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Clunbury Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 19th January 2023
In Kempton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Cllr J Croxton (Chairman), Cllr I Davies (Vice Chairman), Cllr M Jones, Cllr L Lewis, Cllr P Harding, Cllr H Price, Cllr C Hern, Cllr K Bailey, Cllr J Huffer.
Mr T Wall, Climate and Environment Group.
4 members of the public
Ms N Adams (Parish Clerk).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

As and when required.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 22.9.22

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

REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE CLLR HARTIN

Not available.

COUNCIL FINANCE:

(a) Account balances were reported as:

Community (current) account	£6,183.27
Business Premium account	£1,324.81
Sports & Recreation account	£396.49.

(b) It was unanimously agreed to pay the following:

Ms N Adams (salary Sept/Oct/Nov/Dec)	£762.68
I Davies (burial ground maintenance)	£100.00
Clunbury Village Hall (hire for mtg 22.9.22)	£12.00
Shropshire Council (Election costs)	£757.00.

(c) Precept 2023/24. The Clerk had circulated a financial forecast document, and after discussion it was unanimously agreed to request a Precept of £5,500.00, which was unchanged from the present year.

CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Tom Wall gave a report, copy of which is attached to these Minutes.

'On Whinberry Hill'. The verbal quotation made by Phil Hamer was accepted in principle, but a formal offer was needed.

T Wall was authorised to work up a possible application to 'Farming in Protected Landscapes'.
Agreed that the Chairman should write to Forestry England but the draft needed 'softening'.

Green Landscape Plan. Agreed that the Chairman should write to the landowners in respect of the proposal to fill the gaps in the oak avenue along the B4385 to Kempton – a draft letter and ownership list had been provided but the Chairman wished to check as to ownerships before sending out the letters.

PLANNING:

Application No. 22/05151/FUL. Conversion of barn to two dwellings at Purslow Farm. Chairman declared an interest, but explained the proposals in detail. After discussion it was agreed to make no comment.

There were no decisions to be reported by planning authority.

ROADS/STREETSCENE:

Clunton bridge. Chairman reported that this had been dredged out, including under the bridge, and had made a good job of it. The bridge at Gunridge needed dredging work also. Chairman to follow this up and also ask that Shropshire Council trim the banks of the brook at the same time as they cut the verges.

Clunbury bridge. Some of the capping stones had become dislodged and were in the river. Chairman to chase this up also.

Road repairs. Shropshire Council had planned to spray tar the road from Purslow to Three Ashes. Chairman said that Gunridge Lane was in a very bad condition. Chairman to pursue this with Shropshire Council.

Speed signs. The interactive sign at Twitchen was still not working. The 40mph buffers were to go in. Chairman to ask Hopesay Parish Council for details of their signs in Aston on Clun. It was understood they had a grant from the Police and Crime Commissioner.

Road mirror on Kempton top road. Cllr Lewis had reported this three times, this to be kept on the Agenda. Also splays onto the top road.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Email request for donation towards SpArC Centre in Bishops Castle. After discussion it was agreed to donate £100.00.

Email from Mrs Hodgkinson asking for information about her grandparents who used to live in Clunbury. Chairman and Cllr Jones to reply.

PARISH COUNCIL MANAGEMENT:

Banking arrangements. Clerk was making enquiries about other Banks and would report back in due course.

Smart Water. Mrs Freeman would leaflet all houses in Clunbury to assess the take up. It needed to be established whether a village was eligible, or a parish, to qualify for the discount from the Police.

Dog fouling. There were 127 people and 33 dogs in Clunbury. The majority of dog owners were responsible, a small minority were inconsiderate. Mrs Freeman had produced signs, and suggested that rolls of dog waste bags be cable-tied to suitable posts around the village.

Coronation 6th May 2023. After discussion, Cllr Lewis offered to find out if the school was planning anything. It was thought that Clunton village hall wanted to mark the occasion.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

Parish Website. Clerk had been unable to get anything uploaded onto the Parish Post website as all emails had bounced back owing to full Inboxes. After discussion, Clerk said there was still money outstanding from the Transparency Grant Fund, which was specifically to create websites, etc and for ongoing maintenance. A Parish Post meeting would be held tomorrow, at which it was hoped to progress improvements to the website.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

Thursday 16th March 2023 in Clunton village hall at 7.30pm.

OPEN DISCUSSION

None.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9pm.

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