

CLUNBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 14th May 2015 in Clunton Village Hall

PRESENT

Mr J Croxton (Chairman), Mr I Davies (Vice Chairman), Mrs S Morgan, Mrs P Harding,
Mr D Hill, Mr K Bailey, Mr M Jones, Mr J Hoskins.
6 members of the public

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs S Jones, Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Chairman. Mr Croxton was proposed by Mr Bailey, seconded by Mr Davies and re-elected unanimously.

Vice Chairman. Mr Davies was proposed by Mr Jones, seconded by Mrs Morgan and re-elected unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF CHEQUE SIGNATORIES

Presently Mr Croxton, Mr Hill and Mrs Morgan. Unanimously agreed to reappoint these en bloc.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 19TH MARCH 2015

Acceptance proposed by Mrs Morgan, seconded by Mr Davies, agreed unanimously and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING

Standing Orders/Financial Regulations. Clerk distributed Financial Regulations for reading and comment. Standing Orders were not presently to hand.

Parish land on the Black Hill. Nothing to report at present.

AED unit in Kempton. Mr Hoskins reported that this was still out of order, but it was hoped the Shrewsbury Co-ordinator would be able to help, possibly with a replacement unit. Mr Hoskins also said that more co-ordination between the villages would be advantageous. The access code for the boxes would be given when dialling 999.

Access to Shrewsbury archives. Open Wednesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and every other Saturday. Documents should be requested in advance by email. Details from the Clerk.

Oil and Gas Club. Advert to appear in the Parish Post.

BRIDLEWAY AT ASHBEDS

Mr Sweetman was invited to speak from the floor and gave a resume of the present situation. A Public Inquiry was scheduled for 22nd September in Clunbury village hall and should last two days. Mr Sweetman said this had been going on for 10 years, and asked for the Parish Council's support. This would be discussed in closed session following this meeting.

CLUNTON BURIAL GROUND

Mr Davies and Mrs Harding had been to see Mr Smith at The Villa. Mr Smith's Solicitor had agreed that there was a legal access up the lane and across The Villa land for those wishing to visit the burial ground. Mr Davies felt that the Parish Council had little choice but to open up the access and suggested that a further site meeting be held to ascertain the amount of work involved in opening up the lane and the provision of a hand gate.

Mrs Morgan asked about permission for a headstone on a presently unmarked grave. Mrs Harding to take this up with the PCC. Mrs Morgan to ask Mr Collins if he knew who the unmarked graves belonged to.

REVIEW OF THE PARISH PLAN

Mr Hill reported that a pleasing response of around 70% had been received from the questionnaires. Information was being put on the database. Offers from volunteers would be taken up soon.

PLANNING

Applications Nos. 15/01673/FUL & 15/01674/LBC. Extension and alterations to convert 2 cottages into a single dwelling. No objection.

Church House, Clunton. Amendment to planning application for a single storey extension instead of a two storey extension. No objection.

Stables at Kempton. Mr Hoskins had been contacted by a parishioner who thought that planning permission may be needed. To be investigated.

SOUTH WEST SHROPSHIRE COMMITTEE

No volunteers had come forward to help Mrs Jones and Mrs Harding with the NHS consultation.

ROADS

Street light outside the pub had been repaired promptly.

Purslow crossroads. Nothing to report at present. Chairman to pursue.

Little Brampton crossroads. New white lines were causing some confusion. Chairman to contact Shropshire Highways.

Speed of traffic in Clunton. Mrs Scuffham, who lives at the council houses, was invited to speak from the floor and said that the speed of traffic entering the village from the Craven Arms end was excessive, and asked whether interactive signs could be provided. Mr Bailey said that interactive signs had been requested in Twitchen, but it was not thought this would be possible this financial year. Parish Councils could pay for interactive signs, possibly sharing the cost with neighbouring villages.

Various warning signs were discussed: "concealed entrances", "vehicles emerging", or a bigger 30mph sign. Clerk to contact Mr Glyn Shaw at Highways.

Speed of traffic on B4385 at Kempton has come up in the Parish Plan Review. To be put on the next Agenda.

Clunton Coppice - passing places. Mrs Jones had reported that the Wildlife Trust had agreed in principle to stoning the passing places. Mrs Jones was waiting for a date for a site meeting with Shropshire Council.

CORRESPONDENCE

The Forum senior citizen magazine.
Spotlight magazine: 31 days in May
SpArC theatre leaflet: spring/summer

FINANCES

Account balances were reported as:

Community (current) account	£3,048.15
(This included Precept payment of £3,250.00. Chairman said the rise in Precept was partly due to the loss of £119 Council Tax Support Grant.)	
Business Saver account (including Sports & Leisure a/c)	£6,892.17.

It was unanimously agreed to pay the following:

Mrs N Adams (salary March & April)	£304.16
SALC (subscription)	£224.88
npower (energy charge March qtr)	£79.12.

Insurance:

Quotation from Came & Company/Broker Network	£459.40
Or 3-year agreement, annual payment of	£436.45.
Quotation from AON	£353.08
Or 3-year agreement, annual payment of	£335.43.

It was agreed unanimously to accept the 3-year agreement from AON at £335.43.

Donation request from SpArc. After discussion it was agreed not to support this.

Clerk's computer. Clerk asked for a financial contribution towards the upgrading of her computer. It was agreed that a discussion should take place outwith this meeting.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Twitthen notice board. Mr Cassford from The Shooting Lodge had quoted £60 (free labour) to provide two perspex doors for the notice board at Twitthen. Agreed to ask him to go ahead with this.

Buckingham Palace Garden Party. Mrs Harding would be attending a garden party next week, everyone wished her well.

Mrs Mary (Vin) Jones' funeral. Mrs Jones was a former Councillor. Mrs Morgan would represent the Parish Council.

Fair Trade leaflet. The Chairman said this interesting leaflet detailed the Fair Trade accreditation in the Clun Valley.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 16th July 2015 in Clunbury village hall at 8pm. Mr Hill to book the hall.

CLOSED SESSION

BRIDLEWAY AT ASHBEDS

The Chairman gave a brief resume of the situation, detailing the position of both sides of the argument. Mrs Morgan said her husband used to ride down the track to Clunbury school.

After much discussion it was proposed that the Parish Council was not prepared to express an opinion but was happy to leave the decision to the Public Inquiry. Agreed on a show of hands: 6 in favour, 2 against.

CLUNTON BURIAL GROUND

The site meeting was arranged for Thursday 28th May at the village hall car park, to walk to the burial ground. Mr Davies to inform Mr Smith and any other interested parties.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.55pm.

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