

CLUNBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 13th November 2014 In Kempton Village Hall at 8pm.

PRESENT

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

Mr M Mead, Shropshire Council.

3 members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mrs S Jones.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 18.9.14

Under "Matters Arising: Review of Parish Plan" first sentence to start: "Mr Hill reported . . ."

Under "Roads: BOAT3 above The Cwm" sentence to be added: "Also check BOAT1 after the winter."

Subject to these corrections the Minutes were then approved unanimously and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING:

Website. Nothing to report at present

Review of Standing Orders/Financial Regulations. Clerk said these were not yet ready and hoped to circulate drafts before Christmas.

Parish Land on the Black Hill. It appeared that the Forestry Commission unintentionally planted trees on the original parish land, and gave the Parish Council an equivalent piece of land in lieu. The original land was sited to the left and behind the current land, and was marked with metal posts. Further enquiries to be made. Parish site visit to take place on Sunday 12th October, 2.30pm at Fiddler's Elbow.

Ashbeds right of way. Clerk reported that, due to the objection made to the proposals within the order, Shropshire Council would have to refer the issue to the Planning Inspectorate for determination by an Independent Inspector. There were several other issues taking priority, so this may not be decided for some time.

West Midlands Ambulance Service. Mr Barry McKinnon from WMAS was not able to attend tonight. The promised Press Release had not yet been received from WMAS.

REVIEW OF PARISH PLAN/ANNUAL PLACE PLAN REVIEW/SAMDev

Mr Mead explained the arrangements:

The Parish Plan should be revised after 3 to 5 years. The finished Plan would lead into the Place Plan.

The Place Plan is revised every year. This would allow key issues which have come up during the past year to be given greater priority.

The SAMDev plans for the county should be decided by Christmas. Any site not on the SAMDev plan would not be considered.

Shropshire Committee Transport Policy. Mr Hill tabled the questionnaire with suggested responses, which were discussed and agreed. Mr Hill to send it in as is.

PLANNING

Applications Nos. 14/04403/FUL & 14/04416/LBC. Extensions and other internal and external works at Olde Church House, 18 Clunton, had been received between meetings and a response in support had been returned.

Application No. 14/04310/FUL. Extensions at Hillside, Clunbury, had also been received between meetings and a response in support had been returned.

The above actions were approved by all Councillors present.

There were no decisions to be reported by the planning authority.

SOUTH WEST SHROPSHIRE JOINT COMMITTEE

The Chairman reported on the last meeting, held in October. There had been an interesting talk regarding the future of the NHS in Shropshire. If the A&E Department was sited in Telford, there was a proposal for Urgent Care Centres sited in towns such as Whitchurch and Wem. It would be worthwhile lobbying for a UCC in Bishops Castle.

Broadband/mobile phone signal. Coverage was worse than before the merger of three individual phone companies.

The AGM would be held in March.

Local funding scheme. It was still hoped to have a small grant scheme and to this end Parish Councils were asked for a £100 donation. Mr Mead said they were starting to build up the fund.

CLUNTON BURIAL GROUND

Mrs Jones had spent two more days at Shropshire Archives, with no definitive success, particularly since the staff were reluctant to allow access to documents, quoting the Data Protection Act.

Officials of the Methodist Church were unable or unwilling to find the original Deeds for the burial ground, however the Parish Council has a copy of the Conveyance and a copy of the Land Registry entry, both of which clearly show the legal access as being via the white lane and across the land of The Villa.

Clerk to write to Mr Malcolm Smith stating that the Parish Council had exhausted its enquiries and as far as Councillors were concerned the original and legal access was across his land.

ROADS:

Pot holes. By the fire hydrant near the church, and between the 30mph limit and Quarry Brutches. Also outside nos. 21 & 22 Kempton. Clerk to report these.

Coppice View. Speeding traffic round the corner. This had been referred to Glyn Shaw and interactive signs would be provided for this and Twitchen when funding was available.

Purslow crossroads. Mr Ian Martin had said that the cost of getting BT to move the telegraph pole was prohibitive, and Highways were now considering concreting round the pole and removing the soil around it.

Little Brampton crossroads. Nothing to report at present. Clerk to chase.

Highlands cycle challenge. Email had been received from the organisers stating that the event was fully insured and had been run for 24 years with the full support of the local police. The route was altered every year.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Connecting Shropshire cards re: future broadband.
Spotlight leaflets for November

FINANCE:

Account balances were reported as:

Community (community) account		£1,891.10
Business Base Rate Tracker account		£6,890.52
Of which:		
Parish plan account	£1,000.00	
Parish Council account	£3,580.07	
Sports & Leisure account	£2,310.45.	

It was unanimously agreed to pay the following:

Mrs N Adams (salary Sept & Oct)	£304.16
Mrs N Adams (expenses)	£135.84
Npower (energy charge Sept 14)	£80.89

External Auditor's report. Mazars had commented as follows:

“Except for the matters reported below, on the basis of our review, in our opinion the information in the annual return is in accordance with proper practices and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.”

Mazars commented that some of the Parish Council's assets had not been correctly valued. Clerk to investigate. Because of the low Precept, there was no charge for the external auditor's report.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Fly tipping down by the river in Clunton. This was mainly commercial waste. Mr J Huffer knew who the culprit was, and would ask him to remove it.

AED unit in Kempton. Not working, needed to be reported to the co-ordinator. It was understood the AEDs were tested and serviced regularly.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

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

Members of the public left the meeting at this point.

ADDITIONAL PLANNING

Application No. 14/04381/FUL. Detached dwelling and garage to include change of use of agricultural land to domestic curtilage at Gunridge, Clunton. After discussion it was decided to hold a site meeting on Sunday afternoon at 3 o'clock.

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

JHC/NEA
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