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**Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 23rd September 2021**

**In Clunton Village Hall at 7.45pm**

**PRESENT**

Cllr J Croxton (Chairman), Cllr I Davies (Vice Chairman), Cllr P Harding, Cllr M Jones, Cllr J Huffer, Cllr C Hern,

Cllr K Bailey, Cllr L Lewis, Cllr H Evans.

Shropshire Cllr N Hartin.

9 members of the public.

Ms N Adams (Parish Clerk)

Mr A Wilson (SOS – Save Our Shropshire)

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and introduced Mr Wilson, who was our Speaker.

**PRESENTATION RE: CLIMATE CHANGE AND THE COUNCIL’S ROLE IN THE COMMUNITY**

Mr Wilson gave an illustrated talk on the changing climate and how Parish Councils could take the lead in mitigating the outcome locally.

There followed a question and answer session during which Mr Wilson acknowledged that Clunbury’s main activity was farming, which was not easy to change.

Tom Wall tabled his Climate Change report, which had been circulated to all Councillors, and gave a brief verbal report of its contents.

Clun’s Climate and Environment Group had held a well-attended event on Sunday 19th September which had covered all aspects of climate change and how this could be mitigated.

Clarion, a ten-foot high inflatable polar bear (with attendants) had left Bishops Castle on Sunday en route to the COP26 conference in Glasgow to draw attention to climate change.

Cllr Davies thanked Mr Wilson for his informative talk, which had given the Parish Council food for thought.

The Chairman then suspended the meeting to allow Mr and Mrs Wilson time to pack their equipment and leave the meeting.

**APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

None.

**DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

As and when required

**MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 15.7.21**

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 FINANCES:**

**Account balances were reported as:**

Community (current) account £5,759.30

Business Savings account £1,323.47

Sports & Leisure account £396.31.

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

Shropshire Council (energy charge) £98.29

(included £16.38 recoverable VAT)

Ms N Adams (salaries July/August) £381.34

Clunbury village hall (hire for meeting 20.5.21) £12.00

S Marlow (refund for website domain expense) £13.00.

**PLANNING:**

**Application No. 21/03566/FUL.** Rear and side extensions at Honeysuckle Cottage, 9 Clunton, had been received between meetings and a response of no objection made.

**Application No. 21/03932/FUL.** Side extension at 2 Llanbrook, Clunton. Supported.

**Planning Enforcement No. 21/08139/ENF.** Alleged breach of Planning Control in relation to building works at 1 Little Brampton. No details available.

**Application No. 21/02725/REM.** Approval of reserved matters at Hawthorn Cottage, 4 Beambridge, had been granted.

**ROADS/STREETSCENE:**

**Street lights.** The supply fault to the light outside The Malt House had been repaired by Western Power at no cost to the Parish Council. All lights were now in working order. Chairman asked whether the on/off timings needed to be adjusted for the winter months.

**Speed signs. (a) Posts for signs.** No information regarding installation. **(b) Traffic counters at Kempton.** Had been in place for a week. Cllr Lewis wondered whether the counters could provide any information on traffic movements at the time of the recent fatal road accident.

**Clunton. (a) Dredging under bridge.** This work did not start as promised on 11th August. It was essential that the dredging was completed before the winter in order to prevent flooding of adjacent properties. The Parish Council and Shropshire Cllr Hartin were putting great pressure on Shropshire Council regarding this matter.

**(b) Road conditions – Gunridge Lane.** It was understood that patching work was to be done, but Cllrs were of the opinion that a full resurface was required.

**BT pole at Purslow.** Nothing to report at present

**CORRESPONDENCE:**

Email from John Campion, Police and Crime Commissioner enclosing draft Safer West Mercia Plan for consultation with communities and partners across West Mercia. Clerk had forwarded this to all Parish Councillors for reply should they wish. The consultation was open until 1st November.

**PARISH COUNCIL MANAGEMENT:**

**Local Government Association Model Councillor Code of Conduct 2020.** It was agreed unanimously on a show of hands to adopt this code.

**Vexatious Procedure.** It was agreed unanimously on a show of hands to adopt this procedure.

**ANY OTHER BUSINESS:**

**Smart Water.** This project had been started before the pandemic but was forced to stop by the lockdown. Enquiries to be made to establish whether this could still be accessed.

**OPEN DISCUSSION:**

**Ms Morris-Jones (non-parishioner)** asked why the Clerk’s personal email address was still shown on Shropshire Council’s website, rather than the Clunbury Parish Council’s email address, ie [clerk.clunbury@gmail.com](mailto:clerk.clunbury@gmail.com).

The Clerk’s previous address had inadequate broadband and the gmail account could not be operated. The Clerk now lived in an area with fibre broadband and the gmail account was fully operational. The Clerk said she had tried several times to correct her contact information with Shropshire Council, obviously this had not been done, but would ensure that it was corrected as soon as possible.

**Ms Morris-Jones** also said she had made a complaint to Shropshire Council about the Parish Council and the Clerk. Chairman confirmed that no complaint had been received, but when it was, it would be dealt with.

**Tom Wall** mentioned the SALC online event: Sustainability and Climate Change – Adaption Measures for your Council to be held 28th October. Cllr Harding was booked onto this course, and Tom was of the opinion that another Parish Councillor should attend, failing that he or another member of the Clunbury Climate and Ecological Group would attend.

**DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

To be advised.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm

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7.10.21