

CLUNBURY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on
Thursday 3 December 2009

PRESENT

Mr H Collins (Chairman), Mr J Hoskins, Mr K Bailey, Mrs P Marsh, Mr M Jones,
Mr I Davies, Mrs S Morgan.

4 members of the public.

OPEN DISCUSSION

Mrs Shepherdson informed the Parish Council about the Tree Initiative from Shropshire Council, which included a community tree scheme. These were available free for projects which had some public or wildlife benefit. Mrs Shepherdson offered to pass on names to Shropshire Council (tel: 01588 660309). Mr R Bright also to be informed.

Mr and Mrs Dalton offered their congratulations to those involved with the creation of the Parish Plan.

Mr Dalton asked about the provision of burial spaces in the parish and suggested there may be a lack of capacity. Mrs Morgan said that part of the churchyard in Clunbury could be reused. Mr Bailey and Mrs Marsh to raise this point at the next PCC meeting.

Road bridge at Beambridge. Damage had been caused by a culvert not being adequate to cope with flood water, with cars not being able to get through. Mr Dalton had been in touch with the Highways Department on this subject since January 2008. Various actions had been promised by Shropshire Highways, but nothing had been done. Cleaning out the ditches and culvert may help, but the most effective solution could be to replace the culvert with a large pipe. Mr Gavin Wong, Road Drainage, to be contacted re: this. Mr Dalton to pursue this problem, and keep the Parish Council informed.

Beambridge bridge on the road from Aston on Clun had caused difficulties with large vehicles. One solution would be to put a weight limit on the bridge, or put up a No Through Road sign. Mr J M Williams at Shropshire Council to be contacted.

The Chairman then closed the Open Meeting.

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr J Croxton (Vice Chairman), Mr S Seabury, Shropshire Councillor N Hartin.

MINUTES OF MEETING HELD 24.9.09

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.

Clerk to chase the above two items.

Local Joint Committee. No report available.

Clunton Brook. Nothing to report at present. Clerk to chase.

CLUNBURY MAINS DRAINAGE

All the roads were now open and the school garden was being excavated. The drains were being checked with cameras.

PARISH PLAN

Mr Hoskins reported that all paperwork, raw data, spare copies, etc, would now be handed over to the Parish Council for storage.

Some actions were required by the Parish Council. Generally it was thought that better communications were required in the parish.

A Parish Newsletter, to be delivered to every house, was being investigated, to include information from the Parish Council. It was suggested that bullet points from Parish Council meetings be put on the notice boards.

“Parish Plan” to remain on the Agenda for the time being.

PLANNING

The following applications were received between meetings and a comment of No Objection returned in each case:

Application No. 09/02594/FUL Extension, etc at The Green, Clunton.

Application No. 09/02718/FUL Conservatory at The Meadows, Clunton Coppice.

Application No. 09/03010/FUL Extension and canopy at Clunbury School.

Application No. 09/02960/FUL Extension, etc at Quarry Brutches.

These actions were approved by all Parish Councillors present.

Application No. 09/02010/FUL Alterations and extension at Ford Cottage, Kempton, had been granted.

FINANCE

Account balances were reported as:

Community account	£2,695.81
Business Premium account	£3,705.11
High Interest Sports & Leisure account	£3,574.68.

Annual Return had been received back from the External Auditor with the following comment:

“On the basis of our review, in our opinion the information contained in the annual return is in accordance with the Audit Commission’s requirements and no matters have come to our attention giving cause for concern that relevant legislation and regulatory requirements have not been met.”

The only adverse comment was “The Council failed to submit the Annual Return and supporting information for audit by the date requested.”

It was unanimously agreed to pay the following:

Npower (energy charge Sept qtr)	£51.59
Mazars (audit fee)	£138.00
Clunton Village Hall (hire)	£5.00.

CORRESPONDENCE

Shropshire Council letter re: Speed Limit Policies. To Mr Hoskins.
Shrops Council letter re: Community Tree Scheme. To Mr R Bright.
Shrops Council letter + enclosures re: Diversions. To Mrs Marsh.
Shrops Council letter re: Maintaining High Quality Education Provision – Managing the Local Context. To Mrs Marsh.
Shrops Council letter from Ms Lois Dale re: Rural Community Engagement, specifically stating that Shropshire Council would object to the removal of telephony at all the red kiosks in the Adopt a Kiosk programme unless parishes decided otherwise.
Land Registry letter + enclosure re: voluntary registration of Parish Council land.
Shrops Council letter re: Environmental Maintenance – Street Cleaning Survey. To Mrs Marsh.
Two Shropshire Partnership letters. To Mr Croxton.
Shropshire Hills AONB Review of 2008-9. To Mr Bailey.
Letters from West Shropshire Talking Newspaper and Hope House Children’s Hospices both requesting a donation. After discussion it was decided to donate £25 to each charity.
Letter from Mr Malcolm Redgrave re: work needed on the War Memorial. It was decided to obtain quotations for this.

ROADS

Various potholes around the parish – to be reported by Clerk.
Street light outside Orchard House had failed, Clerk to report this.
Letter from Shropshire Council re: speed checks in Clunbury. Enquiries to be made about a 20mph limit at the school. Mrs Marsh to find out details of the school travel plan.
Purslow Crossroads. Nothing to report at present.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 21 January 2010 in Clunton Village Hall at 8pm. The Precept will be decided at the meeting. Mr Davies to book the hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.