

Clunbury Parish Council

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday 9th November 2017 in Kempton Village Hall at 8pm**

PRESENT

Cllr J Croxton (Chairman), Cllr I Davies (Vice Chairman), Cllr K Bailey, Cllr P Harding,
Cllr D Hill, Cllr L Lewis, Cllr J Hoskins.
3 members of the public.
Ms N Adams (Parish Clerk)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr M Jones, Cllr S Morgan.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

As and when required.

MINUTES OF PLANNING MEETING HELD 25.7.17

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 21.9.17

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

MATTERS ARISING:

Footbridge behind Chapel House, Clunbury. Still no response from Shropshire Council and after discussion it was decided to write to local newspapers. Clerk to pursue.

Tree Warden/Footpath Monitor. Catherine Lishman had volunteered to take on this job. Clerk handed the information folder to Cllr Harding who would pass this on to Ms Lishman.

Clunton Brook. This has been cleaned out by the bridge.

PLANNING:

There were no applications for discussion.

The following applications had been granted:

No. 17/03805/FUL - entrance canopy, etc at Cwm House, Twitchen.

No. 17/01074/FUL - agricultural building at Moor House, Twitchen.

Application No. 16/03334/EIA - 2 poultry sheds at Hurst Barn, Clunton. Clerk to find out the current situation.

SOUTH WEST SHROPSHIRE LJC

Nothing to report at present.

Future Fit. Mrs S Jones was asked to report from the floor and said that the situation in Shropshire remained generally unsatisfactory.

The Meadows Surgery in Clun was doing well.

ROADS:

Street light out at the Malt House in Clunton. Clerk to report this.

Change from SOX lights to LED. Clerk reported that Sodium lights were to be phased out and replaced with LED. Clerk to make further enquiries and get some prices.

Speed limit in Clunton. The police were monitoring the situation.

Speed limit in Twitchen. The new signage had been put into practise.

B4385 at Kempton. No progress as yet.

CLUNTON BURIAL GROUND

Clerk suggested that a working party be held during the winter to cut back the hedge along the top side of the burial ground as several graves were being seriously overgrown. Chairman and Cllr Davies to go and see the situation and report back.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Parish Post had been awarded a grant by the Aston on Clun shop. The Chairman congratulated the volunteers for producing such an excellent newsletter and thanked them for their input.

FINANCES:

Account balances were reported as:

Community (current) account	£1,732.98
Business Premium account	£1,316.87
Sports & Leisure account	£3,580.68

It was agreed unanimously to pay the following:

SALC (seminar fee for Clerk: shared 50/50 with Bucknell PC)	£32.50
Clunbury village hall (hire for meeting)	£9.00
N Adams (salary September and October)	£327.46
HMRC (PAYE)	£1.80
npower (energy charge Sept qtr)	£50.07
	(includes £2.38 VAT)
D Hill (expenses)	£14.01.

npower bills.

Clerk explained there was a problem paying electricity bills as they frequently did not coincide with Parish Council meetings, resulting in threats from npower to disconnect and take legal action. Councillors agreed to sign a Direct Debit form and queried whether there would be a reduction for this method of payment. Clerk to action.

Invoice for Parish Council Elections

Shropshire Council to send an invoice in April in the sum of £100 to cover admin costs as there had not been an Election. An Election would be considerably more expensive.

Precept 2018/19

Clerk tabled a discussion document and would provide an updated version at the January 2018 meeting, at which time the Precept needed to be decided.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 11th January 2018 in Clunton village hall at 8pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

JHC/NEA
12.12.17