

SECOND DRAFT

Clunbury Parish Council

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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 15th July 2021
In Kempton Village Hall at 7.45pm.**

PRESENT:

Cllr J Croxton (Chairman), Cllr I Davies (Vice Chairman), Cllr M Jones, Cllr J Huffer, Cllr L Lewis, Cllr C Hern,
Cllr K Bailey, Cllr H Evans, Cllr P Harding.
Shropshire Cllr N Hartin.
9 members of the public.
Ms N Adams (Parish Clerk).

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting but cautioned that if there was a repeat of the disruption of the previous meeting, he would have no hesitation in closing this meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

As and when required.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 20.5.21

The Minutes had already been approved out of committee, and were formally accepted on a show of hands, and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE CLLR HARTIN

See his written report, copy appended to these Minutes.

COUNCIL FINANCE:

Account balances were reported as:

Community (current) account	£6,401.96
Business Savings account	£1,323.47
Sports & Leisure account	£396.31.

It was agreed unanimously to pay the following:

Ms N Adams (salary May and June)	£381.34
SALC (Affiliation fee)	£254.52
SALC (Good Councillors' Guides)	£6.80.

PLANNING:

Application No. 21/02725/REM. Reserved matters for proposed dwelling west of Hawthorn Cottage, 4 Beambridge.
No objection.

Application No. 21/01701/LBC. Internal alterations at Purslow Hall had been granted.

REPORT FROM TOM WALL:

Climate and Ecological Emergency Action Group. The decision had been taken to engage in practical activities rather than take part in more meetings, starting with "Balsam bashing" by the river.

The Climate group had also referred the matter of possibly providing electric charging points at the village halls. The Chairman pointed out that this could have some financial implications.

The Climate and Ecological Emergency Action Group would appear on future Parish Council Agendas.

ROADS/STREETSCENE:

Speed sign. Cllr Bailey had spoken to Clungunford Parish Council and was told that the speed sign was still in their parish hall awaiting the posts to be installed by Shropshire Council. Sites in Clunbury parish needed to be reviewed and Cllr Hartin informed, who would then pursue this with Shropshire Council.

Failed street light outside The Malt House. Clerk had reported this to Western Power who said this should be repaired within 25 days. Cllr Harding to monitor the situation.

Flooding in Clunton. The Chairman said that the area under the bridge was due to be dredged shortly. The whole of the brook banks were overgrown. There was also an issue in Gunridge Lane, and problems with land drainage. Cllr Hartin said this was impacted by the reduction in the hedging and ditching budget, but would pursue these matters with Shropshire Council.

Grass cutting. Purslow crossroads and Kempton (access by the old shop). Both junctions were now dangerous owing to poor visibility. Clerk to report these to Shropshire Council.

Removal of BT pole at Purslow. Nothing to report at present.

CORRESPONDENCE:

The Clerk explained that all correspondence received between meetings had already been dealt with and brought to Parish Cllrs' attention. There was nothing further which required the Parish Council's attention.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Mental health. Cllr Bailey said the Sane helpline was 0300 304 7000, and asked that this be put on the website. The Clinical Commissioning Groups (CCGs) were to be disbanded and would be part an integrated care system.

Speed limit on Kempton top road. Cllr Lewis was in contact with David Bradwell at Shropshire Council about this. She had also spoken to Richard Bright regarding widening the splay onto the top road. Richard wanted to wait and see the result of the speed check and was not in favour of removing the hedge at present. Cllr Lewis would speak to the landowner on the other side of the splay.

Speed limit signs in Twitchen. Cllr Bailey reported the proposed changes to the positions of the 30mph signs.

Rivers in Shropshire. The Chairman said that it had been reported by the media that the rivers Wye, Lugg and Clun were the most polluted in the UK. This had been traditionally blamed on farmers, although the Clun sewage plant had had little done to it for some years. The Environment Agency didn't seem to want to do anything

OPEN DISCUSSION:

Mrs Morris-Jones (Corvedale) asked whether the Parish Council complied with the Nolan Principles and the Code of Conduct. The Chairman said he would allow this to be investigated.

Mr Gerrard (Llanbadarn Fynydd) expressed his anger that the Clerk had declined to answer his very lengthy and enraged email and insisted that his late mother had been badly treated by the Parish Council. The Vice Chairman replied that Mrs Gerrard had always been treated with great respect.

Path to the west of the burial ground. Cllr Davies pointed out that there was no access gate specified by the chapel authorities on the west side of the burial ground when the Parish Council purchased the burial ground in 1994. Cllr Hartin said that if the application to have this path added to the Definitive Map had not been dealt with within 12 months of its receipt, an Appeal could be made to the Secretary of State requiring Shropshire Council to decide on the matter.

The meeting became rowdy on several occasions during this Open Meeting and the Vice Chairman was obliged to strike the table in front of him to restore order.

Tom Wall brought the Chairman's attention to Nick Morgan's email sent just after the last meeting. The Chairman said he would speak to Nick.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

To be advised.

The Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20pm.

JHC/NEA
30.7.21

Date of next meeting

Scheduled for Thursday 23rd September 2021 in Clunton village hall at 7.45pm.