Mead to come and explain more fully the role of Place Plans. **Roads:** No problems reported. An interactive sign in Twitchen and a mirror at Three Ashes have been put on Shropshire Council's list and will be implemented when funds are available. The Clunton exit hazard has not been resolved. Cllr Hill wondered if a mirror would help. He suggested that, if the new building in Clunton brought some 'CIL money' in to the Council, it could be used for this purpose.

The question of the Purslow crossroads was raised. Coming from the Kempton direction, the visibility to the left is still very poor. The works were interrupted, waiting for the pole to be moved. Nothing has happened since. The Clerk is to enquire when the works might be resumed.

A member of the public pointed out the need for repair of Dark Lane at Cwm, an ancient ridgeway which has been eroded and damaged to the point of being unsafe. The Clerk is to write to Shropshire Council on this subject.

Finance: Community A/c: £2,383.27; Business Saver: £6,889.60 (including the £1,000 grant for the Parish Plan Review). Expenses: Clerk's salary for July & August: £304.16; Shopshire Council election money: £100; npower: £80.01.

AOB: the Clerk is to request a talk from the Ambulance Service.

Next meeting: 13 November at Clunton Village Hall, 8pm. *Gisèle Wall*

Fundraising at Obley
Marie Curie Daffodil Appeal

Bobbie and Pam wish to thank people for their support Our table sale of plants, jams etc all at 50p

Raised £51

Scoop the Poop

Dog fouling is on the increase again in Clunbury especially on the lane leading past the school up Clunbury Hill. This lane is used by children walking to and from school and also as part of the school cross country run. Please be a responsible dog owner, don't let dogs roam alone and when out on walks pick up what your dog drops and take it home.

South West Shropshire Gardening Club

Following our very successful August Show, our next event is:
"Old Plant, New Plant, who cares!"

Wednesday 22 October

This talk by Linda Eggins is highly likely to broaden our horizons in several ways. Forty years ago, Linda did not realise that the planting scheme for her new garden would lead her to Japan and to eventually winning one of The Royal Horticultural Society's most prestigious awards. The backbone of her half acre garden contains broad-leaved evergreens in a scheme designed for all year interest. In 1995 the Aucubas (Japanese Laurels) were granted National Collection status and through extensive research in Japan Linda has become an expert of international repute with a particular interest in plant conservation. Her own garden in Stourbridge is also described as a family one, including fruit, vegetables and bantams!

Linda's talk takes place on Wednesday 22 October at 7.30pm in Lydbury North Village Hall. It is free to members of South West Shropshire Gardening Club; visitors are also welcome at £3 per person including refreshments.

Angela Salmon

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Return of the B*iron*ic Man

The contents of Ron Mold's old forge at Kempton were sold at an auction in 2007, where Mr & Mrs Fletcher from Clungunford bought, as a job lot, a mixed bag of hand tools and scrap metal, with a view to having them turned into a sculpture. They met an Italian sculptor on the train (Mark Vaaria), got chatting, commissioned him to create 'a farmer', modelled on a local farmer called George, and paid him up-front. However the Gypsy encampment where the sculptor lived had become so attached to their 'George' that they were very reluctant to hand him back. But Mr & Mrs Fletcher liked him too - and they had paid for him! So eventually they took 'George' back to their smallholding. He lived there quite happily for some time, but recently they decided to downsize and move to Yorkshire, making 'George' homeless.

Regretfully, they entered George as a lot in the next farm sale. The news reached Kempton and the new owners of the forge, Lyn and Gary, thought that, if they could afford it, they would love to see the vestiges of the old forge back where they belonged, albeit in a different guise and for a different purpose. So, at the end of August, they went, with some trepidation, to the sale. There was another bidder, but after a few minutes of nail-biting head to head, Gary was able to seal the deal, albeit at his 'top whack' price.

George now cuts a fine figure in the yard of the Old Forge. Mr and Mrs Fletcher didn't recoup their outlay, but are delighted to know that their George has gone back to his birthplace. So are we! Welcome home 'George', the farmer and B*iron*ic Man. *Gisèle Wall*

Thank You!

I'm sure you will be delighted to know that the total fund raised for my birthday sky-dive, for the Mozambique Mahaque Well Project, was £2,889.54.

Thank you so much - and it was great fun!

'Jumping Jean' Seckington

Colonel Raymond Savill
1921 - September 2014

We are sad to report the sudden death of Raymond Savill of Beambridge. The funeral will be on Friday 3 October at 1.30pm at St Swithin's, Clunbury. An appreciation of his life and contribution to Clunbury Parish will follow next month.

Please send your contributions by the 20th of each month

Clunton Scrumpers

juicing on Sat 4 Oct
9am onwards
Please book a time
660309/660120
Up to 4 buckets of apples per person
Wax cartons/bottles for sale
Pasteurising service
Refreshments available

St Swithin's Church, Clunbury
Harvest Festival and Supper
Friday 17 October, 7pm
Service in church
Followed by
Ploughman's Supper
in the Village Hall
from 7.30pm onwards
Pay at the door: £6, £3 children under 14
Please bring your own drinks
All welcome

CLAC@CLUN

Food parcels are being given out every week. Can you help to replenish the following low stock :

Washing powder, tinned cat food, kitchen rolls, gravy granules, bottles of squash or cartons of juice, wrapped biscuits eg KitKat, Mars Bars or high energy bars and finally jam – preferably not homemade (lovely as it is!) as they do not have a Best Before Date. Many thanks.

Collection boxes are located at Clunbury and Clunton churches.

Clunbury 100 club results

1. Marianne Jones £20
2. Camilla Holland £15
3. Ken & Lorna Goodwin £10
4. Raymond Savill £5
5. Ron Cornes £3

Clunbury Village Hall
Games Night

Saturday 25 October from 7pm

Free entrance – Fun for all ages

Table Tennis, Darts, Dominoes, Cards, Table Games

Tea and coffee available or bring your own drinks

Tools For Self Reliance – South Shropshire and Borders

Recently, members of TFSR presented long service certificates to fellow members, including Nick Downes, Parish Post Treasurer. The group works to re-furbish tools which are then sent, via Head Office in Netley Marsh, to Africa. If you have any old hand tools and/or a few spare moments to help, contact Dave Thomlinson on 640550.

Left to right: Tim Wallace (20 years service), Stephen Wallace (20 years service), Dave Thomlinson, Diggory Kempton (15 years service), Nick Downes (10 years service).

Parish Council Meeting Report 18 September 2014

All councillors present + Shropshire Cllr Hartin

Parish Plan Review: Due to delays in the summer, the questionnaire is not quite finalised, but should be soon. The Clerk advised the councillors that there was some money left over from the first Parish Plan, on top of the £1,000 grant allocated by the Council this year.

Website: The Parish Council uses the Parish Post Website: www.theparishpost.org.uk.

Review of Standing Orders/Financial Regulations: the Clerk is still working these out, with a view to distributing the details to councillors.

Parish Land at the Black Hill: An outing to the Black Hill will take place on Sunday 12 October at 2.30pm. Meet at Fiddler's Elbow.

Clunton Pub Business Rates: No new development. More enquiries needed.

Ashbeds right of way: An objection to Shropshire Council's proposition to (re)-establish the right of way has been raised. The Chairman expressed the opinion that the matter was now in the hands of Shropshire Council, and there probably would be another enquiry. Cllr S Jones suggested that the Parish Council should take a view on it. The Chair asked the Clerk to find out the legal position from the Council.

Burial Ground: The owner of the property with the contested right of way has put the property on the market. It is essential that the Parish Council has sight of the deeds to know the legal position of the Parish Council. Cllr S Jones and the Clerk will go and have a look at the deeds in the County Archives.

South West Shropshire Joint Committee (replacing LJC): Cllr Hartin explained that, as there is no more funding from Shropshire Council, funds will have to be generated from local businesses, parish councils, etc. Small grants will then be distributed as before. There will be a meeting on 8 October, at Clun Memorial Hall, when the situation regarding A&E moving to Telford will be discussed.

Mobile phone reception is very poor (or non-existent) in our area, yet it can be of vital importance for safety issues (eg lone workers). Petitions have been drawn up to put pressure on mobile phone companies. Alternatives to BT are being explored.

In an effort to save money Shropshire Council has made 700 redundancies, but still needs another 1,000. Council offices in some areas have been closed. Ludlow's will also go, although some services may be obtainable from some points in the town (such as the library). Clun Fire Station will be retained.

Planning: One dwelling and access at Willow Field in Clunton: no objection.
Single storey garden room at Halcyon Cottage, Kempton: no objection.
For information: Conservatory at Hurst Croft: application for lawful development certificate.

Planning consent granted: Extension to dwelling in Clunton and to Church House, Clunbury.
Mossy Lane, Clunbury: Planning application withdrawn, house for sale.

SAMDev consultation: Cllr Hartin explained that the Council now have a 5-year supply of land and the consultation is progressing.

Place Plan Annual Review: 'Place Plans are aimed at ensuring the delivery of sustainable places in Shropshire'. They are drawn up by Shropshire Council to establish the needs of communities in terms of services, transport, natural environment, etc. They provide a basis for development decisions and negotiations with developers. The Clerk is to ask Matthew

Clunbury School Corner

The school year has got off to a great start. The children are happy to be back and have already settled into their new classroom arrangements, particularly those who have 'graduated' to different rooms in the School. There are seven new faces in Reception – welcome to Maisy, Ryan, Evie, George, Evan, Saffron and Oliver! Lessons are in

Reception class

full swing, including weekly swimming sessions at Lucton School for Class 2 which bring a welcome break from the hard work in the classroom expected of the senior pupils.

Recently, some Year 5s and 6s also enjoyed learning cycling techniques and safety with the Bikeability team - chance for physical exercise, fresh air and fun, whilst developing important life skills. They all now have proficiency certificates to show for it!

Bikeability pupils

Jeans for Genes

In school on 19 September all of the children, from Reception to Year 6 and staff attended school in jeans. Every year in the autumn the children fund-raise for genetic disorders and have the opportunity to bring in £1 or more as a donation. The children loved wearing jeans to school. "Everyone made an effort to help the people with disorders and for research", commented Elise. "In total we raised £45.33", said Katie.

By Katie, Elise, Megan, Dylan and Eric

Correspondence

I am writing to raise awareness of a fantastic local organisation that could be about to close. As a community, we are often bemoaning the fact that we have few facilities for our teenagers and even fewer people willing to commit and give up their time to organise and run activities for them.

We are however, extremely fortunate in the fact that we have a Squadron of Air Cadets in Knighton. For a very small monthly fee, cadets can take part in a fantastic range of outdoor and adventurous activities and have opportunities to gain qualifications such as BTECs and the Duke of Edinburgh's Awards. Uniform is provided, including equipment for all the activities and usually transport to the various locations.

Kind regards, Suzanne Hadwen

Air Cadets meet at Knighton Drill Hall, every Monday 7-9pm, year 8 to age 17. Email the Squadron on oc.579df@aircadets.org

Parish Post Bear Seeks New Name

Last seen and named at Purslow Show in 2013 he will soon be found propping up the bar in The Crown, in Clunton. He needs a new name and owner - guess his name correctly and he could be yours in time for Christmas.

Events Diary for October 2014			
3rd-5th		Clun Valley Beer Festival	
Sat 4	9am onwards	Clunton Scrumpers 'Juicing'	Clunton Village Hall
Sat 4	9pm	Live Music 'Sweetwater'	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Sun 5	11.15am	Morning Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Sun 5	7pm	Songs of Praise in four-part harmony. Tel 661171 for info.	Kempton Village Hall
Mon 6	9-11 am	Parent &Toddler Group-every Mon in term time. Just turn up	Clunbury Village Hall
Wed 8	8pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society—We Are The Best	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Thur 9	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café	Clunbury Village Hall
Fri 10	7pm	Harvest Festival	St Mary's, Clunton
Fri 10	7.30pm	Flicks—Philomena	Bedstone Village Hall
Sun 12	2.30pm	Outing to Parish Land on Black Hill. Meet at Fiddler's Elbow (Grid ref: SO321785)	
Sun 12	6.30pm	Joint Evening Prayer	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 13	7-9pm	Free help with using computers at AoC Broadplace	Kangaroo Inn, Aston on Clun
Tue 14	Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm		
Wed 15	9.15pm	Live Acoustic Folk Music	The Crown Inn, Clunton
Thu 16		Tim's Travels—'Noises Off' - 640506	Theatre Severn, Shrewsbury
Thu 16	7pm	Royal Ballet Live—Manon	SpArC
Fri 17	12noon-3pm	Clunbury Craft Group	Clunbury Village Hall
Fri 17	7pm	Harvest Festival	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Fri 17	7.30pm	Live Theatre Pentabus 'Each Slow Dusk' - 640254	Clun Memorial Hall
Sat 18	7pm	GKN Male Voice Choir	St George's, Clun
Sat 18	7.30pm	Flicks—The Love Punch	Aston on Clun Village Hall
Sat 18	7.30pm	Montgomery Ladies Choir—660692	Bedstone Village Hall
Mon 20	2-4pm	BC & District Carers Group—talk on 'Weekly Walks in BC'	Boar's Head, Bishop's Castle
Wed 22	7.30pm	SWS Gardening Club 'Old Plant, New Plant, Who Cares!'	Lydbury North Village Hall
Wed 22	8pm	Bishop's Castle Film Society — Museum Hours	Three Tuns, Bishop's Castle
Thur 23	10-11.30am	Clunbury Café with Clunbury School Gardening Club Pumpkin Stall	Clunbury Village Hall
Sat 25	10am-3pm	Grand Pre-Christmas Craft Fair	St George's, Clun
Sat 25	7pm	Clunbury Games Night	Clunbury Village Hall
Sun 26	11.15am	Joint CW Holy Communion	St Swithin's, Clunbury
Mon 27 to Fri 31 Clunbury School half-term holiday. Mon 3 November PD Day			
Mon 27	7pm	Royal Opera House Live—I Due Foscari	SpArC
Tues 28	Mobile Library: Clunbury Bridge 10.10-10.30am, Clunton 10.40-11.00am, Obley 12.45-12.55pm		

Beambridge Road Closure

The road connecting Beambridge with the B4368 at Aston-on-Clun will be closed from 27 October to 7 November for repairs to the bridge.

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