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Clunbury Parish Council

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**Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 20th May 2021
In Clunbury Village Hall at 7.45pm in accordance with Government Covid-19 guidelines.**

PRESENT

Cllr J Croxton (Chairman), Cllr I Davies (Vice Chairman), Cllr K Bailey, Cllr M Jones, Cllr H Evans, Cllr C Hern, Cllr L Lewis, Cllr J Huffer, Cllr P Harding.

11 members of the public.

Ms N Adams (Parish Clerk).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Shropshire Cllr N Hartin.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

As and when required.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 11.3.21

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

ELECTION OF OFFICERS:

Chairman. Cllr Croxton was proposed by Cllr Davies and seconded by Cllr Bailey. Cllr Croxton said he would need help from other Councillors, especially those living in Clunton because of health problems. Councillors were happy to provide support for the Chairman.

Vice Chairman. Cllr Davies was proposed by Cllr Bailey, seconded by Cllr Lewis and elected unanimously.

APPOINTMENT OF CHEQUE SIGNATORIES

Presently Cllrs Croxton, Davies and Harding. Re-appointed unanimously.

PARISH COUNCIL MANAGEMENT

Acceptance of Office forms and Register of Interests were distributed to all Councillors to be completed and returned to the Clerk. Good Councillors' Guides to be ordered for the new Councillors.

COUNCIL FINANCE:

It was agreed unanimously to pay the following:

Ms N Adams (salary March and April)	£381.34
BHIB (Parish Council insurance 2021-22)	£318.98.

ROADS/STREETSCENE:

Chairman said that Shropshire Council Highways' office in Craven Arms was no longer available and everything had to be reported to Shrewsbury.

Some potholes had been repaired, more had not. The Clunton Coppice lane was particularly bad, Mr Morgan had even done a Highways Report and sent it in.

Clunton flooding – dredging under the bridge may not solve the problem if the Clun is in flood, other preventative measures could be investigated.

BT pole at Purslow. It was still hoped to get this moved. Regular grass cutting would help with visibility.

Twitchen speed limit should be changed in September.

Siting of road speed signs was still under discussion, possibly just within the 30mph limit.

Failed street light outside the Malt House. Clerk said this was a power supply fault and would follow it up.

TOM WALL

The Chairman invited Tom to speak from the floor.

Tom referred to the safety issues in Kempton raised at the March meeting.

Gisele said that the pot holes in Kempton were very bad and had been reported by Cllr Lewis.

Chairman said it was difficult to get in touch with Shropshire Council. Phone calls sometimes eventually got some work done.

Tom suggested that letters be sent and a copy kept as a record.

Clerk said that there was a dedicated website to record Highways issues, but at a recent Clerks' Zoom meeting it was reported that this website was ineffective.

Tom said that a compulsory 40mph limit was needed on the top road at Kempton and that the traffic speed monitoring should be chased. Clerk said that speed monitoring exercises were being deferred until after the lockdown to give a more accurate result.

Road splays onto the B4385 needed to be opened up to improve visibility. Cllr Lewis to approach Richard Bright.

Tom asked that the Parish Council call a meeting of the Clunbury Parish Climate and Ecological Emergency Group, and this was arranged for Tuesday 13th July but was subject to change.

CORRESPONDENCE

None.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Despite considerable interruptions from certain members of the public, the Parish Council's position regarding the following two items remained unchanged, namely:

Clunton Burial Ground

When the Parish Council purchased the burial ground from the Methodist Church in 1994 the legal/official access, as specified by the Methodist Church, was from the white lane across the garden of The Villa (now known as Whimberry House). The plan, taken from an OS Map, attached to HM Land Registry Title Number SL78715* clearly shows this access.

Path from St Mary's Cottage to Gunridge

This path was not put on the Definitive Map in the 1950's for some reason, and so it was a Permissive Path**, albeit well used. An application to have this path added to the Definitive Map, and therefore make it an official Right of Way was made in March 2020 by a group of past and present parishioners. The Parish Council did not have, and indeed had never had, any objection to this application, which was now with Shropshire Council, whose Rights of Way Department would rule on this in due course. The Parish Council was content to accept the Rights of Way Department's ruling on this.

Post meeting note:

*SL78715. A copy can be obtained from the Land Registry. The plan attached thereto is taken from an OS Map.

**The Permissive Path is not shown on the OS Map attached to Land Registry Title Number SL78715.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 15th July 2021 in Kempton village hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.25pm.

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