

**CHIRK TOWN COUNCIL
CYNGOR TREF Y WAUN**

MINUTES OF THE ORDINARY MEETING HELD 1st April 2015

Present

Cllrs Mr D Evans (Chairman), Mrs H J Spragg, Mrs B Humphreys, Mrs S Newell, Mr D Poppitt, Mr W N James, Mr B Evans, Mr F Hemmings, Mr B Colley and Mr J Vant.
Cllrs Mr Ian Roberts and Mr Terry Evans, Wrexham CBC.

APOLOGIES.

Apologies for absence were received from Cllrs Mrs C Gough and Mrs J Allen.

The Chairman informed members that the Clerk was home from hospital and good wishes were sent for his recovery.

118. MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Ordinary Meeting of the Council held the 25th February 2015 were confirmed as a correct record.

119. MATTERS ARISING.

108. Appointment of Vice-Chairman. It was confirmed that the appointment of Vice-Chairman should be left until the May Council meeting.

120. NEIGHBOURHOOD POLICING.

A report was received from PCSO Sawyer as follows:-

Crime Statistics for March:

February Criminal Damage – 2 (vehicle mirror, damage to a building); **Burglary (other than dwelling)** – 1 (items taken from external lock-up); **Assaults** – 1 (house party); **Theft** – 1 (tenant from landlord); **Drugs** – 3 (2 drugs warrants executed - both positive and 1 vehicle stopped driver arrested under the influence of drugs).

A total of 8 crimes reported for the month along **with 6 ASB incidents that include** (1- stones throwing at Health Centre; 1 - youth fighting Church Street; 1 - youth throwing stones Coronation Drive; 1- youth fighting West View; 1- Youth ASB Princess Avenue; 1 - ASB.

It was also reported that monitoring of speeding was being undertaken on Caste Road and other parts of the Town.

Cllr Evans reported that plants had been taken from the Millennium Gardens and that a Staffordshire Cross had been put down following an attack which resulted in serious injuries to another dog.

121. NOTICE OF VACANCY – CHIRK NORTH WARD. The Chairman informed the Council that the appropriate notices for co-option had been posted.

122. REPORT OF GENERAL PURPOSES COMMITTEE 4TH March 2015.

Members received a copy of the report and this was accepted by the Council

123. REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE 18th MARCH 2015.

Members received a copy of the report and this was accepted by the Council.

124. CITIZEN OF THE YEAR 2014 AWARD.

The Chairman said that this matter was being dealt with and an announcement would be made in due course.

125. CLERKS RESIGNATION

Councillors were informed that the Clerk had tendered his resignation. Tributes were paid to Mr Hughes for his long service and dedication to the Council. It was agreed that a special meeting should be arranged to prepare advertising for the post.

126. REPORT FROM COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES.

- i) **CCTV Sub-Committee.** Cllrs Mr Frank Hemmings and Mr Barry Evans reported on their visit to Oswestry Police Station to see the newly installed CCTV system for Oswestry Town that is run by a group of volunteers and to glean information for the proposed CCTV system for Chirk. The councillors found the system was of good quality. A suggestion to share the monitoring was made and this will be discussed by the CCTV Sub-Committee in due course. Cllr Mr Barry Evans agreed to make arrangements with Mr Jim Stafford of the Oswestry CCTV Group for interested members to visit the Oswestry Monitoring Unit.

127. REPORT FROM LOCAL MEMBERS WREXHAM CBC.

Cllr Ian Roberts gave a report on the recent Chirk Environmental Liaison Group meeting saying there has been an increase in the blue haze emanating from the Kronospan factory that is recognised by Wrexham CBC and Kronospan as a nuisance. Kronospan is researching means of controlling this unpleasant emission and hope that a result will evolve within a few weeks. Councillors were told that only 8 complaints had been received from residents since the last meeting and it was important that complainants should be encouraged to contact the factory of Wrexham CBC immediately so that the complaints can be logged and dealt with quickly.

Complaints about wood fibre and chemical smells were made and Cllr Barry Evans expressed concern about the "New Contact for Care in the Community".

Cllr Mr Roberts and Mr Evans mentioned that that they had had a meeting with Susan Elan Jones, MP at her request to discuss suggestions for improvements to the A483/A5 and concerns about accidents. The Welsh Government Transport Minister had sent a letter referring to the fact that priority is being given to the M4 and the A55 with no remedial works proposed for the Chirk Bypass despite the recommendations made by Cllr Evans and the Town Council.

The Council agreed to send a letter to the Minister expressing concern about the lack of remedial measures for this dangerous section of the trunk road – the "Gateway to Wales".

The state of the pavement from Chapel Lane to Maesywaun was brought to the attention of the two councillors.

128. PARISH HALL WASTE DISPOSAL CONTRACT.

The Chairman informed members that the Clerk had dealt with the contract for a weekly collection of waste from the Parish Hall.

129. PLANNING MATTERS.

It was reported that the Plans Committee had met this evening and had dealt with an application received from the Planning Officer under the consultation procedures for the Councils consideration and comment. **P/2014/0161 Erection of 2 No. Three Bedroom Bungalows and Formation of Private Driveway – Land Rear of 5 and 6 New Bungalows, New House Lane, Pentre, Wrexham.**

Comments: The Council wishes to express concerns with regard to the access road and also the proposed position of the 2 bungalows. The Council considers that these could be built adjacent to the original roadway to avoid creating a new driveway. This would limit the impact and be more in keeping with the surroundings.

The Council is concerned that more housing will add to the traffic problems in Pentre.

130. ACCOUNTS.

- a) **Payments.** A list of invoices and payments amounting to £86,066.76 were given to the Council and were passed for payment.