

# CLIVE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING MINUTES

**Thursday 18 May 2023**

This meeting was held at Clive Village Hall following the Annual Council Meeting of Clive Parish Council at 7.30pm on Thursday 18<sup>th</sup> May 2023.

**Parish councillors in attendance:** Cllrs Peter Slark, Carly Bushill, Rob Dennis, Ian Donoghue, Sandy Goldwyn (Vice Chairman), Peter Walters (Chairman).

Also in attendance: Lydia Bardsley, (Clerk), Shropshire Councillor Simon Jones, Paul Nicholson (Chairman Village Hall Committee), Public: 3

Meeting started at: 7.58pm.

## **P1/23. Chairman's welcome and apologies**

The Parish Council Chairman Cllr Walters welcomed all to the meeting.

Apologies had been received from: Sansaw Estate, Clive CofE School, Renshaw's Field Association.

## **P2/23. Confirmation of Annual Parish Meeting Minutes 2022**

It was **RESOLVED** to confirm the minutes of the 2022 Annual Parish Meeting were accurate, and these were signed by the Chairman.

A copy can be found on the PC's website: [2022 Annual Parish Meeting Minutes](#).

## **P3/23. Annual reports**

### a) Clive Parish Council – Chairman annual report

The Chairman, Cllr Peter Waters, gave the [Chairman's annual report which will be published in full as an appendix to these minutes](#).

The report covered:

- Thanks to Clerk
- PC actions regarding the Local Plan Review to challenge proposed Community Hub status
- Update on the Community Speed Watch group and thanks to existing volunteers.
- Vehicle Activated Speed signs update
- Road conditions and the importance of reporting pot holes on Fix My Street
- Parking during School drop off and pick up
- Defibrillator unit update
- Loan repayments for Renshaw's Field purchase and Village Hall renovation grant

The Chairman congratulated the Village Hall Committee for the magnificent improvements to the hall and commended them on their hard work to achieve this.

### b) Clive Parish Council Financial report for 2022-23

The Parish Council Clerk gave the [PC Financial Report for 2022-23](#) which will be published in full as appendices to these minutes.

### c) Wem Safer Neighbourhood Team, Annual report

No report received.

### d) RAF Shawbury report

No report received.

### e) Shropshire Council Report – Cllr Simon Jones

SC Cllr Simon Jones gave an [annual report from Shropshire Council, which will be published in full as an appendix to these minutes.](#)

The report included updates on the following:

- Electoral review for Shropshire
- Education and HAF (Holiday Activities and Food) programme
- Children's Social Care and safeguarding, and improvements to childcare offer
- Bikeability training and "School streets". SC Cllr Jones was not sure if "School streets" could be rolled out in Clive as a "School street" is effectively a road closure.
- Adult social care and plans to increase number of residents receiving care at home rather than residential care (virtual wards).
- Over 75s invited to get Covid booster – please encourage family and friends to take this up.
- Climate change - Biochar facility business case in progress.
- Transport –Transport Levelling Up Fund bid was unsuccessful, but SC are continuing conversations with Dept for Transport. On Demand bus project being rolled out in September in Shrewsbury as a trial. Proposal is for smaller diesel buses in rural areas, and electric bus in more urban routes.
- Reminder of requirement to bring photo ID to polling office for local/general elections – Voters can apply to SC for voter ID if don't have traditional forms of photo ID.

SC Cllr Jones also mentioned Household Support Fund extension which had just been announced. SC was awarded £4M by Central Govt. He encouraged residents to check the information on SC website (no requirement to be receiving benefits), and to share with those who may be struggling with cost of living.

Chairman thanked SC Cllr Simon Jones for the report.

#### f) Village Hall Committee – Annual report and renovations update

Chairman Paul Nicholson gave an [Annual Report for the Village Hall Committee](#), which will be published as an appendix to these minutes.

The 2022-23 report included the following updates:

- Lingering impact of Covid on activity attendance, but gradual return to normal numbers
- Jubilee weekend, Clive village show, and coffee mornings.
- Village Hall closures during renovations and resulting loss of income whilst utility bills increased.
- 2 substantial grants, Veolia and SC.
- Pleasure to see Village Hall able to provide venue for local activities in community, e.g. birthday parties for young and old, coffee and catch up with friends, fundraising events for local organisation.
- Thank to you to hardworking volunteers. Need more people to get involved to keep hall part of vibrant village life.

The update since Feb 2023 included the following:

- Re-opening event on Coronation weekend. Considerable changes since action plan was developed in 2014. Significant number of problems had been identified under the action plan and have now been completed after 9 years of hard work, consultation, grants, etc.
- Would not have been possible without support of community and parish council, hard work of management committee and architect, and financial backing of Shropshire council, National Lottery and Veolia.
- The Hall is now a building we can be proud of, though there are still things to improve to be a warm, inclusive community space.

Cllrs asked about a hearing loop, and is there an amplification system? Village Hall Committee explained there used to be one, but hope it may be replaced by a new one.

The Chairman thanked the Village Hall Committee for all their hard work, especially the late Bruce Crawcour.

#### g) Renshaw's Field Association – Annual report

The Clerk read out the [Annual Report for the Renshaw's Field Association](#) that had been sent prior to the meeting. This will be published as an appendix to the minutes.

#### h) Clive CofE School – Annual report

The Clerk read out the [Annual Report for Clive CofE Primary School, which will be published in full as an appendix to the minutes.](#)

The following events were **NOTED:** Talk on history of the school 8<sup>th</sup> June 2023.

No reports from other organisations were received.

### **P4/23. Local Plan Review update, by Clive Parish Council**

Clerk gave an update on current examination progress. No change since last Council meeting, the PC will continue to monitor and update at Council meetings.

### **P5/23. 511 bus service update**

Local MP Helen Morgan has asked about funding for rural bus services and understood there may be £1m+ of funding ring-fenced for rural bus services in Shropshire/North Shropshire. It was **NOTED** that the 511 bus timetable had been changed as of 17<sup>th</sup> April 2023 and there were now several services during the day that no longer stopped in Clive or Yorton. These services that do not serve Clive or Yorton have been re-numbered as service 512 on timetables. The Parish Council is writing to Arriva, SC, and Helen Morgan MP to express its concern over the loss of the service and to emphasise how valuable the bus service is to residents. The Council is also asking for confirmation of when the proposed additional services that will serve Clive will be introduced to the timetable. Chairman also asked SC Cllr Simon Jones to chase this up with Arriva. The Council will also be putting in a Freedom of Information request asking for details of complaints about punctuality of the 511 service.

### **P6/23. Traffic and speeding through the village, incl. Community Speed Watch**

It was **NOTED** that the Council had also lobbied the Police and Crime Commissioner for more support with speed enforcement in Clive parish, and had also included speeding offences as a priority concern in the Council's Community Policing Charter. Since then, more resources had been made available in North Shropshire to help with speeding, e.g. there is now a speed gun that police can and have used during enforcement in Quarry View part of the parish, and there had also been a mobile speed camera in Clive (old phone box) on 3<sup>rd</sup> May 2023.

At the Annual Council Meeting held earlier this evening, the PC had also chosen a preferred supplier and model for a third VAS sign on Wem Road, at a location that had already been approved by Shropshire Council Highways. The PC had also agreed to put in an application to West Mercia Police Safer Roads Funds for grant funding to pay for this VAS sign. If successful, the PC will then place an order with the preferred supplier and arrange installation asap.

The clerk then read out [a report from the coordinator of the Community Speed Watch, Matt Alexander.](#) This will be published as an appendix to these minutes. The clerk informed everyone present that there is a sign-up sheet for anyone interested in becoming a volunteer for the Community Speed Watch.

### **P7/23. AED (defibrillator) training**

Following successful, well-attended training sessions in 2021 and 2022, the Council was interested in putting on another AED and CPR awareness session for the community if there is enough interest. There is a sign-up sheet available if anyone would like to register their interest. Dates will be publicised once we know what level of interest there is.

### **P8/23. Neighbourhood Plan update**

Unfortunately there is no further update on Locality funding for neighbourhood plans. If anyone is interested in joining the steering group to help prepare a Neighbourhood Plan for Clive, then please fill in your details on the sign-up sheet, and we will get in touch when we know if funding is available for this year. Really will need input from community to get this project started.

### **P9/23. Public session and close**

SC Cllr Jones clarified that £1.5M had been set aside for rural bus service according to Helen Morgan MP, but SC hasn't had any notification yet, and there are likely to be some restrictions.

A member of the public commented on how essential 511 service is to Clive, especially as there is no shop and post office is only open for 1.5hrs. Bus service to Clive is now every 2 hours rather than every hour.

Chairman echoed importance of the 511 bus service; there may be only 7 passengers at once, but it is essential to those people. Residents reported the service is always well-used, and that they never take the bus journey to Shrewsbury on their own.

It was **NOTED** that Helen Morgan MP has asked to be kept up to date on the 511 service situation.

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at: 21.00pm

Confirmed as accurate: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_