

CLUNBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 19th March 2015 In Kempton Village Hall at 8pm.

PRESENT

Mr J Croxton (Chairman), Mr I Davies (Vice Chairman), Mr J Hoskins, Mrs S Jones, Mr D Hill, Mr M Jones, Mr K Bailey, Mrs S Morgan, Mrs P Harding.
Mr E Jones, Newcastle Oil & Gas Group (NOGG).
5 members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 8.1.15 & MINUTES OF EXTRAORDINARY MEETING HELD 12.1.15

Agreed unanimously and signed by the Chairman as true and accurate records.

MATTERS ARISING

Standing Orders/Financial Regulations. To be circulated soon.

Parish Land on the Black Hill. Mr Bailey said that some of the original charities dated back many years. More information needed from the Clunbury Relief in Need Charity Trustees. To be investigated further.

Fly tipping in Clunton. Had been tidied up a bit.

AED unit in Kempton. It was thought this was up and running. Clerk to check.

Access to Shrewsbury archives. Mrs Jones and the Clerk to send a letter of complaint.

NEWCASTLE OIL & GAS GROUP

Mr E Jones said that this scheme had been in operation for about 4 years. Initially a public meeting was held to gauge interest, 120 people attended and at the present time there were just over 60 members. Membership was free, but other schemes charged approximately £20 per year. Several suppliers were researched, and Howells of Newtown were selected as they allowed members a 1.2p per litre discount. The arrangement was beneficial to both supplier and customers.

The supply of gas would involve working with an agency.

NOGG were currently talking about a similar arrangement for the emptying of septic tanks.

Further information on NOGG was available on the Newcastle Parish Council website.

Following questions from those present, the Chairman thanked Mr Jones, who then left the meeting.

The first step towards a similar scheme in Clunbury parish would be to hold a public meeting. An article could be put in the Parish Post.

REVIEW OF THE PARISH PLAN

Mr Hoskins submitted 3 invoices for expenses which were approved unanimously.

The questionnaire should be out by the end of March, and back in by the end of April, when collating the information could begin.

SOUTH WEST SHROPSHIRE COMMITTEE

NHS reforms. Mrs Jones and Mrs Harding reported on a meeting held in Clun Memorial Hall last week. It was suggested that the main hospital be sited in either Shrewsbury or Telford. This and other proposals were the subject of a consultation this year, after which a report would be produced.

The Chairman had attended a similar meeting with the Patient Participation Group in Bishops Castle. Mr Hill thought there was a PPG in Clun. Mrs Jones suggested that she and Mrs Harding, plus others from the Parish Post form a small group of perhaps 4 or 5 to keep abreast of local NHS matters.

Broadband via mobile phones. It was not known how this would be financed. It was unlikely fibre optic broadband would ever be available. Mr Hoskins said that reception dropped very quickly over short distances. Mrs Jones said that broadband provision was necessary because of medical requirements.

Financial cuts. Particularly in the school's budget. Chairman said this would cause serious problems within the next year.

CLUNTON BURIAL GROUND

Chairman suggested waiting until The Villa had been sold. The present owner had assured the Clerk that the new owner was aware of the situation.

PLANNING

Application No. 14/04381/FUL. Detached dwelling, garage and change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage at Gunridge, Clunton, had been withdrawn.

Appeal re: Land south of B4385 at Twitchen. Stable block, etc. An Appeal had been made regarding the conditions imposed by the planning authority.

ROADS:

Street lights were working satisfactorily.

Pot holes in Gunridge Lane at the entrance to Lyndale Farm and further on up by the bridge, also surface water needed to be drained. Also several pot holes in Kempton Lane.

Purslow crossroads. Chairman to speak to Ian Martin, Highways. This job needed to be finished off and tidied up. Some pub customers parked their cars on the grass verges and this obscured visibility.

Clunton coppice. Road to be closed at the end of the month for road works.

Little Brampton crossroads. More white lines had been painted on the roads, not clear why, Chairman to speak to Ian Martin.

CORRESPONDENCE

“Spotlight” leaflets for March

The Forum magazine for Shropshire older people

Letter and booklet from BT “Adopt a kiosk for as little as £1”. However, it had been reported in the Shropshire Star that Clunbury's and Clunton's phone boxes were no longer under threat of closure.

FINANCE:

Account balances were reported as:

Community (current) account	£869.91
Business saver account (incorporating Sports & Leisure account)	£6,891.38.

It was agreed unanimously to pay the following:

Mrs N Adams (salary: January & February)	£304.16
Mrs N Adams (expenses)	£213.21
Shropshire RCC (parish plan expenses)	£106.80

Clunbury Parish Newsltr Asscn (parish plan expenses)	£167.90
Mr J Hoskins (parish plan expenses)	£23.98
Clunbury village hall (hire for meeting)	£10.00
Crucial Crew (donation)	£70.00
Kempton village hall (hire for meeting)	£20.00.
Citizens Advice Shropshire (donation)	£50.00

SpArc request for donation. It was unclear how financial cuts might affect SpArc. Clerk to write for details re: their future plans, and inform all Parish Councillors.

It was also agreed to pay the following. Mr Davies declared an interest and abstained:
Mr I Davies (burial ground maintenance) £75.00.

Clerk's salary and terms & conditions. Clerk requested the NALC pay rise of 1% backdated to 1st April 2014. Approved.

Allowance for home & computer. This had been unchanged since 1998, Clerk requested an increase. Mr Hoskins suggested buying a computer for Parish Council work. Clerk to investigate.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Clunton coppice – passing places. Mrs Jones asked whether the Parish Council could approach Highways with a view to improving/stoning of unofficial passing places, some of which were old quarries. Chairman said this would have to be agreed with Shropshire Wildlife Trust who owned the coppice. Mrs Jones to make enquiries.

Shropshire Council Community Transport Questionnaire. Mr Hill had completed this on behalf of the Parish Council. There was a perceived need, but it was unclear whether there would be sufficient numbers to make community transport viable.

VE Day celebrations. 8th/9th/10th May. It was proposed to have a celebration tea at Clunbury village hall on the Saturday. Attendance from the Parish Council would be appreciated.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Assembly, followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting and will be held on Thursday 14th May 2015 in Clunton village hall at 7.30pm. Mr Davies to book the hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.