

Clunbury Parish Council

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 23rd July 2020
At St Mary's Church. Clunton at 2.30pm.**

PRESENT

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

5 members of the public.
Ms N Adams (Parish Clerk)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

As and when required.

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 16.1.20

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

MATTERS ARISING:

Clunton Brook. There were conflicting views about this. The brook regularly flooded into the pub and other properties, mainly because when the river Clun was in spate the brook backed up. Dredging was only partially effective, possibly holding back the flood water further upstream might be a better solution. Site meeting to be arranged with Andrew Keyland from Shropshire Council to discuss the situation.

There were also concerns that the banks were not being kept trimmed and looked very untidy, also when they were trimmed, vegetation was left in the water. Two parishioners had written to the Parish Council regarding this.

Smartwater Initiative. Cllr Hill was in contact with the West Midlands Police Co-ordinator, who had confirmed that the programme would remain open until March 2021. Thirty four people had signed up in Clunbury, 41 in Clunton and 6 in Kempton, this would mean each householder would have to pay £5. An 80% takeup was needed to get the initiative free. Item to be put in the Parish Post.

REPORT FROM CLIMATE ADVISORY GROUP

The proposed circular letter proposed by the Group was discussed at length and amendments discussed. Ms Manda Scott suggested from the floor that she could ask an expert from Edgeton to come and speak to the Parish Council. Cllr Hill asked whether the parish land on the Black Hill could be brought into management for the benefit of wildlife and this will be investigated.

The Climate Advisory Group agreed to redraft the letter for discussion by the Parish Council. After approval, this would be sent to every householder, and included in the Parish Post.

CLUNTON BURIAL GROUND

A trial was taking place to manage this as a hay meadow since it had not received any fertiliser of any kind, probably since the 1800s. Cllr Davies had cut the area with a scythe, and the hay would be removed by a neighbour shortly.

PLANNING

The following applications had been received between meetings:

No. 20/00594/FUL. Extension to rear elevation at Lower House, Clunton. No comment.

No. 20/01552/FUL. Annex at 5 Gunridge, Clunton. No comment.

Application No. 20/02775/TCA. Removal of weeping willow within Clunton Conservation Area at Fold Farm. No objection.

Application No. 20/02740/FUL. Amendments: change of use – detached annex to holiday let at Ashbeds, Clunton Coppice. No objection, but the comment to be made that the Parish Council supported the original application and was unsure why the amendments had been put forward.

Application No. 20/02639/FUL. Access bridge at Clunton Farmhouse. Cllr Davies declared an interest. Site meeting to be arranged.

The following application had been granted:

No. 20/01124/FUL. Agricultural building and installation of 2.4MW ground source heat pump at New House Farm, Kempton.

The following enforcement case had been recorded by Shropshire Council:

Reference: 20/07286/ENF. Alleged breach of Planning Control in relation to the running of a scrap yard from a residential property at Upper House Farm, Clunton.

TO RECEIVE REPORTS:

Shropshire Cllr N Hartin. No report available.

Chairman's report. Nothing to report at present.

EMERGENCY PLANNING:

Recent flooding. Site meeting at Gunridge as above.

ROADS:

Road conditions. Generally in an unacceptable state at present.

Radar speed sign. Being stored in Clungunford parish hall whilst awaiting posts to be installed by Keir.

Dangerous tree at Giles House. Had been removed.

Sign at bottom of Redwood Lane. Cllr Morgan to make a suitable sign.

CORRESPONDENCE:

There was no correspondence nor any emails for discussion.

FINANCES:

Account balances were reported as:

Community (current) account	£4,168.48
Business Premium account	£1,323.20
Sports & Leisure account	£396.23.

It was unanimously agreed to pay the following:

SALC Affiliation fees to 31.3.21	£272.07
N Adams (salary May/June – no PAYE due)	£381.34
N Adams (home office y/e 31.3.20)	£150.00
Shropshire Council (Annual energy charge 2020/21)	£104.76
	(includes £17.46 recoverable VAT)
Shropshire Council (Annual energy charge: remainder of 2020 year)	£36.20
	(includes £6.03 recoverable VAT)
RBL Poppy Appeal (street light poppies)	£23.20.

Donation to Clunbury school.

After discussion to was agreed to donate £150.00 towards the provision of outside shelters.

Accounts to year ended 31.3.20.

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Bailey, seconded by Cllr Hill to approve Sections 1 and 2 of the Annual Governance and Accountability Return. Chairman to sign.

It was further agreed unanimously to approve the Internal Auditor's report. Mrs Wall was thanked for carrying out the audit.

PARISH COUNCIL MANAGEMENT:

Vacancy on the Parish Council.

A vacancy had arisen following the resignation of Cllr Sandra Morgan. The process was en train to appoint a replacement.

Clerk to write to Cllr S Morgan thanking her for her years of service on the Parish Council.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

None.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 17th September 2020, venue to be decided nearer the time.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 4.35pm.

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27.8.20