

Clunbury Parish Council

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Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 16th May 2019

In Clunbury Village Hall at 8.15pm.

PRESENT

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

Shropshire Cllr N Hartin.

3 members of the public.

Ms N Adams (Parish Clerk).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None. Cllr N Morgan asked whether there was a time limit on absences from Parish Council meetings. The Clerk replied that after six months' absence an explanation would be required. Chairman to speak to Cllr S Morgan.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

As and when required.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Chairman. Cllr Croxton was proposed by Cllr Bailey, seconded by Cllr Jones, and re-elected unanimously on a show of hands. Cllr Croxton said he may not stand again at the 2021 Election.

Vice Chairman. Cllr Davies was proposed by Cllr Harding, seconded by Cllr Bailey and re-elected unanimously on a show of hands.

APPOINTMENT OF CHEQUE SIGNATORIES

Presently Cllrs Croxton, Hill, S Morgan and Harding. Cllr Jones proposed that they be re-elected en bloc, seconded by Cllr Davies and re-appointed unanimously on a show of hands.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 21.3.19

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

MATTERS ARISING:

Footbridge behind Chapel House, Clunbury. This had now been painted, thanks to Stuart Seabury and Cllr David Hill. The Clerk had sent an invoice to Shropshire Council for the promised £300 grant towards the bridge repair.

Oddfellows banner. Cllr Harding had established that Bishops Castle museum had offered to store it properly free of charge and would display it occasionally in the Town Hall. However they did not want to own it.

Clun museum want to own it, but were not in a position to store/display it.

Cllr Bailey to speak to Colin Payne and confirm that he had donated the banner to the Parish Council, and furthermore that he was happy for the proposed arrangements to go ahead.

Damage to river bridge at Clunton. Cllr Harding said this had been damaged by a Travis Perkins lorry. The company had been contacted and they had said they would send a Surveyor. Clerk to contact Shropshire Council re: repair of the bridge.

Clunton burial ground. Chairman said that following a site meeting it had been agreed that the hedges should be substantially cut back, especially the row of trees on the top side. This work would need to be done by a Contractor in the autumn.

Broadband connection in Kempton. Clerk to contact Openreach/Shropshire Council to establish the current situation re: wayleave to connect the electricity supply across the road.

PLANNING:

Application No. 19/01734/FUL. Greenhouse and garden shed at Cwm House had been received between meetings and no objection made.

Application No. 19/01910/FUL. Replacement porch and conservatory at Clunton House was also received between meetings and no objection made.

Application No. 19/01455/FUL. First floor extension, outbuilding, conversion of garage to holiday let, erection of extension and balcony, and removal of trees at Ashbeds Cottage, Clunton Coppice. Following a site meeting the Parish Council had no objection to most of the application, but expressed concerns regarding the provision of car parking, the need to keep the bridleway open at all times, and the removal of trees already done.

The following applications had been granted:

No. 19/00822/FUL. Extension and detached garage at Sunny Meadow, Clunton.

No. 19/00993/VAR. Variation of conditions mainly regarding the garages at Kempton Farm.

Planning Enforcement Case Ref: 19/06567/ENF. Barn to house dogs at Kookaburra Cottage, Clunton Coppice. Cllr N Morgan declared an interest. Clerk to contact the Case Officer for more details.

Proposed Permission to Plant at FitzWaryn Hall, Clunton. Following site meetings a scheme had been devised which was acceptable to both the householders and Shropshire Highways.

SOUTH WEST SHROPSHIRE PLACE PLAN MEETINGS:

Chairman said a Place Plan meeting had been held recently in Bishops Castle, but he had not been able to attend.

Future Fit. Cllr Bailey reported that the proposed amalgamation of Telford CCG and Shropshire CCG was presently under investigation, the main problem being that Telford was solvent, and Shropshire was in deficit. Nevertheless the two CCGs would probably be combined in the interests of efficiency.

ROADS:

Pot holes. There were pot holes everywhere. These should be reported by parishioners individually using the Pot Hole line as detailed in the Parish Post.

Damaged bollard at war memorial. Chairman said that Andrew Keyland at Highways had agreed to repair this. Lorries had damaged the verges at Purslow Crossroads. The grass opposite the pub would be cut in the near future, but it would only be a one metre swipe along the roadside.

Railings in Clunton. The poor condition of these had been reported to Highways.

Closure of B4385 for resurfacing from 31st May to 21st June. It was thought there would be intermittent closures during this time, dependent on the weather. It was not clear which part of the B4385 this referred to.

Street lighting. Cllr N Morgan had been unable to interact with e.on regarding the street lights, and had arranged for Highline Electrical to meet him in Clunton to assess the lights. Highline had submitted a report recommending replacement of all the lights with new LED types which would provide cheaper running costs and fewer maintenance issues, the cost of this would be £2,291.00 plus VAT.

Some residents would like at least some of the street lights removed, or switched off during the small hours. Clerk advised that efforts must be made to ascertain the views of all residents affected by the street lights. An item would be put in the next Parish Post, followed by a questionnaire in the following edition. The Parish Council would devise the questionnaire and the four Clunton Cllrs could collect the completed forms by hand.

Regarding the outstanding invoice from e.on, although the light had been repaired, it had failed a few days later because of a Western Power fault. Therefore the e.on bill may need to be paid.

Speeding traffic – radar speed signs. Demonstration by supplier to be held in Bucknell on 19th June on the green opposite The Baron at 10.30am.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Spotlight leaflets for May. Distributed to those present.

FINANCES:

Account balances were reported as:

Community (current) account	£4,822.79
Business Savings account	£1,320.40
Sports & Leisure account	£3,390.26.

It was agreed unanimously to pay the following:

BHIB Ltd (insurance)	£318.98
Ms N Adams (salary March & April)	£356.10
Ms N Adams (home office y/e 31.3.19)	£150.00
SALC (subs to 31.3.2020)	£240.16.

The following had been paid between meetings:

HMRC (PAYE)	£1.00
Npower Direct Debit 1.1.19-31.3.19	£49.05.

Accounts to year ended 31.3.19

AGAR and Certificate of Exemption

Simple Servicing Agreement for Clerk.

Meeting to be arranged for the Finances/Personnel Committee to discuss these.

PARISH COUNCIL MANAGEMENT

Good Councillor's Guide. Clerk to obtain a copy for every Parish Councillor.

Clerk's appraisal/pay review. To be discussed at the Finances/Personnel Committee meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Clerk's email to Highways re: speed limits at Twitchen. Clerk to send a copy to Cllr N Morgan.

Communications. Cllr N Morgan suggested that communications between members of the Parish Council be done via WhatsApp or possibly text messages. Unfortunately mobile signals in this area are totally inadequate for such sophisticated systems.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 18th July 2019 in Kempton village hall at 8pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

JHC/NEA

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