Email from Edward West, Interim Planning Policy and Strategy Manager, 21.11.2019

Edward West
Thu 21/11/2019 10:22
To:

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Hi Lydia,

Many apologies for the delay in this responding to this. I have included my brief responses to the question in red on your e-mail below. I hope this makes sense!

Many thanks,
Eddie

Eddie West
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From: L Bardsley
Sent: 14 November 2019 13:10
To: Edward West
Subject: Re: Clive - Community Hub Status

Hi Eddie,
I did read today actually that you had been promoted - congratulations! Hope it all goes well and that's not too manic for you.

If it's possible to get a response in time for the 21st that would be brilliant, even if its via someone else in your team.

Thanks again for all your help with Clive and the LPR so far. We really appreciate that you have gone out of your way on numerous occasions to talk to the community and help Council get its head round the whole process.

All the best for your new role.

Kind Regards,

Lydia Bardsley
***Clerk to Clive Parish Council*:**

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From: Edward West
Sent: 14 November 2019 12:56
To: L Bardsley
Subject: RE: Clive - Community Hub Status

Hi Lydia,

Apologies for not replying earlier. There has been some restructuring in the team and I have needed to pick up a few issues urgently, however I will get you a response in time for the 21st Nov meeting.

Many thanks,
Eddie

Eddie West
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From: L Bardsley
Sent: 13 November 2019 17:45
To: Edward West
Subject: FW: Clive - Community Hub Status

Hi Eddie,
I hope you are well. Sorry to bother you, but I was wondering if you'd had a chance to look at any of the questions raised in my previous email (below)?

The next council meeting is on 21st November so ideally we'd like to have some clarification so we can inform members of the public. If it's possible to send me a copy of the most up to date version of the points assessment for Clive that would also be very much appreciated.

Thanks again and all the best.

Kind Regards,

Lydia Bardsley
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From: L Bardsley
Sent: 30 October 2019 09:13
To: Eddie West
Cc:
Subject: FW: Clive - Community Hub Status

Hello Eddie, I hope you are well, and that you had a nice break.

At the last Council meeting a member of the public gave an update on the village shop and post office, as well as raising some questions about the points scoring for Clive. He did make it clear that he feels strongly that Community Hub status would benefit the village, and that is why he has been looking for additional points for Clive's assessment.

It's highly likely that he may have already been in touch to raise these questions with you or your colleagues directly, but if not, please find attached Mr Crawcour's update. Please note, we did emphasise at the meeting that the Community Hub status was currently 'proposed' and not 'allocated', as the Council did not think it wise to give the impression that this decision was pre-determined.

Below are some queries that we would some like clarification on. If possible we'd like to be able to report back on the current situation at the next Council meeting on 21st November to ensure that residents have all the facts, and that there is no confusion.

1. **Pub**. We have already established I believe that the Village Hub would not be classed as a pub in Shropshire Council's eyes, however Mr Crawcour feels that if this is the case, that the building should be classed as a community amenity instead and should add points to Clive's score. What are your thoughts on this? – From my understanding this facility is a members club

and therefore to maintain a consistent approach to the use of the methodology across all areas I am minded to maintain the currently published position for Clive.

2. **Chemist/pharmacy and dispensary.** As I understand it, there had previously been a mistake in the scoring, in that points were allocated for both a pharmacy **and** a dispensary, but following discussions between yourself and Council members in the summer, the points were reduced to account for **just** the dispensary (apologies if I've got this the wrong way round). However, Mr Crawcour stated at the meeting and in his report that **both amenities** had been removed from the version of the points assessment that he was looking at. I'm afraid I only have access to the hierarchy of settlements assessment data published in October 2017 before any changes were made, but if you could double check your latest version and confirm that points are still being allocated for the dispensary we would be very grateful. If you wouldn't mind sending me a copy of the most up to date points assessment for Clive that would also be very much appreciated. It would appear Mr Crawcour is using an earlier iteration of the Hierarchy of Settlements document. In the most recent published version (http://shropshire.gov.uk/media/11310/1-updated-hierarchy-of-settlements-assessment.pdf) we have included 3 points for Clive as we do include a dispensary service in this category.
3. **Significant employment.** Mr Crawcour believes that points should be allocated to the primary school, GP surgery, and hair salon for significant employment (apparently there are 5 employees at the salon, but this may need to be verified), but none of these are class B type of employment. If such types of employment have not been counted in other settlements, then I don't think it would be consistent for Shropshire Council to count them in this instance, but if you could confirm either way that would be great. Whilst I think there is some merit in What Mr Crawcour is saying, I equally believe the current approach provides a consistent approach across all areas and is therefore fit for purpose for the assessment of services and facilities. It should be remembered that many of the facilities which MJr Crawcour mentions are taken into account in other parts of the assessment. What Mr Crawcour is suggesting would be a significant change to the interpretation of this part of the methodology, which has been subject to Cabinet approval. It is not proposed to alter the assessment in this regard.
4. **Cont.** He also believes that Clivewood Farm should be allocated points for significant employment. I'm not sure how many employees there are already on the farm, but the (retrospective) planning application for the change of use consent this summer only listed 1 full time employee and 2 part time employees as being created under the alpaca wool mill. Mr Crawcour states there are 5 employees in his report, but this may need to be verified. I'm also not sure the farm would be included on the basis of how far it is from the village, as it is 0.6 miles walk from the Post Office (but I'm not sure what starting point Shropshire Council used in their assessments).

0.6 miles is considered to be divorced from the settlement, and as you say we have no confirmation that this company meets the methodology in any case.

5. **Cont.** He also mentions Grinshill quarry as a potential source of significant employment, and again, distance from the village may be decisive. If you could let me know what Shropshire Council's view would be on the quarry that would be appreciated. Again, this is divorced from the village and on this basis we would not include in the assessment
6. **Cont.** He also mentions the various businesses on Sansaw estates, but I believe it has been established that they are not close enough to Clive village to be classed as significant employment for the purposes of the assessment. Agree with your views on this. no change to the assessment

Given the recent positive news on the post office and shop, I would continue to consider therefore the village scores 51 points, given I have accepted the parish council's view that the outdoor play facility which had scored three points, is to be removed. This would continue to support the villages inclusion as a Community Hub in the Local Plan Review.

Apologies for all the questions, we are just keen to make sure there is no confusion.

Thanks very much in advance, and all the best.

Kind Regards,

Lydia Bardsley
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