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## Clunbury Parish Council

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 28<sup>th</sup> November 2019  
In Clunbury Village Hall at 8pm.**

### **PRESENT**

Cllr J Croxton (Chairman), Cllr I Davies (Vice Chairman), Cllr D Hill, Cllr P Harding, Cllr N Morgan, Cllr L Lewis,  
Cllr M Jones, Cllr K Bailey  
8 members of the public  
Sgt Aston, West Mercia Police  
Ms N Adams, Parish Clerk

### **PRESENTATION RE: "WE DON'T BUY CRIME" INITIATIVE**

Sgt Aston explained this initiative aimed at tackling acquisitive crime and burglary in the form of a dot of "Smartwater" on items of value. This mark would be registered as unique to one householder and should an item be stolen it could be identified by the police at dealers, auctions, etc and returned to the owner.

Window stickers were available, also road signs to deter would-be thieves.

This scheme could be entered into privately at a cost of between £20 and £30, but the police offered Parish Councils packs at a reduced price of £9 or £6 per household, this would depend on 80% entering the scheme. In this case the cost to the Parish Council would be around £2,000.

This initiative scheme complements but is separate from Neighbourhood Watch.

Following questions from the floor, the Chairman thanked Sgt Aston, who then left the meeting.

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

As and when required

### **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 12.9.19**

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

### **MATTERS ARISING:**

**Damage to Clunton river bridge/repainting railings.** Not yet done. Clerk to write to Highways again.

**Clunton burial ground.** Cllrs Jones and Davies reported that the hedge had been cut down as prescribed, although the owner of The Villa thought it had been cut too low. It would of course regrow in time.

**Fallen tree across the river at Clunton.** It had been decided between meetings to take no action regarding this.

**BT telephone boxes.** Cllr Lewis said that parishioners in Kempton wanted to retain the telephone box (with or without the phone) as it was a useful landmark. Clerk to contact BT.

### **REPORT FROM CLIMATE CHANGE SUB GROUP**

Cllr Harding reported that a Climate and Ecological Emergency drop-in event was scheduled for Saturday 25<sup>th</sup> January from 11am-3.30pm in Clunbury Village Hall, with the aim of sharing views and opinions on the way forward within the parish.

A grant of £300 had been received from Aston on Clun shop for wildflowers in the verges.

### **PLANNING:**

**Application No. 19/04644/FUL.** Installation of fuel storage tank at Lower House, Clunton. Supported.

**Application No. 19/05015/FUL.** Conversion of garage to annexe at Ashbeds, Clunton Coppice. Supported.

**The following applications have been granted:**

**No. 19/02995/FUL.** Installation of sewage treatment plant, etc at The White Cottage, Clunbury.

**No. 19/03791/FUL.** Agricultural building at Clunton.

**Designation of Clunton village.** A resident had applied for planning permission on her land, but this had been refused by the planners. The resident had asked that the Parish Council change the classification from “open countryside” to “cluster” which could mean her application may be approved. After discussion, it was agreed that at the last Parish Plan review residents had opted emphatically for “open countryside” and therefore the Parish Council could not go against the will of the residents.

#### **PURSLOW WAR MEMORIAL:**

**Proposal for Grade II listing.** Historic England were assessing the war memorial for addition to the List of Buildings of Special Architectural or Historic Interest and would notify the Parish Council of the decision of the Secretary of State for Digital, Culture, Media and Sport in due course.

**Addition of names of RAC Airmen who crashed on Burrow Hill.** The hedge will need to be cut back so that the names can be engraved on the sides of the memorial. This will be paid for by the British Legion. More bollards may be needed, Highways to be contacted. The war memorial to be cleaned with funds from Clunbury church.

#### **SOUTH WEST SHROPSHIRE PLACE PLAN MEETINGS:**

Nothing to report at present.

#### **ROADS:**

**Pot holes.** There were some bad pot holes in the parish which had been reported to Highways. Some of these had been repaired.

**Floods.** Some properties in Clunton had been flooded, notably the pub. It was suggested that the brook may need to be dredged, although if the river was running high, the water would just back up.

**Kempton ford.** It was suggested that this should be upgraded for use by general traffic. After discussion it was decided that this was not required.

**Clunton street lights.** These had been replaced by Highline Electrical and were working well. Cllrs N Morgan and Harding were thanked for getting this done.

**New energy supplier.** Shropshire Council had added Clunton lights onto their street light inventory. Cllr N Morgan said the charge would be £90.50 per annum which was a considerable saving.

**Radar speed signs: (i) Twitchen.** Clerk to contact David Gradwell and Shropshire Council re: scheduled signs; **(ii) Clunton.** A resident at the east end of the village asked whether the signs could be positioned further to the edge of the 30mph limit, ie beyond her house; **(iii) Kempton.** Signs could not be used as the speed limit was advisory; **(iv) Sharing of one radar speed sign with Clungunford.** Still being investigated, and also the possibility of buying a sign for Clunbury Parish Council’s exclusive use.

**Status of byway to Clunton Coppice.** Clerk confirmed that both ends were classified as BOATs, ie Byways Open to All Traffic. The middle section had no status, and was a “white lane”.

**Giles House, Clunbury.** Cllr Hill said that an oak tree on Highways land had dropped a branch onto overhead cables, and he had reported this to Shropshire Council.

**Sign at the bottom of Redwood Lane.** Delivery drivers were finding it difficult to find houses in Redwood Lane as it had no road sign. Clerk to find out if this could be provided.

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

None.

**FINANCES:**

**Account balances were reported as:**

Community current account	£2,922.27
Business Premium account	£1,321.72
Sports & Recreation account	£3,393.68.

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

Ms N Adams (salary Sept & October)	£376.54
HMRC (PAYE Oct)	£2.40
HMRC (PAYE Nov)	TBA
Highline Electrical Ltd (new street lights)	£2,749.20
	(includes £458.20 recoverable VAT)

It was resolved to pay for the new street lights from the Sports & Recreation account.

**Precept 2020/21**

Clerk distributed a preliminary discussion document. Precept to be decided at the next meeting.

**PARISH COUNCIL MANAGEMENT:**

**New issue of Financial Regulations.** To be discussed next time.

**Clerk's Gmail.** Owing to low broadband speed, Clerk reported that Gmail was not fit for purpose in this case, and it may be that Windows Mail should be installed.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

Back up USBs to be exchanged between Cllr Hill and Clerk at the next meeting.

**DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 16<sup>th</sup> January 2020 in Kempton village hall at 8pm

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.15pm.

JHC/NEA  
21.12.19