

# Clunbury Parish Council

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## Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 23rd March 2017 in Clunbury Village Hall at 8pm.

### PRESENT

Cllr J Croxton (Chairman), Cllr I Davies (Vice Chairman), Cllr S Morgan, Cllr P Harding,  
Cllr M Jones, Cllr J Hoskins, Cllr D Hill, Cllr S Jones, Cllr K Bailey.

One member of the public.

Ms N Adams (Parish Clerk).

### APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Shropshire Cllr N Hartin.

### DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

As and when required.

### MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 12.1.17

Agreed unanimously and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

### MATTERS ARISING:

**Footbridge behind Chapel House, Clunbury.** Nothing to report at present.

### PLANNING:

**Application No. 16/03334/EIA Poultry sheds at Hurst Barn.** It was understood this matter would be discussed at the April Planning meeting. Clerk to check, and also ask that the Parish Council be kept informed on such matters.

The following applications were received between meetings and responses of No Objection made:

**Tansy Cottage, Clunbury**

**Sunnymead, Clunton**

**Two applications at Lyndale, Clunton.** Cllr M Jones declared a personal interest.

There were no decisions to be reported by the planning authority.

Partial Review of the Shropshire Local Plan - Issues and Strategic Options Consultation. Cllr S Jones said this was an important document and should be taken into consideration.

### SOUTH WEST SHROPSHIRE LJC

The Chairman had attended the AGM on 9th February.

Broadband was still an issue, and a meeting had been held immediately before this Parish Council meeting with a view to improving broadband reception in the worst areas around Twitchen and parts of Clunbury. Councillors supported any attempts to improve this.

Cllr S Jones reported on the Future Fit programme, the main problem was an acute lack of money, also lack of agreement between the relevant NHS managements.

Regarding Clun Surgery, Cllr S Jones said that the meeting at Clun Memorial Hall last week had detailed

new arrangements to make health care provision in the area as safe as possible. The Meadows practice had joined a large Co-op of 50+ GP practices in the West Midlands, Birmingham and Shropshire, which would provide backup when required.

#### **ROADS:**

**Street lights** were all working correctly. Some parishioners had suggested that the street lights be switched off during the early hours. Clerk explained that this would mean time switches which would have to be reset periodically, rather than automatic photoelectric cells and also that the electricity was estimated not metered so there would be no saving.

**Pot holes** in Clunton by the church. Clerk to report these to Highways.

**B4385 at Kempton.** Cllr Hoskins reported that improved signage would be in the next financial year's budget. Interactive signs were a possibility, part-funding by the community would help.

**Safer Roads Partnership in Clunton.** Cllr Harding had been unable to contact the relevant police section.

**Horse signs by Cwm Lane signpost.** It was understood these were no longer required.

#### **PARISH COUNCIL ELECTIONS MAY 2017**

Clerk distributed nomination packs to all current Councillors, and a spare pack to Gisele Wall. Clerk detailed the procedure, and especially dates and times for handing in completed nominations.

#### **CORRESPONDENCE:**

Email from Mathew Mead re: funding for youth projects

Email from Shropshire Council re: Tree Warden. Cllrs confirmed there was no tree warden in this parish.

#### **FINANCE:**

##### **Account balances were reported as:**

Community (current) account	£700.20
Business Premium account	£1,316.87
Sports & Leisure account	£3,580.68.

##### **It was agreed unanimously to pay the following:**

Mazars (audit fee)	£30.00
	(includes £5.00 VAT)
Crucial Crew (donation)	£20.00
Ms N Adams (salary Jan & Feb)	£327.46
Ms N Adams (expenses July 2016 - March 2017)	£232.60
Clunton village hall (hire for Parish Council meeting)	£9.50.

##### **It was further agreed to pay the following (Cllr Davies abstained):**

Mr I Davies (burial ground maintenance year to 31.12.16)	£75.00.
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**Hire of Clunbury village hall for broadband meeting.** Organisers had asked that the Parish Council pay for the hire of the hall (estimated £10-£12). Agreed unanimously.

**South West Shropshire LJC Grants Scheme 2017/18.** Letter from Mathew Mead asking the Parish Council to consider donating £150. After discussion it was decided that anyone in the parish seeking funding should contact the Parish Council direct.

**Government grant for Transparency Code requirements.** Clerk explained that Government funding was available for a laptop, printer/scanner, setting up a website/software/etc. After discussion it was agreed that the Parish Council should have its own dedicated website, which Cllr Hill was prepared to manage provided the work was fairly limited. Clerk confirmed that it should just be a matter of uploading information. After discussion, it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk apply for this funding,

#### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Consultation on proposal for federation of Bucknell, Clunbury and Newcastle Schools.** Chairman explained that this should ensure the survival of all three schools in the short to medium term. The consultation would end on 28th April.

**Twitchen notice board** had been damaged by Storm Doris. Cllr Bailey to ask Arthur to repair it.

**Brash along Kempton Lane.** This had been caused by a fallen tree and hedge cutting and recent strong winds. Chairman said this had been cleared up as soon as possible.

**Kempton AED.** Cllr Hoskins said this had been replaced by a new unit. Steps had been taken to ensure it was kept dry.

**Clunton burial ground.** Cllr Davies said that the owner of The Villa would like to replace the hedge on the south side with a wall. Further information needed. Clerk to check the Deeds to see who owned the hedge.

**Cllr Jones** had sold her house and would be moving to Derbyshire shortly. Cllr Hill proposed a vote of thanks for her contribution during her time on the Parish Council. Agreed unanimously.

#### **DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

This Parish Council would cease to exist on the fourth day after the Election, ie 8th May, and the first meeting of the new Council would need to be held between then and 20th May. It was decided to hold this meeting on Thursday 18th May at Kempton village hall at 8pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10pm.

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