

# Clunbury Parish Council

**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on  
Thursday 17th March 2016 in Kempton Village Hall at 8pm.**

## **PRESENT**

Mr J Croxton (Chairman), Mr I Davies (Vice Chairman), Mrs S Jones, Mrs P Harding,  
Mr M Jones, Mr K Bailey, Mr J Hoskins, Mr D Hill.  
Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.  
Ms J Harvey, Mr S Reynolds.  
One member of the public.  
Mrs N Adams (Parish Clerk).

## **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Mrs S Morgan.

## **MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 14.1.16**

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

## **MATTERS ARISING**

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

**AED unit at Kempton.** Still not in place. Clerk to chase.

**NHS 111 and Out of Hours (OOH) Service.** Mrs Jones said that the official report by the two Speakers at the last Parish Council meeting had said that Councillors were happy with the 111 service. This was not the case, and Mrs Jones had ensured that the Parish Council's concerns were correctly reported. Mrs Jones also said that the Clinical Commissioning Group (CCG) had been stunned by the overwhelming support for Shropdoc, and had agreed to extend the contract by two years to enable Shropdoc to put together the best possible bid when tenders are required in 2018.

**The Big Conversation.** This had been instigated by Shropshire Council to consult on financial cuts. Mrs Jones said that after paying for all essential expenses, there would only be £25m left to cover all other budgets. Council Tax had been increased by 2.99%, but it was likely that in future groups of Parish Councils acting together would have to pay for local services. Clun Parish Council was arranging a joint meeting next month to discuss this.

## **TREE WARDEN/PARISH PATHS PARTNERSHIP ORGANISER**

Mr Reynolds was the retiring P3 Organiser, although he would help keep stiles clear, etc as and when he was able. Any problems should be reported to the Rights of Way Department at Pontesbury, who were very helpful. Mr Reynolds had maps and other paperwork for his successor.

Ms Harvey was more interested in the Tree Warden vacancy, but would liaise with Mr Reynolds regarding the rights of way.

The Chairman thanked Mr Reynolds for taking responsibility for inspecting the footpaths to date, and also thanked Ms Harvey for any work she felt able to do in the parish.

### **REVIEW OF PARISH PLAN**

A much more detailed report was being put together for Parish Councillors and would be sent out by email. A hard copy to be kept in Parish Council files.

Mr Hoskins said there would be one final meeting to formally wind things up.

### **PLANNING**

There were no applications for consideration, nor any decisions to be reported by planning authority.

### **SOUTH WEST SHROPSHIRE LJC**

**NHS Future Fit.** The LJC meeting had been postponed until 14th April, when Mr Malcolm Pate would explain Shropshire Council's budgetary situation.

### **ROADS**

**Street lights.** The light outside the Old Spice Works was out, Clerk to report this.

The light at the Crown crossroads had been repaired, but it may need to be replaced as it failed more often than any of the other lights.

**Road closures.** There had been several road closures recently, however the diversion signage was inadequate and would be confusing to anyone who did not know the area. Clerk to write to Highways about this. One solution might be to lower the road at Broome bridge to allow higher lorries to travel that way.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Details of medal to commemorate HM The Queen's 90th birthday. Chairman to ask the school whether there were any plans for commemorations, or possibly the medals could be given as prizes at the Purslow Show.

### **FINANCE**

**Business Saver accounts balance was reported as:** £6,894.82.

**Community (current) account.** Clerk explained that Barclays required the cheque signatories to authorise transfers between the Parish Council's bank accounts, and tabled a letter to sign and this was done.

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

(To be distributed after the bank transfer was confirmed)

Mrs N Adams (salary Jan & Feb)	£307.20
e.on Energy Solutions (repair of street light opposite pub) (includes VAT of £25.05)	£150.28
Mr A Cassford (materials for repair of Twitchen notice board)	£57.00
SALC (half seminar fee: Audit)	£11.00
Professional Briefings (Parish Plan expenses)(incl. VAT of £50.00)	£300.00.

**Re-establishing Sports & Leisure account.** Nothing to report at present. Chairman asked to be informed when the meeting with Barclays was arranged.

**Clerk's allowance for use of home & computer.** Clerk to circulate more details and decision to be made at the next meeting.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Bridge House, Clunton.** The brook was washing away under the hedge and shed of this property. The householder had tried to remedy this without success. Chairman to telephone Ian Martin at Highways to arrange a site meeting, Lyndale also had had the same problem. The silt from under the bridge had not been cleared out for a few years, this could be significant.

**Sustainability & Transformation Bond.** Mrs Jones said that a joint public meeting was being planned to discuss the problems caused by lack of Shropshire Council and NHS funding. Clerk to forward details when received.

**Clunton burial ground.** Clerk had spoken to Mrs Gerrard, who thanked the Parish Council for opening up the official access, but asked when the overhanging bushes and trees encroaching on some of the graves would be cut back. Mr Davies to put this in hand.

**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 19th May 2016 in Clunton village hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

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