

CLUN with CHAPEL LAWN PARISH COUNCIL

Before the start of the Parish Council Meeting the Chairman invited any comments or questions from the members of the public who were present.

Mr James raised several issues. He asked when the new town maps would be displayed. Chairman said this would be looked into but the notice board frames had been leaking and would need attention. Mr James also mentioned that it should not be taken for granted that planning applications did not affect a right of way and some diligence was needed when looking at applications. He also pointed out an error in the minutes regarding the matter on rights of way. It should read P3 and not as stated. This would be amended. Mrs Thorpe reported that some of the streetlights were not correctly timed. Chairman said she had reported them to Pirelli but the clerk would do so again.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Community Rooms, Hazelhurst Close, and Clun on Thursday, 1 April 2004 at 7.30 p.m.

In attendance: Chairman Mrs B Vesty, Councillors N Appleton-Fox, L Bird, R Jameson, Mrs V I Sherring, Mrs S M Smith, K Terry and Mrs S J William's, Cllr M J K Smith, Cllr. Pendry and Cllr S Bird.

Apologies for absence. None

Declarations of interest.

In accordance with Parish Councils (Model code of conduct) order 2002 issued under the Local Government Act 2000. The following were declared.

Declarations of Personal interest: only as below

Declarations of Prejudicial Interest: only as below

Cllr Appleton-Fox declared an alleged Personal and Prejudicial interest in the bus shelter item on the agenda. He again wished this stating in the minute

Approval of previous minutes.

An amendment was made as reported by Mr James.

Proposed by Cllr M Smith and seconded by Cllr J Williams

Minute 04-05-01 It was resolved to approve the minutes of this meeting.

Election of Vice Chairman. Cllr M Smith was proposed by Cllr J Williams and seconded by Cllr K Terry. Cllr Pendry abstained.

Minute 04-05-02 It was resolved that Cllr M Smith be elected Vice Chairman.

Continued business. Cllr C Pendry requested that serious consideration be given to changing the day of meeting as it clashed with District Council Meetings. Other councillors noted that this had been tried before but it had not made any difference to the attendance of District and County councillors. It was agreed that the matter be included on the May agenda for discussion.

Transport in Clun. Cllr Pendry reported on the situation regarding the public transport. He said that the County Council was considering various options and that they were actively seeking alternatives.

Residential Parking in Clun. Clerk had written to Mr Rutherford, Highways department, requesting that the issue of street parking be looked at, he had replied that the matter had been passed to Mr G Shaw in the Traffic department. Mr Shaw was at present on sick leave so was unable to meet with councillors to discuss the problems. It was hoped this could be looked at before the May meeting.

Bridge Car Park. Clerk had written to Mr Caird regarding a possible extension to the existing car park but was still awaiting a reply.

Town Hall Roof. It appeared that there had been no more evidence of leaks. It was thought that Mr Grimes had probably repaired the leak but as yet he had not confirmed this with the clerk. Cllr Williams said that Mr Kent Tomey had done some interior painting at the Town Hall in readiness for the museum opening.

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Street Lighting. MEB had been approached regarding the cost of replacing the damaged lamp in Ford Street but as yet figures had not been provided. They appeared to be very slow at replying to the enquiry. It was suggested that we try another contractor. It was believed that there was someone in Bishops Castle. Clerk would investigate. It was also noted that several streetlights were wrongly timed and despite already being reported to Pirelli still were incorrect. The clerk would write to Pirelli requesting immediate attention.

Health & Safety Issues. Council was unsure where our duty lay in respect of this issue and very little guidance appeared to be available for councils. Chairman and clerk would investigate the matter and report back to the next meeting. . SALC were possibly running a training course for this later in the year. Concern was mentioned regarding the foul vents from the sewerage. It was noted they were starting to corrode so it was agreed that the clerk should contact Severn Trent regarding the safety of these vents.

Cemetery Committee Cllr R Jamison said there was nothing to report

Highways Mr Rutherford had confirmed that the matters reported after last meeting were in hand. The Hurst bend was continuing to be a problem as erosion had caused a tree to up root. Highways would be contacted regarding this issue and the chairman would speak to the landowner Mr Morris regarding the fallen tree.

Planning. Notification had been received for approval of: Felling of a willow tree at 6 Bridge Street and felling of a conifer 22 Newport Street. Notification of refusal of planning permission at the Six Bells Vicarage Road had been received.

A revised application for the formation of a menage White House Clun was approved. Application for reserved matters at the Coal Yard Clun was also approved

Minute 04-05-03 It was resolved that council had no objection to the above applications.

Finances

Account balances are as follows:

Treasurers Account		493.28
Money manager Account	13475.19	
COIF Money Master		117.02
Leek Building Society ROWE	760.01	

The following accounts were approved for payment

Hazelhurst room hire			10.00
Mrs E Davies (Cemetery Clerk)		80.00	
Clerks Salary	149.64		
Postage	10.60		
Mileage	71.75	231.85	
Inland Revenue (Clerks salary)		84.18	
Clerks Training Course SALC		30.00	
SSDC Cemetery rates			24.35
Stationery Office Express		11.38	
Town Hall Electricity			73.55

Minute 04-05-04 It was resolved that payments be made as above and also to obtain a copy of the Local Administration (6th addition) Handbook.

Correspondence

Cllr N Appleton-Fox left the meeting for the first item of correspondence.

A letter had been received from Mr M Slater questioning the accuracy of the minutes of December 5th. A copy of his letter had been circulated to all members. The clerk advised Councillors that if they wished to discuss the contents of the letter they required, (under para. 41, Section 12 of the Local Government Act 1972), a proposal that the matter of these minutes to be brought back for consideration.

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Cllr Pendry proposed this be brought back for discussion and was seconded by Cllr Williams, all were in favour with one abstention.

Minute 04-05-05 It was resolved to have further debate on the minutes of 5 December.

Clerk also advised that if they so wished, standing orders allowed for this matter to be discussed with press and public excluded. No one made any proposal to this effect. After discussion it was resolved as follows. Proposed by Cllr S Smith and seconded by Cllr K Terry and agreed by all members who were in attendance at the original meeting, with two abstentions from people who were not in attendance on the relevant date.

Minute 04-05-06 Members resolved that council was of the opinion that the minutes were an accurate account of the meeting but a record of Mr Slater's objection should be noted.

Notification of change to clerks mileage allowance The new rates of car allowance were noted and it was proposed that clerk should receive this new rate. Proposed by Cllr Appleton-Fox and seconded by Cllr S Smith. All were in favour.

Minute 04-05-07 It was resolved that clerk should receive the new rate of allowance as from 1st April 2004.

Other correspondence was presented and noted.

West Mercia Police questionnaire

Shropshire Village of the Year 2004

Training bursary for AQA

Environment Agency re proposal to change designation of watercourses

Shropshire Partnership - European Funding towards community projects

DTI Rural broadband

Register of Electors 2003/4

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Annual Parish Meeting. This was confirmed as 5 May 2004 in Clun Memorial Hall

Rights of Way and Environment. Meeting was briefly adjourned to allow Peter James to update council on the position re P3. It appeared that the draft had still not yet been received so the next meeting of this committee would be delayed to coincide with the Peter James receiving the draft

The meeting closed at 9.15 p.m.