



Much Wenlock Town Council

Planning & Environment Committee Meeting

1st August 2023

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MUCH WENLOCK TOWN COUNCIL

Minutes of a **Planning & Environment Committee meeting**
held at 7.00 pm on Tuesday, 4th July 2023 at the Guildhall, Much Wenlock

Present: Councillors William Benbow (in the chair), Wilf Grainger, Daniel Thomas, Chris Tyler, Linda West.

In attendance: Trudi Barrett – Town Clerk, Ms Jo Jukes.

1. Apologies

Councillor David Fenwick – holiday.

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. Creating Stepping Stones for Nature Recovery across the Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership and wider

Ms J Jukes gave a report on the above conference, organised by Middle Marches Community Land Trust and Shropshire AONB, which she attended on 12th May 2023 on behalf of the Town Council. The conference aimed to outline opportunities for town and parish councils to understand the Environment Act, as well as the opportunities available to help prepare nature recovery strategies and to develop local plans. It highlighted the importance of individuals and community groups in the recovery process.

The Environment Act 2021 places a duty on local authorities to conserve and enhance biodiversity, with agreed policies, objectives and actions. Community involvement is fundamental to achieving this. The conference focussed on creating 'stepping stones' - small, achievable steps forward that would make a difference. Examples included:

- providing and improving habitats, e.g. green corridors, buffer areas, meadows
- managing roadside verges to increase biodiversity
- using community spaces to plant more trees, encourage wildflowers, etc
- carbon capture – retaining existing hedgerows and trees
- ensuring hedgerows are cut in late winter to retain berries
- ponds – retention and creation
- wildflower areas
- migratory birds – providing nesting sites for birds such as swifts and swallows

Ms Jukes was keen to discuss what actions the Town Council might take and which other parties could be involved. She would be willing to work with the Council to try to make progress.

Councillors responded that the Council's land holdings were only the Gaskell Recreation Ground, the Cemetery and the Pound. However, the Council was consulted on local planning applications and could make representations in this way. The Much Wenlock Neighbourhood Plan also referenced environmental issues and the policies would be considered as part of the forthcoming overall review of the Plan. The Council had little influence over landowners but developing Government policy was directed towards environmental improvements.

The Clerk advised that she had previously contacted Shropshire Council with regard to the management of verges around the town but had received no response. Councillors requested that further attempts be made.

Councillors agreed to give further consideration to the issues raised and thanked Ms Jukes for attending.

Ms Jukes left the meeting.

6. Minutes

It was RESOLVED that the minutes of the Planning & Environment Committee meeting held on 6th June 2023 be APPROVED and signed as a true record.

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7. Planning Applications

Members considered a response to the following planning applications:

23/02599/TCA Bourton Estate, Bourton, Much Wenlock	To remove 2no. Ash (T1-2), 1no. Sycamore (T3) and 1no. group of Ash and Sycamore (G1) within Bourton Conservation Area. It was RESOLVED to object to the removal of the trees based on the loss of amenity value to the residents of Bourton in the Conservation Area. Councillors cited the Much Wenlock Neighbourhood Plan objective 8, the local landscape and wildlife.
23/02847/TCA 26 Sheinton Street, Much Wenlock	To remove 2no. Ash within Much Wenlock Conservation Area. It was RESOLVED no objections.

8. Planning Decisions

It was RESOLVED to note the following planning decisions:

23/01653/LBC 48 High Street, Much Wenlock	Reinstatement of internal porch by front door - removed in c.2005 as part of previous renovations. Replacement of 2x (modern) doors and 1x internal (modern) door. Replacement of 5x windows to rear aspect of the property. Decision: Grant Permission
23/01477/FUL 14 Stretton Road, Much Wenlock	Single Storey side extension, external insulation and render. Decision: Grant Permission
23/01728/LBC 11 Barrow Street, Much Wenlock	Replacement Windows and Door, along with remedial structural repairs affecting a Grade II Listed Building. Decision: Grant Permission
23/01805/FUL Wheatland Garage, Bridgnorth Road, Much Wenlock	Partial demolition of the existing retail convenience store and construction of extensions, revision to car parking facilities, provision of four electric vehicle charging points, installation of solar panels on extension roof and change of use of the ground floor of 17 St Marys Road to a coffee shop (resubmission). Decision: Refuse Councillors noted that the decision for refusal did not include reference to flood risk or conversion of a residential property to commercial use.

9. Draft Shropshire Local Plan Review 2016 - 2038

Members were advised that Shropshire Council had been expected to reply to the Inspectors questions by 30th June 2023 but nothing had been added to the relevant website apart from information on waste and minerals. As no response to the Inspectors questions on the Duty to Cooperate had been provided so far, Councillor Tyler queried the claim of Shropshire Council that they had fulfilled the Duty to Cooperate.

10. Flooding Issues

- a. Report from the Strategic Flood Working Group: the group had met to reconfirm their purpose and activities. The group considered that the Town Council should issue more frequent public communications about flooding matters and the Council's efforts to address the problems. It was important to engage the community and prompt more interest and action from residents. Shropshire Council needed to work to provide the infrastructure to deal with the unique situation of the town.
- b. With regard to the flooding event on 12th June, Members criticised the lack of a strategic plan to deal with flooding in Much Wenlock. While various measures were under consideration, progress was too slow and the Drainage and Flood Risk Manager at Shropshire Council was under-resourced. Members noted the forthcoming meeting with Shropshire Council's Drainage and Flood Risk Manager regarding the town culvert.

Shropshire Councillor Richard Marshall, Portfolio Holder for Highways, and Mr Andy Wilde, Head of Highways, would be attending the full Council meeting on 6th July in connection with the flooding and would take questions. Members suggested the following topics for questioning:

- How would the Shropshire Council flood team be properly resourced?
- Could the flood action plan in the Mouchel report be reviewed?
- How could WSP be made to operate more efficiently?

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Councillor Benbow agreed to formulate questions and circulate these to all Councillors prior to the meeting on Thursday.

Members noted that the Shropshire Council representatives would be meeting members of the Flood Action Group prior to the Council meeting to discuss the inadequate configuration of waste water pipes at the corner of the Bull Ring and Sheinton Street.

c. There were no other flooding issues for consideration.

11. Transport and Highways Matters

- a. Once a substantive response was received from WSP regarding the Gaskell corner report, a meeting of the Transport Working Group would be arranged.
- b. Members noted that the Council's comments regarding the Gaskell corner feasibility report had been submitted to WSP and acknowledged. A more comprehensive response from WSP would follow in due course.

12. Place Plan

- a. Members considered information from the Place Plan officer for Much Wenlock regarding the review of Shropshire Council Place Plans. A remote meeting would be held with the Place Plan officer later in the week to clarify matters.
- b. Members gave further consideration to the submission of projects for inclusion in the Place Plan. They were concerned that some projects had already been included which should be addressed as repair and maintenance issues.
It was agreed to circulate the project suggestions put forward at the previous Planning & Environment Committee meeting to all Councillors for consideration at the forthcoming full Council meeting.

13. Climate Change and Ecological/Nature Emergencies

Members noted that Plastic Free July was under way and that information on the initiative had been circulated.

14. Consultation*

15. Street Lighting*

16. Street Naming *

19. Footpath Issues

Members noted that discussions regarding the Atterley footpath were in progress.

A response had been received from the landowner concerning the footpath off the Bull Ring. The landowner had no objection to the Council stoning the area by the gate to reduce the boggy area and replacing the existing kissing gate with something pushchair-friendly that did not affect the stock proof fencing of the field.

Councillors welcomed this response, which had been passed on to the Rights of Way officer at Shropshire Council. It was hoped that Shropshire Council would install a replacement gate this year. Improvement of the ground surface by the gate could be added to the list of Much Wenlock Place Plan projects. The Clerk was asked to thank the landowner for the positive response and advise of the Council's intended actions.

20. Footpath/Bridleway Creation Orders*

21. Footpath Diversion Orders*

22. Road Closures*

Members noted the following road closure:

- a. Location: Callaughton Farm junction B4378 to Walton Grange
- Date/Time: 29th August to 1st September 2023, all the time
- Purpose: New water connection
- Agency: Severn Trent Water

23. Tree Preservation Orders (TPOs)*

24. Stopping Up Orders*

25. Speed Limit Orders*

26. Prohibition Orders*

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27. Date of next meeting

It was **NOTED** that the next meeting would be held on Tuesday, 1st August 2023 at 7pm 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.

28. Consultants for Neighbourhood Plan Review

Members considered proposals obtained from consultants to support a review of the Neighbourhood Plan. **It was RESOLVED to recommend a shortlist of three consultants to full Council and, with the agreement of full Council, to arrange short, remote meetings with the selected consultants to inform the final decision.** The same panel of Councillors should meet all consultants and ask an agreed set of questions.

29. Planning Enforcement

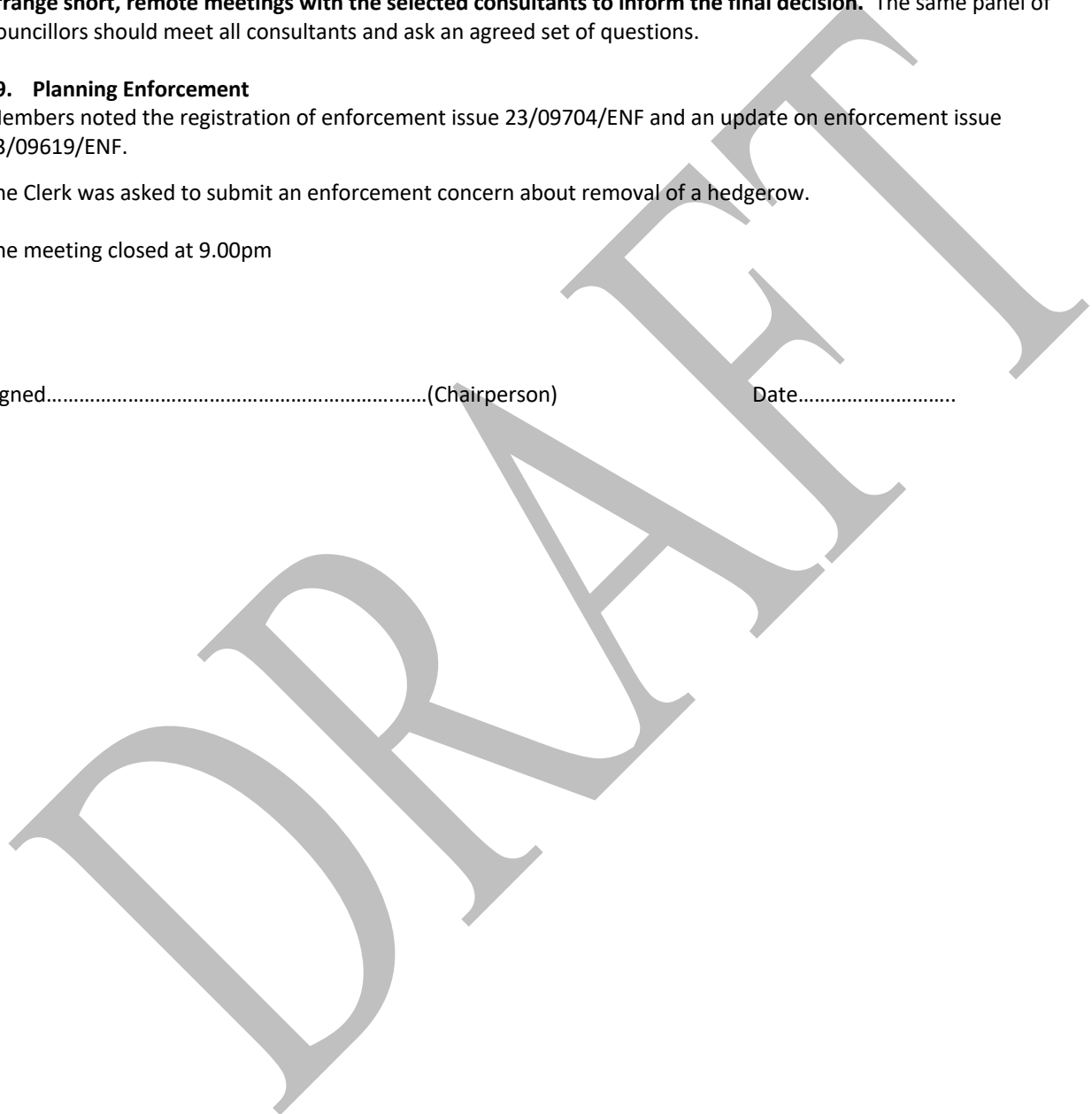
Members noted the registration of enforcement issue 23/09704/ENF and an update on enforcement issue 23/09619/ENF.

The Clerk was asked to submit an enforcement concern about removal of a hedgerow.

The meeting closed at 9.00pm

Signed.....(Chairperson)

Date.....





22 July 2023

Dear Councillors

As our local councillors and partners to the Much Wenlock Neighbourhood Refresh Group you will all be aware of our joint participation in the Examination in Public of Shropshire Council's proposed Local Plan. What you may have missed is a small paragraph (SP14, 3.142a) designating an Eastern Belt Strategic Corridor along the A458 / A4169. Which is, of course, Bridgnorth to the Gaskell Corner then turning right on to the Farley Road to Buildwas. The purpose of which is to allow both employment and residential development along this corridor to deliver both the unmet housing and employment needs of the Black Country and economic development for Shropshire. You will see the exact extract at the bottom of this letter.

We heard a great deal at the Enquiry about how Strategic Corridors are an opportunity for development in line with policies the intention of which is to feed the Black Country economy. The latest information seems to be that Shropshire Council will be obliged to implement such proposals.

There is no mention in the Much Wenlock and Surrounding Area Place Plan of Much Wenlock being a suitable town to sit along a strategic corridor and, like the Strategic Infrastructure Implementation Plan, there is absolutely no provision whatsoever for the highway infrastructure to be provided to accommodate further development along the proposed corridor.

No adequate prior proposals have been made to the communities along this route for the concept of and case for a "Strategic Growth Corridor" passing through Much Wenlock and extending to the West Midlands Conurbation. Thus, this regional proposal was never subject to critical examination or subject to full public consultation within Shropshire. Its validity and viability which was always, at best, highly dubious.

There is no evidence that there has been an appraisal of two more viable routes to the Black Country from Bridgnorth on the A442 and the A454. Both routes are shorter, they avoid Much Wenlock which has two schools, a five-way junction in a conservation area, a nursing home, a leisure facility, no pavements along much of its stretch, no safe route to school and a bus turning junction all situated in approximately 1.5 miles along this allocated strategic corridor which is the A4169 /A458

In conjunction with proposed over-development of 200 houses in Much Wenlock we also see a proposed 1000 houses at Tasley, over 1000 houses at Ironbridge Power Station and the designation of the Eastern Belt Strategic corridor, SP14, 3.142a, A458 – A4169. This can only mean a future for Much Wenlock as an unsustainable satellite town where the current quality of life is destroyed.

Development for housing and employment over high level agricultural land is the wrong direction of travel to guarantee both food security, biofuel, and green energy production which is a vital part of forward-thinking strategy within the Local Plan.

These proposals, if implemented, will destroy our beautiful medieval town that is already struggling to accommodate the number of cars on its narrow streets attempting to avoid the Gaskell Corner,

making life difficult and dangerous for pedestrians which include the visitors the town would like to attract. There is already considerable anger among members of the community at the apparent lack of any plan to deal with the existing creaking infrastructure. We look forward to a positive response from yourselves and a galvanising of action on behalf of the town.

Many of us are aware of the hard work and attention some Town Councillors have already given to trying to highlight this problem. Sadly, we are yet to see clear evidence that Shropshire Council has listened with sufficient care or responded with sufficient urgency to all our efforts.

Kind regards

Mrs Lesley Durbin on behalf of the Much Wenlock Neighbourhood Plan Refresh Group



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3.141. This approach responds to the Council's objective to prioritise significant new development and infrastructure investment into the Strategic, Principal and Key Centres and identified Strategic Sites to create 'growth zones' along the 'strategic corridors' through Shropshire and making effective use of the rail and road routes through these corridors. The sequential release of additional employment land for development in the 'strategic corridors' may also help to attract major employment development into the County.

3.142. The 'strategic corridors' are: a. Eastern Belt M54/A5, A41/A464 and A4169/A458/A454,

Notes from meeting held on 12th July 2023 with Shropshire Council and the Environment Agency regarding recent flooding in Much Wenlock

Present: John Bellis, SC Drainage & Flood Risk Manager
Andy Keyland, SC Highways Manager
Jonathan Stigwood, SC In-House Drainage Team Leader
Carole Hender, Environment Agency Resilience Team
Sam Gillson, Environment Agency Partnerships & Strategic Overview Team
Representatives from the Flood Group
Representative from the National Flood Forum
Councillors Marcus Themans, Dan Thomas, David Fenwick
Councillor Will Benbow representing the Town Council Strategic Flood Group with Clive Morley and Howard Horsley

- Two principal purposes of the meeting:
 1. To look at the top of the High Street and get the thoughts on replacing existing solid covers with grates.
 2. To discuss whether MWTC/Flood Group would be willing to engage in community flood response measures, such as road closed signs and to sign up to a Flood Action Plan.
- John explained that the purpose of (1) would be to ensure water entered the culvert, which was not felt to be running at capacity during the June flood. It would also have the benefit of making the culvert visible, assisting with maintenance and awareness. There was no objection to this and at the end of the meeting we looked at possible grate locations. JB is going to revert with a plan of action following.
- In connection with (1) there was discussion surrounding Havelock Crescent. JB confirmed he was content that the culvert was not at capacity here and while the flooding of gardens was not preferable, it was at least holding water back from the remainder of town.
- HH flagged the connection to the Culvert from Falcons Court, however, he is picking this up direct with the EA.
- The connection of highway drains to the alleviation pond on to the Stretton Road was raised. JB has recently unearthed the designs for this but it remains unclear when or whether this work will be completed.
- There was confirmation that the MWTC/Flood Group would work with JB to create the Flood Action Plan. It was flagged by the Flood Group that a plan already existed and that some of the work was already happening informally. In John's preamble to the Flood Action Plan, he stressed on several occasions that Much Wenlock will always flood and so resilience measures were required. This was not overly well received!
- We flagged again that we would like to see what the best case scenario for flooding would be. John flagged the proposed improvements on the Bourton Road and Callaughton, which led to questioning over the WSP timeframes for delivery.

Despite John asserting that Wenlock will always flood, my take was that the meeting was positive. There are steps being taken and he did do his best to explain why it was taking so long to deliver the new improvements, which from my experience, seemed reasonable. I think when we next meet we need to follow up with Shropshire Council, in writing, to cover both the positives and where we feel more action is needed.

Cllr Will Benbow
14.07.23

Email from Janet Cobb of Restoring Shropshire's Verges Project

From: Janet Cobb

Date: Friday, 14 July 2023 at 10:13

To: Town Clerk <townclerk@muchwenlock-tc.gov.uk>

Cc: "Peter Carty (peter.carty@nationaltrust.org.uk)" <peter.carty@nationaltrust.org.uk>, "Bell, Charlie" <charlie.bell@nationaltrust.org.uk>, Dan Wrench <dan.wrench@shropshire.gov.uk>

Subject: RE: Much Wenlock Verges

Hi Trudi

See attached email & template letter spelling out change of management contract., feel free to share and support RSVP project by writing to Shropshire Council leaders/politicians including Richard Marshall, Andy Begley & Lezley Picton using the template letter to try to persuade the Local Authority to adopt a 'restoration' policy to road verge management.

HOWEVER you may have the best verges in the county – see attached email and these need to be protected.

I've copied in Charlie – RSVP chair & Pete RSVP board member for further advice.

It may be that the verges around Much Wenlock could gain some protection by having them designated as SSSI sites – see information here:

<https://www.gov.uk/guidance/sites-of-special-scientific-interest-public-body-responsibilities>

but this is outside of my knowledge – however Dan – copied in may be able to help & the Town Council could pursue?

Keep in touch

janet

NB. Kier contract is expected to end 31st March 2025

Restoring Shropshire's Verges Project

Dear.....

I am writing to express support for the Restoring Shropshire Verges Project (RSVP). I hope you will also support this initiative.

The work of RSVP is supported by many local conservation groups and over 35 local volunteer RSVP projects across Shropshire.

We understand that Shropshire Council is about to renew its contract for managing roadside verges and that any new contract could specify that the County's roadside verges are restored and managed **as long linear meadows**, with the aim of creating connectivity and habitats for wildlife.

This means the highways contract could change from:

- Frequent cut (often in spring/summer, at the wrong time for wildlife) and leave the arisings to rot down, thus continually raising the fertility of the soil and increasing the dominance of coarse grasses, nettles and hogweed.

To

- Cut after 16th July, and collect & remove the arisings. Start restoration work by initially planting yellow rattle and following up with intentional seeding of wild flowers and green hay collected from existing wildflower meadows in Shropshire (and supported by RSVP volunteers where possible).

RSVP suggests the following regime:

Year one

1. One metre cut for road safety reasons.
2. Where necessary one early cut and removal of arisings to prevent the continued raising of fertility of the soil.
3. A late cut after July 16th and removal of arisings.
4. Scarification and seeding with yellow rattle to suppress grass growth.

Year two onwards

5. Ongoing one metre safety cuts.
6. A late cut after July 16th and removal of arisings.
7. Additional seeding / planting for restoration with native flora utilising the existing community capital of wildflower meadows, volunteers and expertise of local communities.

Supporting evidence

- During the 2022 UN biodiversity conference, COP15, countries reached a landmark agreement that aims to reverse the unprecedented destruction of nature. One of the agreement's twenty-three targets, known as 30x30, aims to protect at least 30 percent of the planet's land and water by 2030. Across Shropshire roadside verges could make a significant contribution to towards this target by changing the management regime in any new highways contract.
- The potential for cost savings over time is significant. Savings could be used for roadside maintenance and the development of a strategy to replace missing hedges along roadside verges and the restoration of our ditch network – all significant contributions to mitigating the effects of climate change.
- The engagement of willing local communities and volunteers in proactive community capital building.

- The enhancement of Shropshire's status as an Area of Outstanding Natural Beauty capitalizing on visitors and residents alike who are increasingly appreciative of the landscape and wildlife.
- Finally, Shropshire Council has the opportunity to lead the way nationally on this via its contract to proactively restore the roadside verges to native flora creating a 'win-win' situation.

I do hope Shropshire Council will support the work of RSVP and consider changing its own verge management policies across the county.

Best wishes

Your name & address



Subject: Possibly the best verge in Shropshire

Wenlock edge rangers have been carefully cutting this verge outside Much Wenlock Car park. It support lots of limestone grassland plants with good shows of pyramidal orchid and field scabious. In recent year Al and Kate have managed the adjacent verge which includes the welcome to Much Wenlock road signs. Very few towns have such good shows of wild flowers at the boundary.



From: Gail Power <Gail.Power@shropshire.gov.uk>
Date: Thursday, 20 July 2023 at 16:40
Subject: SOS (Save Our Shropshire) Birthday celebration advertisement

Forwarded to member town and parish councils, and parish meetings on behalf of 'Save Our Shropshire'.

"Save Our Shropshire" are committed to helping all parish and town councils make themselves "Fit for the Future" by helping them engage in practical actions to tackle climate change. They have now been operating for two years exactly and as a celebration of their birthday, have launched three new ideas :

1. They are now offering grants to small and medium size councils (those with a population below 10,000 according to the 2021 Census) of up to £ 2,000 to help finance projects with the specific aim of bringing about changes in lifestyles and behaviour in their community. See <https://saveourshropshire.org/grant-giving> for more details and to get a link to an application form.
2. They are now encouraging the development of Climate Champions across Shropshire – those people that are prepared to lead the idea of bringing about change in their communities with respect to the way people live their lives tomorrow. See <https://saveourshropshire.org/volunteers#Champion>. The right four candidates will be financed through a "Train the Trainer course."
3. They have been running their Parish and Town Council courses during the day time, specifically on Tuesdays 9am to 1pm, and have got a lot of attendees. They now want to offer evening courses, and are going to try their first on October 11th, 18th, and 25th from 6.30 pm to 9.00 pm, hoping that this will be convenient for those who are tied up all day. They do not want cost to be a barrier to you trying out this new time and therefore will offer this course (and this course only) **for £ 20 per person** (normal price £ 120.00) to include the cost of certification with the Carbon Literacy Project (which costs £ 10.00). The individual certificate will attest to your ability and enhance your CV. You need to answer the question on the assessment in line with the guidelines.
Save Our Shropshire has been accredited by the Carbon Literacy Trust – a leading provider of educational material for climate understanding – as a Platinum Carbon Literate Organisation, which is an amazing testament to their commitment to delivering behaviour and lifestyle change. There are only 10 other such organisations across all areas in the UK.
Please book at <https://saveourshropshire.org/parish-council-workshop#Evening>
(Naturally, if you think you should pay more, then you are welcome to donate more to Save Our Shropshire by clicking on the button, at the top of the page. They are a not-for-profit charity and will recycle funds to benefit the Shropshire community).

Kind regards for now,

Allan
Allan Wilson

Save Our Shropshire

GRANT FUNDING OFFER

We would like to support small to medium-sized councils specifically in Shropshire who are prepared to establish projects to bring about behaviour change with an amount of funding, particularly as they struggle with the size of budgets they have with which to manage their local council. They will need to put together a “business case” and show how they will achieve a reduction in their carbon footprint.

Who are we?

Save Our Shropshire was set up in July 2021, and is a charity dedicated to increasing people’s understanding of Climate Change and thus taking action. SOS provides education to Householders, Parish/Town Councils and Local authorities to enable them to make lifestyle changes to achieve a net-zero carbon future in Shropshire and elsewhere. Save Our Shropshire is committed to bringing about behaviour change in peoples’ lifestyles through education to reduce their carbon footprint.

By education we do not mean boring “chalk and talk”, but specifically the process of converting people’s thinking/behaviour from today’s way of living to a future way of living that will be better for them in terms of their cost of living, health and general wellbeing.

We have been running courses for councillors, organisations, and householders for two years.

We have just been awarded Platinum status by the Carbon Literacy Project <https://carbonliteracy.com/> which puts us amongst the leading organisations in the country in this area.

What grants are we offering?

We want to help support small to medium size Parish councils across Shropshire by creating effective action on combatting climate change. To support this, we are offering grants of up to £ 2,000 for up to around 10 councils per year, funded by other grant providers, and our work on providing education/training courses.

What are the grants for?

We would like to encourage local parish/town councils to engage in action(s) locally which will inspire behaviour change and lead to a reduction of the local footprint; in particular, developing activities that encourage people to change their lifestyles in order to reduce carbon emissions.

Examples of this could be:

- Encourage people to change their diet to become more plant-based. To support this a parish council could set up sessions in a local village hall or community centre and provide information about the benefits of changing to a plant-based diet and how what people eat affects their carbon footprint. These sessions could include demonstrations of recipes and foods that are plant-based and people would then be encouraged to share their ideas and recipes across their community.

- Setting up a repair café locally. The parish council could support with the acquisition of some tools, hire a hall or community venue and use the grant to fund this. This would encourage people to consider repairing items rather than buying new. We have a document on our website to support those who want to set up their own Repair Café (See <https://saveourshropshire.org/green-projects>)

What else does a Parish Council need to do?

We would like to see encourage parish councils to declare a commitment to tackling climate change and set up groups in their community to achieve this. They should also establish climate champions – people who will lead activities locally to enable the challenges of climate change to be addressed.

They should book one of our courses – for instance, our Parish and Town Council course - which will give the attendees the tools to be able to structure an approach to tackling climate change.

They will also get a certificate from the Carbon Literacy Project (CLP) as being carbon literate, giving them the skills to make others aware of their carbon impact on their community. CLP have done a brilliant job researching material and creating toolkits which others can deliver.

We welcome those who want to be climate champions to attend our courses, and we are prepared to fund some to become trainers, by financing them through a Train the Trainer course. This will give them the skills to educate and train people locally.

*See our role description of climate champions, which is on our website.

How do I apply?

Put together your idea, describe the project scope and objectives, and determine some costings for the project, which we then consider financing.

We have created an application form online with which to apply. We will review the application and let you know our decision within 8 weeks of submission of the application.

Evidence and impact of project completion

We would love to learn what you have done, the successes you have achieved as well as the challenges you have encountered. This will enable us to determine what works best in getting the message out to local communities and where we need to think about making changes or improvements.

We will therefore ask for a short report on the completion of a project and will use this to determine the impact and what changes in behaviour have been achieved. You will need to evidence spend against the original grant request, and we may ask for invoices and receipts so please ensure these are available.

If, for any reason, you do not or cannot spend the grant, we will ask for that money to be returned so that we can use it for other projects in the area.