

Clunbury Parish Council

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 12th September 2019
In Clunton Village Hall at 8pm.**

PRESENT

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

14 members 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 18.7.19

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

MATTERS ARISING:

Damage to river bridge/repainting railings – Clunton. Cllr Harding said that Highways were aware of the requirements.

Clunton burial ground. Cllrs Davies and Jones had contacted two contractors who had agreed to come and take a look. Cllr Davies would continue to liaise with the property owners.

CLIMATE EMERGENCY

Ms Manda Scott was invited to speak from the floor and requested that the Parish Council declare a climate emergency in view of the current global situation. This would not involve the Parish Council in much extra work, it was more ensuring that contractors has “green credentials”. Mrs Whitehead said it was a statement of intent and general support. The NFU had committed to a target of zero carbon. After discussion Cllr Davies said this was not something that could be ignored. Cllr Harding proposed that the Parish Council declare a climate emergency, seconded by Cllr Lewis and agreed unanimously on a show of hands.

Ms Scott said there was a local group who were keen to help if necessary, Cllr Harding proposed a sub group/committee of the Parish Council, and would list contact details of those interested.

To be added to the Agenda.

Most members of the public left the meeting at this point.

PLANNING:

Application No. 19/03150/LBC. Solar PV panels and skylight at Church House, Clunbury. Supported.

Application No. 19/03255/FUL. Proposed affordable dwelling east of village hall, Kempton. Supported.

Application No. 19/02995/FUL. Sewage treatment plant, etc at The White Cottage, Clunbury. Supported.

Application No. 19/03791/FUL. Agricultural building at Clunton. It was decided to hold a site meeting on Tuesday 24.9.19 at 6.30pm.

Application No. 19/03075/FUL. Extension to existing annexe/garage building at Old Kempton Stores, had been granted.

SOUTH WEST SHROPSHIRE PLACE PLAN MEETINGS:

Report from Shropshire Cllr N Hartin. Not available.

Report from Chairman)

Shropshire NHS/Future Fit/etc) To be discussed at the next meeting.

ROADS:

Clunton street lights. Cllr N Morgan has obtained two quotations for the lights to be replaced by LED lights and photo-electric cells: Eon £3085.15 and Highline Electrical Ltd £2291.00. It was decided the lights should be switched off at midnight. Cllr N Morgan reported that the contractors had said the Western Power cabling was safe to use.

Electricity supply. Clerk reported that npower had quoted a proposed huge increase in electricity prices from £200 per year to over £700 per year. Cllr Harding said Clunton church had received a similar hike in electricity prices and had changed their supplier. She would contact Clun Parish Clerk regarding the arrangements for their street lights and would liaise with Cllr N Morgan, and proposed a meeting of the new sub-committee on 24.9.19. The new electricity contract would need to start in November, preferably with a green supplier.

Radar speed signs. Cllr Harding reported that Bucknell Parish Council had ordered two units, one for Bucknell and one to hire out shared with Clungunford Parish Council, suggested cost £150 per month.

Cllr Harding to arrange for a representative from Highways to attend a site meeting re: siting of posts.

Cllr Bailey had received info from David Gradwell re: traffic calming measures in Twitchen to be implemented this financial year.

BOAT1 BY Bush Farm. Cllr N Morgan asked whether it was possible to get this byway downgraded to prevent 4x4 drivers from using it. Cllr Davies replied that the Parish Council had tried to pursue this in the past without success. Clerk to check the status of the byway.

CORRESPONDENCE:

BT payphones. Notification from BT warning that a large scale consultation was to be carried out regarding the potential removal of the service to approximately 135 payphones in the Shropshire area. It was not yet known which phone boxes were concerned. Cllr Lewis had contacted BT and reported that the consultation was running behind time. BT needed the telephone numbers of the payphones in order to access their records.

BT could take out the telephony and leave the box for the use of the parish for eg book exchange. The Parish Council could buy the kiosk for £1 and would be responsible for its maintenance, or BT could remove the kiosk as well.

Footpaths Officer. Cllr Harding had a report from Catherine Lishman that David Hardman from Shropshire Council and five volunteers had repaired/replaced stiles and kissing gates above Gunridge. A report will be put in the Parish Post.

COUNCIL FINANCE:

Account balances were reported as:

Community (current) account	£3,392.52
Business Savings account	£1,321.06
Sports & Recreation account	£3,393.68.

It was agreed unanimously to pay the following:

Ms N Adams (salary July & August)	£406.30
HMRC (PAYE August)	£2.20.

The following payment made between meetings was approved:

HMRC (PAYE July)	£9.20.
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PARISH COUNCIL MANAGEMENT:

New Financial Regulations 2019. These had been circulated to all Parish Councillors. Clerk to identify the changes from the 2016 issue, and this will be discussed next time.

Signing of HMRC cheques in advance. Clerk said that HMRC required PAYE payments by the 19th of each month and requested that a blank cheque payable to HMRC be signed in advance. Clerk would obtain approval from Parish Councillors before issuing the cheque. Agreed.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Fallen tree across the river at Clunton. Cllr Harding reported that the small tree was hanging on the BT cable. The Environmental Agency attended but would not take responsibility until the tree fell into the river. BT had also attended but would not act until the tree was taken down – responsibility of the landowner. The owner of the adjacent house was invited to speak from the floor and said that checks had revealed her property did not extend onto the river bank. Clerk suggested that a tree surgeon be consulted for a quotation to remove the tree at the Parish Council's expense, Cllr Harding to arrange this.

Police and Crime Commission. Information had been received re: Free Smart Water protection under the "We don't buy crime" scheme. Cllr Harding to ask a representative to come and speak to the Parish Council.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 14th November 2019 in Clunbury village hall at 8pm. Cllr Hill to book the hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10.05pm.

JHC/NEA
30.9.19