



Much Wenlock Town Council

Planning & Environment Committee Meeting

1st February 2022

Supporting Papers

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MUCH WENLOCK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a **Planning & Environment Committee meeting**
held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 11th January 2022 at the Guildhall, Much Wenlock

Present: Councillors Mike Grace (in the chair), Wilfred Grainger, Chris Tyler

In attendance: Trudi Barrett – Town Clerk, one member of the public

1. Apologies

It was **RESOLVED** to accept the following apologies: Councillor Fenwick – family commitment, Councillor White – unwell.

2. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interests

Members were reminded that they are required to leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, whether or not the interest is entered in the Register of Members' Interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer.

3. Dispensations

None requested.

4. Public Session

There had been no requests to speak.

5. Minutes

It was **RESOLVED** that the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 30th November 2021 be **APPROVED** and signed as a true record.

6. Planning Applications

The following planning applications were considered:

21/05552/FUL Land At Yew Tree Cottage, 6 Stretton Westwood, Much Wenlock	Erection of timber framed visitor centre/meeting room with disabled toilet. It was RESOLVED to support the application but Councillors expressed concern about the provision of a bedroom in the visitor centre to avoid creating a residential permission. Councillors suggested that Shropshire Council consider whether any limitation on the scale of the visitor activity should be specified.
21/05706/DSA106 The Lyndens, Station Road, Much Wenlock	Discharge of a Planning Obligation 106 pursuant of 12/01806/FUL to allow for no affordable housing contribution. It was RESOLVED to object to the application. Councillors could see no evidence to support the removal of the affordable housing contribution and believed that the purchaser would have been aware of the obligation upon purchase of the site.
21/05797/FUL The Old Chapel, Stretton Westwood, Much Wenlock	Erection of two storey home office, with garage and workshop storage and associated works following demolition of existing storage. It was RESOLVED no objection.
21/05875/TCA 33 Sheinton Street, Much Wenlock	Reduce Apple tree by 20% and remove crossing branches within Much Wenlock Conservation Area. It was RESOLVED no objection.
21/05837/TCA 16 Barrow Street, Much Wenlock	Coppice (ground level) 1no. Hazel tree within Much Wenlock Conservation Area. It was RESOLVED no objection.
21/05838/TCA 10 The Paddock, Much Wenlock	Reduce by 20% 1no. mature Hazel tree within Much Wenlock Conservation Area. It was RESOLVED no objection.

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21/05836/TCA Queens Court House, Queen Street, Much Wenlock	Reduce 1no. Robinia (to previous reduction of 20%) within Much Wenlock Conservation Area. It was RESOLVED no objection.
21/05944/FUL Glen Cottage, The Glen, Homer, Much Wenlock	Erection of a two storey rear extension It was RESOLVED no objection.

7. Planning Decisions

It was RESOLVED to note the following planning decisions:

21/04815/TCA Holy Trinity Church, Wilmore Street, Much Wenlock, Shropshire	Works to trees labelled T36-T47 on plan to include crown reduction by 20% of 7no Lime & felling of 5no Lime within Much Wenlock Conservation Area Decision: No Objection
21/03022/FUL Rowan Cottage, Farley, Much Wenlock	Installation of board insulation and silicone based render to stonework elevations. Decision: Refuse
21/04257/FUL Larch House , Southfield Road, Much Wenlock	New single storey rear extension, with roof modifications, retaining wall alterations, and new Larch cladding to frontage Decision: Grant Permission
21/04933/FUL 10 Hunters Gate, Much Wenlock	Erection of single storey rear extension Decision: Grant Permission
20/04432/FUL Proposed Residential Development Land To The South Of Callaughtons Ash, Much Wenlock	Erection of 14 No. affordable dwellings with associated parking, roads and landscaping Decision: Grant Permission
21/04838/LBC 5 Wilmore Street, Much Wenlock	Works to facilitate the replacement of three sash windows to the front elevation; three box sash windows and two full casement windows to the rear elevation; and one set of French doors with to the rear of the property; installation of secondary glazing, replacement of existing joinery Decision: Grant Permission
21/01292/FUL Proposed Holiday Accommodation At Former Quarry, Presthoke, Much Wenlock	Erection of 25 No. holiday let units; gatehouse/reception building and cafe building with external eating area; and installation of package treatment plant; landscaping scheme Decision: Grant Permission
21/05437/FUL Cedars House, 13 Victoria Road, Much Wenlock	Erection of single storey side infill extension and associated works including demolition of existing brick store and partial demolition of existing walls to create the new space Decision: Grant Permission

8. Draft Shropshire Local Plan Review 2016 - 2038

- a. Members noted that minor amendments had been made to the report from the group consultation event held on 3rd November in response to comments from those attending.
It was RESOLVED to circulate the revised report to those who attended the consultation event.
- b. There had been no update on the Examination in Public.

9. Flooding issues

- a. Members received a written update from the Flood Group and from the meeting with the National Flood Forum (NFF) held on 6th December. Councillors expressed their thanks.
It was noted that a meeting with the Shropshire Council Highways Officer was scheduled for 17th January to investigate issues with drains affecting highways. The visit would include Hunters Gate, High Street, Sheinton Street, Bourton Road and Victoria Road.

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Drains on Hunters Gate had been cleared in December, although there was a problem with water coming from gutters on houses into soakaways and overflowing. When WSP visited recently, it had been worrying to find that the WSP plan showed a drain in place crossing from the old Catholic Church site to the parkland when no such drain had been installed.

The Flood Group was updating the contact details in the town's Flood Action Plan and suggested that the Council update the document overall. The Clerk was asked to circulate a copy of the Flood Action Plan to committee members.

- b. It was noted that members of the Council's Strategic Flood Working Group would be meeting representatives from Harper Adams University and Shropshire Wildlife Trust on 25th January at 6pm, venue to be agreed.
- c. Members noted a report from the meeting with Shropshire Council's Drainage & Flood Risk Manager held on 1st December 2021.
- d. A response was still awaited from Shropshire Council to concerns raised about the flood risk associated with Shadwell Quarry and its development. Members noted that the field adjacent to the sewage works was becoming saturated with water coming from the quarry. The Clerk was asked to press Shropshire Council for a response. The matter would also be raised at the next local branch NFF meeting.
- e. There were no other flooding issues arising.

10. Trees in the Conservation Area

Members noted the report prepared by members of Much Wenlock Tree Forum on tree cover in the Conservation Area. They expressed their thanks for the report and were pleased to hear about the activities of Tree Forum. It was noted that the Town Council had limited land on which trees could be planted – the Cemetery and Gaskell Recreation Ground.

It was RESOLVED to invite members of the Tree Forum to the next meeting to discuss ways of supporting tree planting in the town.

11. Transport Working Group

Members noted a report from the Transport Working Group:

- the Shropshire Council traffic engineer for the south was looking into an application for grant monies from the Police and Crime Commissioner towards a safety crossing between the primary school and Oakfield Park. He was also investigating whether any CIL money could be allocated to this project.
- the S106 agreement for the Ironbridge Power Station had not yet been discussed.
- members of the group were drafting a transport survey for residents. They would like to put this in the context of a wider survey for members of the public regarding the future development and shape of the town and this would be discussed at the full Council meeting on 13th January.
- nothing further had been heard about the NISA garage scheme.

12. Parking Proposals

Members considered the first draft of Shropshire Council parking proposals for the town. It was noted that a meeting with Shropshire Council was scheduled for the following week when the Shropshire Councillor and Town Councillors would be discussing the proposals. Members queried whether the suggested coach drop-off point in St Mary's Road was a suitable location. They were also concerned about restricted parking in Wilmore Street, and noted that the informal arrangement in place to accommodate church services seemed to work well. Members raised the possibility of using the layby opposite the petrol station on Bridgnorth Road as a coach drop off point. It was agreed that clarity was required on the purpose and potential implications of the new parking restrictions.

13. Climate Change and Ecological/Nature Emergencies

Members noted correspondence from South Shropshire Climate Action regarding climate change and transport. They noted that there had been much support at the Examination in Public group consultation event in the autumn for an increase in public transport. Members felt that they could not comment on the proposals for other towns listed in the consultation. **It was RESOLVED to support the objectives outlined in principle and to send information gathered at the consultation event.**

14. Consultation*

- a. Members noted that Shropshire Council had received from Tasley Parish Council an application under Regulation 5 for the Council to designate the area comprising the civil parish of Tasley as a "neighbourhood area" and were inviting comments. **It was RESOLVED to make no comment.**

- b. Members noted correspondence from City Science regarding the production of Shropshire’s Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan and a survey open until the end of January to capture views on the current walking and cycling network.

Members initially wished to ask why Much Wenlock and Broseley had not been included in the proposals as both towns were key centres in the Local Plan and therefore supposedly important strategic locations in the county. Strategic thinking was required about cycleways and footways across the county and their relationship with development proposals, for example, William Brookes School drew students from Broseley and south Telford; footpath and cycle links should be important infrastructure considerations. The Clerk was asked to circulate the relevant paperwork for Councillors to consider the proposals and agree a response at their meeting on 1st February.

15. Street Lighting*

16. Street naming *

17. Footpath/Bridleway Creation Orders*

18. Footpath Diversion Orders*

19. Road closures*

Members noted the following road closures:

- a. Location: Bourton Road, Much Wenlock
Date/Time: 30th January 2022, 08.00 – 17.00
Agency: Cadent
Purpose: New gas connection.
- b. Location: King Street, Much Wenlock
Date/Time: 7th – 9th February 2022, 24 hour
Agency: Severn Trent Water
Purpose: Long comm. pipe cut off

20. Highways matters *

Members noted that an update on progress had been requested from Shropshire Council regarding large vehicles mounting the pavement at the junction of Queen Street and Back Lane. Members were asked to raise this issue with Shropshire Council during the meeting to discuss parking proposals.

21. Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs)*

22. Stopping Up Orders*

23. Speed Limit Orders*

24. Prohibition Orders*

25. Date of next meeting

It was **NOTED** that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 1st February 2022 at 7.00pm at the Guildhall, Much Wenlock.

PUBLIC BODIES (ADMISSION TO MEETINGS) ACT 1960

Pursuant to Section 1(2) of the above Act and due to the confidential nature of the following business to be transacted it was **RESOLVED** that the public and press should not be present.

26. Planning Enforcement

Members noted planning enforcement issues 21/08422/ENF and 21/08443/ENF.

The meeting closed at 8.40 pm

Signed.....
Chairman

Date.....

- Much Wenlock Town Council The Corn Exchange 62 High Street Much Wenlock Shropshire TF13 6AE	Date:	20th January 2022
	Our Ref:	20/04580/FUL
	Your Ref:	ETP200343

Dear Sir/Madam

**TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990
 APPEAL UNDER SECTION 78**

Site Address:	Land Adjoining The Old Vicarage, Victoria Road, Much Wenlock, Shropshire.
Description of development:	Erection of two detached dwellings following demolition of existing buildings; formation of parking area; to include removal of several trees
Application reference:	20/04580/FUL
Appellant's name:	Mr David Lawson
Planning Inspector ref:	APP/L3245/W/21/3281756
Appeal reference:	22/02989/REF
Appeal start date:	19 January 2022

I refer to the above details. An appeal has been made to the Secretary of State against the decision of Shropshire Council to refuse to grant planning permission for the above proposal.

The appeal will be determined on the basis of **written representations**. The procedure to be followed is set out in Part 2 of the Town and Country Planning (Appeals) (Written Representations Procedure) (England) Regulations 2009, as amended.

We have forwarded all the representations made to us on the application to the Planning Inspectorate and the appellant. These will be considered by the Inspector when determining the appeal.

If you wish to make comments, or modify/withdraw your previous representation, you can do so online at <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>. If you do not have access to the internet, you can send your comments to: **The Planning Inspectorate, Room 3K, Temple Quay House, 2 The Square, Bristol, BS1 6PN.**

All representations must be received by 23 February 2022. Any representations submitted after the deadline will not usually be considered and will be returned. The Planning Inspectorate does not acknowledge representations. **All representations must quote the appeal reference.**

Please note that any representations you submit to the Planning Inspectorate will be

copied to the appellant and this local planning authority and will be considered by the Inspector when determining the appeal.

The appeal documents can be inspected on the Council's online Planning Register <https://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/> and click on the Appeals section before searching or <https://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/search.do?action=simple&searchType=Appeal>.

You can get a copy of the Planning Inspectorate's "Guide to taking part in planning appeals" booklet free of charge from GOV.UK at <https://www.gov.uk/government/collections/taking-part-in-a-planning-listed-building-or-enforcement-appeal> or from us.

When made, the decision will be published online at <https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk>

For further information, please email appeals@shropshire.gov.uk.

Yours faithfully

Gill Fuller
Planning Business Support Technician
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Planning Services
Shropshire Council

Application 20/04580/FUL

Erection of two detached dwellings following demolition of existing buildings; formation of parking area; to include removal of several trees at Land Adjoining The Old Vicarage, Victoria Road, Much Wenlock, Shropshire TF13 6AL

Much Wenlock Town Council (Objects)

Comment submitted date: Mon 07 Dec 2020

Much Wenlock Town Councillors strongly object to the application for the following reasons:

- a. The site is outside the Much Wenlock development boundary and an open market housing development on the site would be contrary to the Much Wenlock Neighbourhood Development Plan.
- b. The risk of flooding. Bourton Road already suffers from regular surface flooding and the increase in hard surfacing would only exacerbate this problem, causing more water to flow down Bourton Road and into the town centre.
- c. Dangerous access. The proposed sloping access is onto a narrow road with no footpath for pedestrians, where the speed limit of 30mph is often exceeded.
- d. The land is not 'previously developed', being currently planted as an orchard and containing only two rickety sheds, not permanent structures.
- e. The size and scale of the proposed dwellings. The site is on elevated land so that the houses would be very prominent and overbearing.
- f. Overlooking of neighbouring properties.

Councillors also note that the address is incorrectly given as Victoria Road when the site is accessed from Bourton Road.

**Report from the Flood Group
to Town Council Planning & Environment Committee
26th January 2022**

The last month has been fairly quiet while we digest and consider evidence provided by the SC.

1. We have had a meeting with Graham Downes from SC to further push for drainage work in various areas of Wenlock.
2. Investigative work on the culverts within Hunters Gate will continue which will include lifting manholes, camera and dye work from as far as the primary school which we believe could be a source.
3. We also did work with GD on Barrow street and High Street where gas installations have cut drains GD will do the work and recharge Cadent.
4. The culvert under the railway line and the station Road development still cause us concern. We have objected to the 106 plea and GD has gone away to look at SC responsibilities as riparian landowner.
5. GD has agreed to come back with concrete actions and time lines at our NFF meeting in Feb if not before.
6. Work continues to cleanse the sewer of grit and tree roots down the park in preparation for the installation of the new sewer screens scheduled for next financial year. ST are on record thanking the flood group for highlighting the outflows to the River Shyte and that funding has already been agreed.
7. We are as promised reviewing the contact numbers for the Flood Action Plan and that work should be complete soon. We did ask the Council to look at their liabilities and update their Officers.
8. Finally we note the efforts of the Council to set up their strategic flooding group and are disappointed that they did not take up the offer of assistance from the flood group in the form of Trevor Childs whose knowledge would have been a tremendous benefit to the group.
9. We will continue to work with the Council on planning issues concerned with flooding etc but we will throughout this retain our impartiality and judge events on their merits.
10. Our concerns stretch over the whole of Wenlock not just Hunters Gate, which seems to be taking up an inordinate amount of time, but we will examine any planning applications that may come forward from a flooding perspective and will also continue to right planning/drainage errors that have been done in areas such as HG and CA1.
11. We are at the moment carrying out a survey of the tree plantings on private land within and around the bowl as the tree forum report is hampered (through no fault of their own) to discuss planting on Council and public land. We wish to know the bigger picture which might help to influence our recommendations on future thinking.

Arthur Hill
Chair, Flood Group

Tuesday, January 18, 2022 at 12:30:34 PM Greenwich Mean Time

Subject: Fwd: Overflow of sewage into the River by the priory.
Date: Tuesday, 18 January 2022 at 10:46:13 Greenwich Mean Time
From: Arthur Hill
To: Trudi Barrett, Daniel Thomas
Attachments: IMG_1345.jpg

Madam Town Clerk, I thought you might like to pass this onto your Council Members, it does highlight the work of the flood group that is continuously going on in the background where our single issue focus is on flooding in Much Wenlock and the alleviation of it as far as possible. The issue was first raised with Philip Dunne when his committee were preparing a report for the Commons. ST although acting legally within the spirit of the law have acted with diligence and have jumped the gun to get this scheme off the ground.
Thanks Arthur.

Sent from my iPad

Begin forwarded message:

From: Arthur Hill <arthurhill49@me.com>
Date: 18 January 2022 at 10:33:40 GMT
To: mwfloodactiongroup@googlegroups.com, Johal NFF Sanjay <sanjay.johal@floodforum.org.uk>
Subject: **Overflow of sewage into the River by the priory.**

Everyone, just a positive note for you all to look at. since 2020 the old flood group , before it affiliated with the NFF had been campaigning against the legalised dumping of sewage surcharge into the river by the abbey , carried away until it joins the Severn. Much of the waste materials including sanitary products and plastics are left on the banks as the water subsides where they are a hazard to drinking livestock and also for people paddling near the footpath on warm summer days.

Our continuous lobbying and shock tactics have succeeded in persuading ST to agree to put in a new hydraulic screen and a large capacity chamber to filter all the debris and enable a huge amount of this debris to end up in the sewage works rather than in our River.

Our thanks also go to Philip Dunne our MP and chair of the Environment Committee in Parliament who have highlighted this pollution problem and forced water companies to take action.

The willing actions undertaken by ST include monitoring of the bags regularly and replacing as necessary(usually fortnightly) and walking the brook as well.

Pushing through a scheme for the screen agreeing internal funding and presenting the programme of work that is shovel ready once legal are completed.

If ST follow some other suggestions the flood group have put forward then the capacity of the sewer coming from the Bull Ring could have as much as 35% extra capacity.

Thanks go to all the Flood Group members who have worked so hard on this and to ST for their cooperation.

Arthur Hill.



Sent from my iPad

Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 10:53:48 AM Greenwich Mean Time

Subject: FW: Permission to plant trees in Much Wenlock
Date: Thursday, 13 January 2022 at 10:45:51 Greenwich Mean Time
From: Town Clerk
Attachments: image001.jpg, image004.jpg, ~WRD1657.jpg

From: Lesley Durbin [REDACTED]
Date: Friday, 7 January 2022 at 12:16
To: Town Clerk <townclerk@muchwenlock-tc.gov.uk>
Subject: FW: Permission to plant trees in Much Wenlock

Dear Trudi

Would you be kind enough please to include in the papers or forward the email stream below as correspondence to the town council, I feel it is of interest if there is to be a co ordinated effort to engage with the climate change crisis, through tree planting, in the light of Her Majesty the Queen also engaging with said emergency.

Thank you
 Lesley Chair, Much Wenlock Tree Forum.

From: Martin Sutton <martin.sutton@shropshire.gov.uk>
Sent: 06 January 2022 12:38
To: [REDACTED]
Cc: Angela Simpson <angela.simpson@starhousing.org.uk>
Subject: RE: Permission to plant trees in Much Wenlock

Hi Leslie,
 Thanks for your email – sounds interesting. I would always support planting trees (the right ones in the right places, for the right reasons) but on looking at our GIS map, I think the land alongside Southfield road is part of the STAR Housing portfolio. As shown in purple hatching on the screenshot below (orange line being a hedge):



I have copied a contact at STAR, Angela Simpson, into this email, for her information and comment. I know Angela is interested in planting trees on STAR land for their many benefits – carbon sequestration, wildlife and landscape values etc etc. We are supplying STAR with a number of trees this planting season, through our SC Tree Scheme, for planting at various sites around their Oswestry and Bridgnorth areas

landholding, so this might already be a candidate site. Perhaps your sponsor, if it comes to pass, could provide additional trees for other suitable STAR sites, or suitable SC or even Wenlock Town Council owned land? It would make sense to liaise and co-ordinate planting efforts between our various organisations.

Regards,
Martin

Martin Sutton
County Arboriculturalist
Planning Services – Tree Team
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Tel: [REDACTED]
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Web: www.shropshire.gov.uk

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: 05 January 2022 16:23
To: Martin Sutton <martin.sutton@shropshire.gov.uk>
Subject: Permission to plant trees in Much Wenlock

Dear Martin Happy New Year, the Much Wenlock Tree Forum are Hoping to negotiate a sponsor from a festival organiser who would like to offset their carbon footprint by planting some trees in Much Wenlock, the arrangement is tenuous at present. The first stop is to ask you for permission to plant. The Tree Forum have walked the town and we feel that the obvious place where there is space which would not impede traffic or residents is Southfield Road. I attach a couple of shots. I think that the sponsor will pay for the trees and either you or us would choose the species/variety, how the project will work out on the ground is not yet quite finalised.

Look forward to hearing from you, kind regards
Lesley, Chair Much Wenlock Tree Forum.



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Subject: Local Cycling and Walking Infrastructure plan – Shropshire
Date: Wednesday, 5 January 2022 at 10:47:49 Greenwich Mean Time
From: Dianne Dorrell

To Local Councils, Shropshire
Sent on behalf of City Science

(This follows information about the proposed LCWIP to SALC Executive on 29 November and a recent Inception Workshop.)

Dear Local Councils,

As you might already be aware, City Science in partnership with Civic Engineers have recently been commissioned by Shropshire Council to produce Shropshire's Local Cycling & Walking Infrastructure Plan (LCWIP). When complete by Summer 2022, this will include a prioritised action plan of investment in cycling and walking infrastructure. The LCWIP will cover all of Shropshire with a specific focus on the following key communities:

- Shrewsbury
- Bridgnorth
- Church Stretton
- Ludlow
- Market Drayton
- Oswestry
- Whitchurch

As part of the initial Baseline and evidence gathering process (Stage 2), City Science are seeking the views of parish and town councils to capture key opportunities and constraints of the current walking and cycling network. The outcome of this process will inform the identification of potential upgraded or new routes as part of Stages 3 and 4.

City Science are requesting the completion of the following survey to provide input to shape this stage of the process by the end of January 2022: <https://forms.office.com/r/kBp2CFrRG6>

Specific route suggestions that you may have can also be logged on a community-based mapping tool called Widen My Path available here - <https://www.widenmypath.com/suggest/#9/52.6850/-2.7466>

Kind regards,

Elliot Reid | Associate Director – Transport Policy & Planning

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News from our partners: Shropshire Hills national landscape strengthening by the Government

Two years on from the independent Landscapes Review led by Julian Glover, the Government are now taking forward many of the ambitious proposals set out in the Review to support AONBs and National Parks to deliver more for nature, climate, people and places.

The Government proposes legal changes to update the purposes of designated landscapes to include a greater focus on recovery of nature, as well as improved health and wellbeing for all parts of society.



The Shropshire Hills Late Autumn by Jordan Mansfield www.shropshireprints.co.uk

The Government also seeks to strengthen the role that protected landscape bodies can play to support the shift in agriculture to new policies and land management schemes. The contribution of protected landscape bodies in sustainable tourism is also recognised, and they may be given a greater influence in planning decisions as statutory consultees.

Greater collaboration nationally will be encouraged by a new National Landscapes Partnership, which will also seek to unlock additional private sector funding. Increasing the core funding from Defra for AONBs was a key recommendation of the review, but is one the Government is not proposing to implement fully.

John Watkins, Chief Executive of the National Association for Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty, said:-

“AONBs have a proven track record and a unique collaborative approach, which helps to spread and scale best practice. Government funding for all 34 AONBs totals around £6m per year, roughly the same as a single medium-sized secondary school. An uplift in core funding is essential to secure the financial future for England’s AONBs and an upscaling of their proven work. Extending the collaborative working ethos of AONBs to a national partnership could be effective, but only part of the answer.”

The Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership welcomed the Government’s response to the Landscapes Review this week, but shares the concern about funding.

Alex Carson-Taylor, Chair of the AONB Partnership, commented:-

“Since the review was announced in 2018, expectations have run high about this once in a generation opportunity to build on the success of designated landscapes, by modernising their legal and operating framework and increasing their capacity. There is much to welcome in the Government’s response, but we agree with the National Association for AONBs that more needs to be done on funding. We look forward to working with the Association, with Defra, and with local partners, to make the very most of this opportunity for the Shropshire Hills.”

Cecilia Motley, Shropshire Council’s Cabinet member for communities, culture, leisure and tourism, and transport, and Vice Chair of Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership, said:-

“We welcome that the Government’s response recognises that these landscapes are of national importance, but are managed locally. Councils hold the statutory duties for AONBs, and updated national guidance will be welcomed. Council budgets are under tremendous pressure, and to really enable AONBs to broaden the scope of their activities within our exceptional landscapes, the Government will need to raise its own levels of contribution.”

Councillor Chris Turley for Telford & Wrekin Council said:-

“The councils work in partnership for the AONB and this makes sense, but the challenges of nature recovery and climate change are huge, and there is much more that could be done with more resources.”

The Government’s response is accompanied by a 12-week consultation to seek views on some of the major proposed actions. The Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership will be submitting its views and we encourage the public to do the same. This is an opportunity for people to shape how protected landscapes will deliver benefits for people and nature for years to come.

For further information see <https://www.shropshirehillsaonb.co.uk/our-work/aonb-family/glover-review-of-designated-landscapes>.

Further information

The Shropshire Hills is one of 38 designated Areas of Outstanding Natural Beauty (AONB) in England and Wales. The Shropshire Hills AONB covers almost a quarter of Shropshire, extending from the Wrekin to the Clun Forest, and from the Stiperstones across to the Clee Hills. It is a diverse and tranquil area, with rugged hills, rolling pastoral fields, woods and meadows, picturesque villages and historic buildings, hillforts and ancient monuments.

The designation is recognition of the national value of the Shropshire Hills landscape, and brings duties on local authorities to conserve and enhance its natural beauty. The Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership includes landowners, individuals, and representatives from organisations and local interest groups working together to conserve and enhance this special landscape, guided by a statutory Management Plan.

Subject: Heritage
Date: Tuesday, 11 January 2022 at 09:21:01 Greenwich Mean Time
From: Elaine ORahilly
Attachments: image001.png, image003.png, image005.jpg, image009.jpg, image010.jpg, image011.jpg, image012.jpg

Good Morning

We are writing to inform you that we are looking to upgrade the existing heritage equipment across the county maintained by Shropshire Council. Your area has been identified, with existing heritage assets or as having conservation areas.

Whilst interrogating our inventory heritage assets maintained by Shropshire Council, it has been identified there are 21 different types of lanterns from 7 lantern manufacturers, some of which are now obsolete, and difficult to source for replacement, where maintenance is becoming difficult due to the age of the assets, resulting in high expenses.

As a result, Shropshire Council are looking to reduce the number of different lantern types down to 3, which can be implemented across the county, resulting in easier future maintenance. Where we are then also able to hold a small stock of heritage assets, as part of future maintenance, reducing timescales for repair.

Below are our proposed heritage lanterns, which have been selected for the number we already have across the county, and availability.



Teardrop carriage 4- sided carriage 8-sided carriage

Our suggestion is that the teardrop style is used for the 10m mounting height, the 8-sided carriage style lantern for 8m mounting height and 4- sided carriage style for 6m or less. This all allows for a standardisation and for ease of maintenance.

Where the 4- sided carriage is used for 6m or less; for aesthetics, we will also be considering the use of varoptic lighting, in suitable locations. The varoptic is designed to reduce glare and improve aesthetics of heritage style lanterns, where it emulates a traditional gas mantle and a directional reflector. This is also shown in the above example of the 4-sided carriage style lantern.

The number of different brackets styles will also be reduced, again due to maintenance costs of the number of different styles currently existing. This will be proposed as a scroll bracket such as the below example, different mounting options will still be used, where required.



Scrolls Column Bracket

Scrolls Wall Bracket - Post Top

Scrolls Wall Bracket - Top Entry

In special cases, where we have managed to identify special one-off ornate brackets on site, these will stay, as the pieces of art they are. Any special maintenance these may require, will be done under specialist care.

Any assets that lie within a conservation area that are not existing heritage assets, will be replaced as required, when funding is available, as a black column and black standard highway lantern.

We realise that some areas will have to be considered as special cases, and individual situations will be considered where necessary. We will endeavour to improve Shropshire Councils heritage assets in this

process.

This will obviously all be done as and when budgets are available to renew the assets as required, however, we wanted to notify you as a courtesy as to how Shropshire Council are looking to improve their street lighting heritage and conservation area assets.

Regards

On behalf of the Street Lighting and Traffic Signals Team
Shropshire Council

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Subject: Grit Bins - Update

Date: Thursday, 20 January 2022 at 11:26:26 Greenwich Mean Time

From: Andy Oliver

To: Town Clerk

Good morning Trudi,

Apologies for the delay in this update but I have commented below on each of the locations requested –

1. In The Paddock, approx. 100 yards from the junction with Racecourse Lane. This is on a bend with an incline which can be icy. – **Grit bin already located within The Paddock**
2. On Farley Road by the Sytche Lane junction and the 30mph light up sign (it is understood that there was previously a bin in this location) – **As this junction is flat and meets a treated road I do not see any need for a grit bin at this location. I am unable to find evidence of a grit bin here previously.**
3. In the narrow part of Sheinton Street – **Sheinton Street is on the defined gritting network and therefore is treated when hazards forecast**
4. In Station Road – **Due to the schools buses using this road for parking it would make sense to place a bin along here, Do the town council have any particular location in mind?**
5. On Bridgnorth Road, in a suitable location near to the petrol station. – **There is already a grit bin located here just above the junction of St Marys Road next to the bench and litter bin**

Regards

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