

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 K Smith from Redlake Valley Village Hall welcomed Councillors to Chapel Lawn and thanked the council for their consideration of the request for financial assistance to update the hall. He said that they had been lucky to receive £5500 from the Community Council of Shropshire and hoped that the Parish Council would be generous in providing money to enable them to reach their target. Chairman thanked him for the welcome and said the matter would be decided later in the meeting. David Britten asked when the signpost would be re-erected on the new lamppost in the High Street. It was also noted that the litterbin had not been replaced. Mr Maund brought up the matter of the approval of the planning permission at the Six Bells and his disappointment and disillusionment with the Planning Authority. He felt that the Village Design Statement and the Local Plan were not of any use as the Planning Authority appeared to completely disregard them. Council noted and agreed with Mr Maund's remarks and the Chairman said that the matter would be discussed later on the Agenda.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Redlake Valley Village Hall Chapel Lawn on Thursday, 1 July 2004 at 7.30 p.m.

In attendance: Chairman Mrs B Vesty, Councillors N Appleton-Fox, R Jameson, Mrs V I Sherring, Mrs S M Smith, K Terry, M J K Smith, and Mrs S Dowell.

1. Apologies for absence. Cllrs Pendry and Williams.

2. 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: Mrs S Smith and Mrs V Sherring

Declarations of Prejudicial Interest: Mrs V Sherring

3. Approval of previous minutes.

Proposed by Cllr S Dowell and seconded by Cllr V Sherring

Minute 04-05-27 It was resolved to approve the minutes of this meeting.

It was proposed by Cllr M Smith and seconded by Cllr Appleton Fox that in view of the remarks made by Mr Maund during the public session the agenda item, Planning, should be taken out of order and dealt with first.

Minute 04-05-28 It was resolved to discuss Planning items out of agenda order.

9. Planning

A lengthy discussion ensued and it was finally proposed that a letter should be sent to the Deputy Prime Minister expressing surprise at the approval of the Six Bells planning as it appeared to be a variance with the Local Plan and Village Design Statement. The question was to be asked in the letter whether planning rules had changed, and if so why had the Parish Council not been informed. Copies of the letter to go to Mr G Biggs Chief Executive of South Shropshire District Council and Mr M Green Member of Parliament. A response would be awaited and further action taken as deemed necessary.

Minute 04-05-29 It was resolved to write a letter as above.

Two planning applications were considered. An extension at 7 Woodside and change of use of a building at Pooh Hall. Plans were looked at and both of them were approved. Notice of applications approved by the District Council as follows.

Notice of an appeal in the case of Rock Cottage Pentre was also noted.

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The meeting then continued as per the agenda.

4. Continued business.

Election to Standards Committee. Cllr M Smith said he had been confused as to why we had needed to elect a member to the Standards Committee as he was, as a current independent member, unaware of the vacancy. Clerk explained it was an oversight on her part, she had seen mention of the matter on last years AGM agenda papers and had assumed it was a yearly election. She had checked and this was not the case and she apologised for the oversight.

Bridge Car Park. Clerk had received a verbal reply from Mr Bryant but no formal written letter. He had told her that there was no money available for such a scheme. Councillors were dissatisfied with this and the fact that neither Mr Caird nor Mr Bryant had even had the courtesy to acknowledge our letters. Cllr Jameson confirmed that Balfours had not received any reply to their letters either. It was suggested that a letter be written to the Chief Executive Mr G Biggs complaining about the lack of response we had received.

Minute 04-05-30 It was resolved to write a letter of complaint to Mr Biggs

Town Hall Roof. A quote had been received from Mr G Dudley for painting the cupola. It would involve obtaining scaffolding and the total was £803.00. Clerk was asked to obtain other quotes before a decision could be taken.

Ford Street Light. Mr Blood had confirmed in writing that he would pay towards the new light and the clerk had contacted MEB Contracting and ordered it.

Clerks Contract of Employment. Clerk reported that the matter was in hand and she would be consulting with the Chairman on preparing a draft for presentation at a later date.

Review of Cemetery Charges. The Cemetery Committee would be meeting and prepare their proposals for increases for presenting at the next full council meeting in September.

Clun Website. Mrs Thorpe provided a summary of the history of the Website for members. The meeting was adjourned periodically for members of the public present and involved with the Website to speak on the subject. Cllr M Smith proposed that the Parish Council pay £60 towards the running of the Website. A second proposal was made by Cllr Appleton-Fox that the council should pay £92-00 for this year and that the amount paid should be reviewed annually. Cllr M Smiths proposal was not seconded. Cllr Mrs S Smith seconded the second proposal.

Minute 04-05-31 It was resolved that the Council pays £92 towards the running of the Website for 2004 and that the situation would be reviewed annually. It was also agreed that the minutes since February 2004 be provided on a floppy disc to Mrs Thorpe to be included on a page specifically for the Parish Council. Clerk to discuss details with Mrs Thorpe and give information to the next meeting.

5. Street Lighting. A letter had been received from Pirelli regarding back payment of monies for maintenance. Payment had not been requested for since 1999. The clerk had discussed the matter with Pirelli and suggested to them that as they had not sent any invoices they were at fault. As a result of this discussion Pirelli had agreed to “write off” the overdue amounts and that we should only pay for the current year, £495.00 plus VAT. This meant a saving of £2500 and clerk was thanked for her actions.

6. Junior Football Club. A letter had been received from the club asking for Parish Council support in their proposal to extend the football field. Council agreed they should see more detail of the proposal. Clun

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The Chairman would contact the club secretary and obtain more information.

At this point Cllr M K Smith brought up the matter of how the council’s representative should act on the Memorial Hall Committee. A discussion followed but as this was not included on the agenda no action could be taken but the matter would be included on the agenda of the next meeting. The meeting was briefly adjourned when Tim Wood said that there was a trustee induction course on 12 July and Parish Councillors were welcome to attend. The meeting recommenced.

7. Highways. It was reported that the path along the High Street was in need of resurfacing. Clerk would contact Highways regarding this and the other matters raised by Mr Britten.

8. Cemetery Committee Report. The graves had been inspected and at least 16 headstones were dangerous with varying degrees of lean. The meeting was adjourned for Tim Wood to speak. He had undertaken the inspection at the cemetery and he commented further on the situation. He confirmed that it was the relatives’ responsibility but obviously with some very old graves it would be very difficult to find a relative who would take such responsibility. The cemetery committee would be meeting and the situation would be discussed and a report provided for full council in due course.

10. Finances

Unaudited accounts were presented to council and questions on the annual return discussed and completed.

Minute 04-05-32. It was resolved to accept the annual accounts Proposed by Cllr Jameson and seconded by Cllr S Smith.

Account balances are as follows:

Treasurers Account	2180.95
Money manager Account	12533.65
COIF Money Master	143.80
Leek Building Society ROWE	763.14

Bills for payment 1 July 2004

R Tortoriello

Cemetery grass cutting 3 months		£765.00	
Clerks Salary		£149.50	
Postage & photocopying	£ 10.56		
travelling		£ 28.00	£188.06

Minute 04-05-33 It was resolved that payments be made as above

Cllr V Sherring left the meeting whilst the next item was discussed Redlake Valley Village Hall request for financial assistance. Firstly following the comments made at the last meeting the clerk had clarified the position regarding match funding. There appeared to be no restrictions on match funding. It was proposed by Cllr Appleton Fox and seconded by Cllr Dowell that a grant of £700 is given.

Minute 04-05-34. It was resolved to grant £700 to Redlake Valley Village Hall

Cllr Sherring returned to the meeting.

Insurance proposal form. The form was discussed and a proposal was made by Cllr Jameson and seconded by Cllr K Terry.

Minute 04-05-35 It was resolved that the fidelity insurance be increased in line with the recommendations made by the auditor in 2003-4.

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Bills for payment whilst in recess. The next meeting was not until 23rd September and several bills would be due for payment during the recess. It was considered that with two signatories being necessary then this would be considered a sufficient check on misappropriation of money

Minute 04-05-36 A resolution was passed to allow cheques to be signed by signatories during the recess to allow payment of outstanding bills

11. ROWEC date of committee meeting confirmed as 14 July.

12. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted. And where necessary action taken

Charity Commission Annual Return

Countryside Agency Provisional map issue re common land and open country

Bishops Castle Town Council re six market Towns regular meetings

SSDC communications working group

Wasteless society newsletter

West Mercia Police Authority appointment of representatives

Report on voluntary organisations within the area

South Shropshire Area committee of SAPTC

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13. Matters for next meeting on 23rd September 2004 - Only as previously discussed

The meeting closed at 9.30 p.m.