

# Clunbury Parish Council

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

### **PRESENT**

Cllr J Croxton (Chairman), Cllr I Davies (Vice Chairman), Cllr K Bailey, Cllr S Jones, Cllr M Jones, Cllr P Harding.

Two members of the public

Ms N Adams (Parish Clerk)

### **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

Cllr S Morgan, Cllr D Hill, Cllr J Hoskins, Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.

### **DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

As and when required.

### **MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 22.9.16**

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

### **MATTERS ARISING:**

**AED in Kempton.** A new defibrillator is being installed and action is being taken to avoid a recurrence of the problem of water ingress.

**Footbridge behind Chapel House, Clunbury.** To be checked.

**Dog fouling on footpaths on the Black Hill.** Seems to have been resolved and was no longer a problem.

### **PLANNING:**

**Application No. 16/03334/EIA.** Poultry sheds at Hurst Barn. To be discussed at the Planning Committee meeting on 6th December. Two Parish Councillors had visited a broiler shed at Meadow End; the shed had been cleaned out recently and restocked with chicks. It was therefore difficult to judge the impact of the operation on the area.

**Application No. 16/04742/FUL.** Two agricultural buildings at Cwm Farm following demolition of existing buildings. The barns would be bigger than the existing buildings but would be superior in every way to the present arrangements. No objection.

**Application No. 16/04089/FUL.** Single storey extension at 2 Walcot Avenue. No comment.

**Application No. 16/04416/VAR.** Change of use at Lower Coston Farm to allow the occupation of the site by a rural worker employed within the locality. More information needed, Chairman to investigate.

**Application No. 16/04086/FUL.** St Mary's Cottage, Clunton. An application for solar panels and

other works had been turned down recently for visual impact reasons. Cllr Harding to investigate.

### **SOUTH WEST SHROPSHIRE LJC**

The Chairman said there had not been a meeting for some time.

Cllr S Jones reported on the resolution of the Meadows medical practice.

Location of A & E at either Shrewsbury or Telford - decision to be taken in public week commencing 28th November.

Social Care would be a major problem in the future due to insufficient funding. Cllr S Jones to write a piece for the Parish Post.

SpArC seems to be safe for another year, having received funding from Shropshire Council. Long term situation still unclear.

### **ROADS:**

**Pot holes** were being repaired, but not very well.

**Street lights** were all working.

**B4385 at Kempton.** Site meeting had been held with Glyn Shaw from Highways, who had said that the police would not support a speed limit lower than 50mph, which local people considered was too high. Interactive signs would have to be paid for by the village, but these were prohibitively expensive, although local fundraising within the village was a possibility. Cutting back hedges at the junctions would help, Cllr M Jones to speak to the landowners.

**Safe Roads Partnership in Clunton.** Cllr Harding was having no success in getting the police to come and observe the situation. It was suggested that the police could be invited to discuss solutions for all three villages.

**Horse signs at The Cwm.** These had been requested on safety grounds. Cllr S Jones to follow this up.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

Spotlight leaflets for November. Distributed to those present.

Letter from Bishops Castle Town Council + enclosure re: request for provision to be made in the Precept for a grant for SpArC. It was not known how many parishioners made use of this facility and a decision would be made at the January meeting.

Shropshire Hills AONB email + attachments re: proposed formation of an independent Conservation Board, and requesting a letter of support. It was agreed to send this.

Shropshire Council letter + enclosed notice re: Annual Canvass of Householders. Chairman to put this on the notice board.

Email from Shropshire Cllr Hartin re: Broadband. A meeting would be held at Llanfair Waterdine. There was a possibility of a mast on Clunbury hill.

Telephone boxes. BT was again seeking views as to whether pay phones should be removed. Cllr S Jones pointed out that BT was a service provider and the maintenance cost would be quite

small. Letter to be sent from the Parish Council asking that the phones be retained, also pointing out that an incorrect phone box had been listed.

**FINANCE:**

**Account balances were reported as:**

Community (current) account	£1,882.98
Business Premium account	£1,316.26
Sports & Leisure account	£3,580.07.

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

npower (energy charge Sept. qtr)	£69.46
Clunton village hall (hire for meeting)	£12.75
Ms N Adams (salary Sept & Oct)	£327.46
HMRC (PAYE Sept & Oct)	£3.60
E.on Energy Solutions Ltd (street light repair)	£150.28

(included £.25.05 VAT).

**Proposed npower contract.**

Clerk explained that the commitment to a three-year contract would mean the monthly Standing Charge would go down from £22 to £6, and the unit price would go down from 23p to 13.74p based on an estimated consumption of 212.2 units per quarter. It was unanimously agreed to accept the proposed contract.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Three Ashes.** Cllr Bailey said that one of the three ash trees had been felled 2 or 3 weeks ago. He was asked to follow this up and investigate further.

**Tree Warden.** Cllr Davies said that Ms Harvey had decided to give this up and would return all maps, etc to the Parish Council. Piece to be put in the Parish Post thanking Ms Harvey for the work she had done.

**DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 12th January 2017 in Clunton village hall at 8pm. Cllr Davies to book the hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 10pm.

JHC/NEA

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