

CLUN PARISH COUNCIL

Before the start of the council meeting the Chairman invited any comments or questions from the four members of the public present. There were none.

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Community Rooms, Hazelhurst Close, and Clun on Thursday, 5 February 2004 at 7.30 p.m.

In attendance: Chairman Mrs B Vesty, Vice Chairman Mrs A Beesley. Councillors L Bird, S Birch, R Jameson, Mrs V I Sherring, Mrs S M Smith, M J K Smith, K Terry and Mrs S J Williams.

1. **Apologies for absence** were received from: Cllr. Pendry.
 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: None
Declarations of Prejudicial Interest: None
 3. **Approval of the Minutes of the previous meeting.**
The December meeting was abandoned so therefore there were no minutes from that meeting. However the minutes of the meeting prior to that, 27 November required approval at this meeting. It was resolved that these minutes be accepted. Proposed by Mrs A Beesley and seconded by Mrs V Sherring
 4. **Transport in Clun.**
Cllr Pendry was not present so the Chairman gave a brief report on his behalf. She reported that the number of buses running on the 745 route were to be reduced. The post bus was also due to be discontinued. A consultation process was being started and it was hoped that further information would be available for the next meeting.
 5. **Bus Shelters.**
The controversy over the new bus shelter had continued since the last meeting and the chairman had met with County Councillor Hartin, Ian Rutherford the Divisional Surveyor and Mr Chapman School Transport, on the site of the Church Street shelter. Mr Rutherford had advised that the shelter could possibly be moved but only by about 6-9 inches. Cllrs. questioned that possible cost of such a move and who would be liable for the payment. No answer could be given on that point. Some graffiti had also been reported on this shelter but had been cleaned off. Chairman informed the meeting that Cllr Pendry had received a petition from 160 people objecting to the shelter. It was decided that before any action could be taken a sight of this petition should be made available and a full discussion could take place at the next meeting when all the concerns of the parish could be considered. Chairman also informed the meeting that two members of the council and the previous clerk had been reported to the Standards Committee.
 - 6 **Memorial Hall.**
A request for assistance in purchasing stage lighting and a public address system had been received from the Memorial Hall. It was resolved to donate £600 for this project, proposed by M K Smith and seconded by Mrs S M Smith, all were in favour. It was also agreed that the clerk should write a letter expressing this intention to the Memorial Hall Committee.
 7. **Parish Clerk .**
The Chairman reported the appointment of a new clerk, Mrs P J Smith, and introduced her to the council. Her appointment was from 1st February 2004.
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8. **Planning.**
Vehicular Access at the Turnpike. Chairman had attended the planning meeting at SSDC and presented the case for the PC and was pleased to report that in line with their views of the parish SSDC had refused the application. Two applications for separate development in Vicarage Road had been deferred for site visits. Members perused 2 new applications.
Rock Cottage Pentre. There were no objections except concern about access. This was noted on the form and returned to SSDC.
Church Street. Application for removal of garage and an extension in its place. There was no objection to this. Two applications had been received whilst the council was without a clerk and Chairman had discussed both of these with other members. They were 30 Newport Street and Llwyn Road Mount Pleasant. There had been no objections to either of these
Notice had been received from the Planning Department of two applications that had been approved. They were 30

Newport Street and Brookside, Buffalo Lane.

9. **Finances**

A list of invoices that had been paid Dec 2003 – Jan 2004 was provided by the chairman, as follows:

Bridge Coffee Shop Xmas Lights	£50.00	
B Wallace		£15.00
Stretton Print		£21.33
WinrossHacker Auditors	£141.00	
Delta Electrics		£169.20
Inland Revenue	£83.13	
J Bullock final payment and expenses		£420.97
N Johnson Strimming	£30.00	
Midland News Advert		£97.94
Newsquest Advert		£49.35

Accounts outstanding and not yet paid.

Queensbury Shelters Ltd	£8252.03	
Redlake Village Hall		£ 8.00
Clun Memorial Hall Footpath lighting	£20.00	
Hazelhurst Hall Hire		£10.00
Fireman Xmas Lights		£50.00

It was resolved to pay all of these. Proposed by M K Smith and seconded by Mrs A Beesley

10. **Roads/Street Lighting**

It appeared that the light in Ford Street attached to Mr Bloods house was in a bad state of repair. It was suggested that perhaps the spare street light we owned could perhaps be used to replace the defective light. The usability of the light would be investigated by Mr M K Smith and discussed at the next meeting

11. **Cemetery.**

Quotes for the grass cutting had been received from two people. It was considered that some clarification was need on the quotes and this would be done by the cemetery commit and they would report back at the next meeting.

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12. **Matters for inclusion on the next agenda.**

Cllr Terry requested that the parking problems in the village are discussed and some research into possible alternative sites is fully investigated. Mention was made of the suggestion of looking into extending the present car park onto the field the other side of the toilets. Cllr Jameson had contacted the owner of the land and was awaiting a reply. It was agreed to include this matter on the next agenda.

Town Hall. During the last week of wet weather a leak had appeared in the ceiling of the Town Hall. Clerk was asked to contact Mr Grimes, the contractor who had repaired the roof some years ago, and asks him to investigate the problem and a full report would be provided for discussion at the next meeting.

13 **Correspondence**

Letters had been received from John Bullock and his wife expressing thanks for the kind presentation that had taken place last week, which had been organised and paid for by councillors

A copy of a letter sent to Mr and Mrs Slater from Cllr Hartin regarding the bus shelter had been received.

A letter from the Memorial Hall Committee had been received asking for financial assistance towards the annual grass cutting. This would be included on the next agenda.

The chairman had received a letter addressed to her personally from Mr and Mrs Slater regarding the bus shelter. This was read out to the meeting. As the letter was addressed to her and not the Parish Council no discussion on the contents was deemed appropriate. However, in the letter Mr and Mrs Slater had requested copies of the last four council meetings. The clerk would deal with this issue.

The meeting closed at 8.45 p.m.