on this report.

19/069 Duration of meeting:

The Ordinary Meeting of Shotton Town Council commenced at 6.45pm and finished at 7.50pm.