

CLUNBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 23 July 2009

PRESENT

Mr H Collins (Chairman), Mr J Croxton (Vice Chairman), Mrs P Marsh,
Mr I Davies, Mr K Bailey, Mrs S Morgan, Mr S Seabury, Mr J Hoskins,
Mr M Jones, Shropshire Councillor N Hartin .
3 members of the public.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

MINUTES OF ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 28.5.09

Under "Parish Plan" first sentence to end: ". . . text for the draft had been decided upon." Third sentence to begin: "The facts gathered . . .".

Subject to these corrections the Minutes were agreed unanimously and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING

Bridleway at Ashbeds. Nothing to report at present.

BOAT1 at Cwm Lane Cottage. Nothing to report at present.

Burial Ground Maintenance. Mr Davies declared a personal interest. The Parish Council presently paid £60 per annum for maintenance of the burial ground. After discussion it was decided to increase this to £75 per annum. Mr Davies abstained.

Local Joint Committee. Mr Hartin and Mr Croxton reported that the LJC had £20,000 community grant scheme for grants of up to £500. A further £29,000 was available for match funding.

De-registration of local Bus Routes. Mr Hartin reported on a meeting held last night and said that a local operator was interested in the Bishops Castle-Telford route and the Bishops Castle-Clun-Newtown route. A decision was expected tomorrow.

Clunbury Bridge. Mr Hartin said there was a problem with the coping stones but work was ongoing.

CLUNBURY MAINS DRAINAGE

Mr Croxton reported that the scheme had now started and was ongoing. Severn Trent had agreed to finish the road works before the school reopened after the summer holidays. Some letters re: connection charges had been sent out.

PARISH PLAN

Mr Hoskins reported that the final draft of text had been agreed, the expected launch of the Plan was now the autumn. The Parish Council would be shown the draft document in early September.

An accurate plan of the parish would be needed, and rather than pay £70 for an

Ordnance Survey licence, it was possible to use the licence held by Shropshire Council. Mr Hoskins requested authorisation to sign a “contractors licence” on behalf of the Parish Council. Agreed.

PLANNING

There were no applications for consideration.

Clerk to write to the Planning Authority to ensure that all applications relating to this parish continued to be sent to the Parish Council.

Application No. 09/00694/TCA Tree works at Mill House, Clunbury, had been granted.

FINANCE

Account balances were reported as:

Community account	£3,396.00
Business Premium account	£3,704.65
Business Reserve Sports & Leisure account	£3,574.25.

It was unanimously agreed to pay the following:

Npower (energy charge June 09 qtr)	£51.01
Mrs N Adams (salary/home & comp/exps June 09 qtr)	£346.51
Mr A Coull (Clunton notice board)	£432.58.

CORRESPONDENCE

Shropshire Council letter re: Helicopter Noise Liaison Groups. Councillors generally considered there was no problem with noise from any type of aircraft, and accepted that aircrew had to practise somewhere.

Shrops Council letter re: Speed Management Strategy - Consultation on Vehicle Activated Signs Policy. Comments required by 30.9.09.

Two copies of Shrops Council letter + enclosed Independent Policy Commission into Primary School Organisation. To Mr Croxton and Mrs Marsh.

Shropshire Hills AONB Management Plan 2009-2014. To Mrs Morgan.

ROADS

Street lights were all working correctly.

Hedge at Twitchen. Mr Bailey had received two complaints from lorry drivers who had wing mirrors broken by overhanging branches. Mr Hartin said it was the responsibility of the landowner to cut back roadside hedges. Mr Bailey to establish the identities of those responsible and inform the Clerk, who would write to them.

Pot Holes. Clerk to report pot holes in Redwood lane, Cwm Lane and by Cwm Hall.

Clunbury Speed Limit. Mr Hoskins said that the general feeling of parishioners was that signage/speed bumps, etc were inappropriate, possibly flashing signs would be effective. It was considered that 30mph was too fast through Clunbury village, Mr Hartin said that 20mph advisory signs could be installed but would have no legal

authorisation. A site meeting with Shropshire Council had been arranged for 4 August at 9.30am, Mr Croxton and Mr Bailey would represent the Parish Council.

Purslow Crossroads. Clerk to check whether the Highways Maintenance Contract could fund trimming the vegetation. Mr Croxton suggested that when Shropshire Council cut the grass in May each year, they could also cut the hedge. Farmers were not allowed to cut hedges until 1 August.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Clunton Brook. Mrs Sallie Pittam was invited to speak from the floor and said that residents who live along the brook paid to get the verge trimmed, but the vegetation was filling up the bed of the stream. It needed to be dredged out, and the silt taken away to avoid it being washed back into the brook. Clerk to write to Mr Gavin Wong, County Drainage Engineer, copy to Mr Hartin, re: this, and also the exit of the brook into the River Clun.

Village Committee. Mr Davies tabled a cheque for £385.16, being the money previously held by the Clunton Village Hall Committee. This would be ring fenced in the Parish Council's bank account.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 24 September 2009 in Clunbury Village Hall at 8pm. Mrs Marsh to book the hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

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