

# Clunbury Parish Council

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## STATEMENT REGARDING CLUNTON BURIAL GROUND AND PATH FROM ST MARY'S COTTAGE TO GUNRIDGE

### Clunton Burial Ground

Clunbury Parish Council cannot be held to account for anything which occurred prior to 1994.

When the Parish Council purchased the burial ground in June 1994 the legal/official access, as specified by the Methodist Church, was from the white lane across the garden of The Villa (now Whimberry House). This can be clearly seen on the map attached to Land Registry title document SL75715, a copy of which may be obtained from the Land Registry.

Clunbury Parish Council's only concern has been, and remains, to maintain the official/legal access to the burial ground for those having business there.

### 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 does not have, and indeed has never had, any objection to this application, which is now with Shropshire Council, whose Rights of Way Department will rule on this in due course. The Parish Council is content to accept the Rights of Way Department's ruling on this.

This path does not appear on the map attached to Land Registry title document SL75715. Parish Councils have no legal duty regarding footpaths, and the Rights of Way Department should be contacted direct.

### Hay Meadow Trial

As owner of the burial ground, the Parish Council decided to carry out this trial after consultation with the Clunbury Climate Emergency Group. This involves delaying the first cut until the end of July to allow the wildflowers to seed, thereafter the burial ground will be kept mown. Access paths will be maintained during the trial. As with any graveyard, family members have the right to maintain their graves, although plastic flowers and vases, etc are discouraged.

HAVING REGARD TO THE ABOVE, NO FURTHER CORRESPONDENCE OR DISCUSSION WILL BE ENTERED INTO.

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