

CLUN with CHAPEL LAWN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at the Redlake Valley Village Hall, Chapel Lawn on Thursday, 22 June 2006 at 7.30 p.m.

1. Before the start of the meeting the Chairman invited any comments or questions from the members of the public who were present.

Mr P James asked if the council were to address the problems that had arisen at the start of the Clun Bridge improvement scheme. He was informed that the problems had been addressed and would be reported during the meeting.

In attendance: Councillors B Vesty, K Terry, Mrs V Sherring, Mrs S Smith, S. Sherring, Cllr S Blood's and C. Pendry. (M J K Smith arrived during item 5)

2. Apologies for absence.

Cllrs N Appleton-Fox, Mrs S J William's, R Bright and Mrs J Devaney apologies were accepted

3. 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: Cllr S Sherring re. payment to Redlake Valley Village Hall

Declarations of Prejudicial Interest: Cllr M K Smith 5c (declared at time of his late arrival)

Councillors reserved the right to declare during the meeting if necessary. The declarations would be put in the minutes as per the declarations of interest book.

4. Approval of minutes of the meeting of 25 May 2006

Cllr Pendry asked if the Memorial Hall had been informed that the council had not elected a representative. Clerk said they had been notified.

Proposed by Cllr S Smith and seconded by Cllr V Sherring that the minutes be approved.

Minute 06-07-14 It was resolved to approve these minutes.

5. Continued business.

a) Clun Bridge Improvement Scheme

The clerk notified the meeting that the weight limit had been reduce from 18 tonnes to 7.5 tonnes owing to turning difficulties at the High Street end.

Clerk informed the meeting of the various problems which had occurred. Firstly neither the scaffold erector employed to put up the footbridge nor Central Networks who were to deal with the electricity had arrived to do the work that they had agreed to do. Traffic delays at Waterloo had made it necessary for an extension of the passing bay and traffic lights to be used at the end of Vicarage Road and the Woodside turn. It was hoped that all these problems would be solved and the work would proceed. The signs at Waterloo had been removed as it was only meant for local traffic from the consultation area and not to encourage use by others. The county council would be prepared to consider using manpower at the traffic lights if the delays became a problem. It was noted that the County Council were being helpful and flexible in response to concerns. County Council Hartin arrived.

b) Tourism Grant. Cllr Pendry gave an update and as the bills were now paid the item would no longer feature on the agenda although some benches were still to be put in position.

c) Dispensation for Trustees. A reply was still awaited from the monitoring officer. She had been reminded yet again.

d) Provision of Litterbins in Ford Street. The clerk was still awaiting a letter from the District Council with suggestions for suitable places to place the bins. They had been reminded and their initial suggestion was outside 22 Ford Street and at the top of Hazelhurst but they had promised to visit the sites. Cllr Terry asked about putting a waste bin on the castle grounds but it was confirmed that there were some on site.

e) Application for street licence. This had been completed and would be sent after the cheque had been signed at tonight's meeting. Chapel Lawn Car Park could not be included on this application. There was concern that English Heritage was a little slow in arranging the Castle grounds application in time for Clun Show

g) Town Hall repairs. The stonemason had been instructed to do the stone work repair but the ivy removal was on hold as we were still awaiting a reply from Mr Tunncliffe. Clerk would send a reminder.

Cllr M K Smith arrived at the meeting.

6. Cemetery Matters.

Clerk informed council that the internment fees were now £160.00 in line with the charges made by the church. Out of parish fees would be more if any requests were received.

Health and Safety. Clerk gave an update on the present position. Mr Meredith had complained that his grandparent's memorial was flat despite being told by the clerk it would not be put down as he had instructed a Monumental Mason to do the repair. Clerk confirmed that this memorial was not on the list given to Mr Owen for such action. The clerk had inspected the monument and confirmed it was down. It was not placed in the way expected i.e. within the confines of the grave but appeared to have fallen backwards onto the path. She would talk to Mr Owen and reply to Mr Meredith. Concern was noted over the length of time the mason was taking to do the repairs.

7. Street Lighting. Replies were still awaited from NPower and West Mercia Supplies.

Prysmian had told the clerk that a Sox light and a timer would, assuming they were still available be very expensive. This was noted by councillors.

8. Highways Matters.

a) Update of traffic regulations – Clun. Notification from the County Council had been received regarding the correct legal speed limit in Hospital Lane. Chairman adjourned the meeting for County Councillor Hartin to explain the reason behind the notification. Councillors were concerned as to whether signs would be put up as the road was narrow and signs could be dangerous. Clerk would contact the County Council for clarification on the signage issue.

b) Broken gully in Chapel Lawn. Highways had informed the clerk that this gully was in fact not the property of the council as it had most likely been put in by the landowner. However, because of public safety they had repaired it.

c) Milestone at the Hurst. This had been put upright some time ago but as it was a listed milestone it could not be repaired.

d) Obstruction on public access route in Chapel Lawn. This matter was still in hand.

Cllr S Sherring said that the road between Five Turnings and Chapel Lawn was still in a bad state of repair. Clerk would report this to Highways.

9. Planning

Planning Policy Consultation. Names and address of councillors would be provided to the authority in order that the consultation documents could be sent direct to each councillor.

Applications for discussion

17-19 High Street Clun - Extension

Harpton House Clun- internal alterations

Pen y Cwm Blackhill - erection of dwelling

The Hurst External and internal alterations

There was no objection to these applications.

Applications approved

The Oak House Whitcott, Garden shed

10) Finances

Estimated (books with auditor and bank statement not yet received) Account balances as at 22 June 2006 are as follows:

Treasurers Account	1312.47
Money manager Account	8935.80
COIF Money Master	101.59
ROWEC account	732.51

Bills due for payment as at 25 June 2006

Clerks Salary	£ 249.49	
Expenses	£ 52.88	£ 302.37
Office Express		£ 32.18
A Wallace		£ 24.00
Clun Memorial Hall		£ 11.75
Redlake Valley Village Hall		
South Shropshire District Council Licence		£ 100.00

Minute 06-07-15 Proposed Cllr Pendry, seconded by Cllr Blood and resolved that outstanding invoices be paid

11. Annual Maintenance of seats and benches. Clerk had approached Mr Black regarding this work but he did not wish to do it. It was agreed that the clerk should contact any local persons who may be interested in this work. It was suggested by Cllr M K Smith that it not necessarily an annual undertaking but if and when they needed doing.

12. Parish Councils responsibility for local churchyards. Clerk as directed had sought advice on this matter from SALC who stated that the Parish Council does not have to take on responsibility for the Churchyard if it does not wish to do so. If this is the case then the District will be required to take on the responsibility. The PCC can only pass the responsibility on if the Churchyard is to be closed.

13. Consultation on Village Speed Limits

Chairman adjourned the meeting for County Councilor Hartin to give a brief resume on this issue and how it affected Clun. The documents would be circulated around councilors

14. Correspondence

The following correspondence was noted.

Shropshire County Council	“Lets Talk” local meeting 9 October
	Local Scrutiny – Homeless Vulnerable Young People Meeting 17 July
SSDC	Standards Board correspondence
	Parish Council guide to Environmental Enforcement (to be circulated around Councillors)
SALC	Varied correspondence
Axis Counselling	
DEFRA questionnaire	
Age Partnership Group	
Clun Parochial Church Council	Copy invoices for grass cutting
SAPTC	Notice of meeting

15. Any new business for next meeting. None

16) To confirm the date of the next meeting.

27 July 2006 at Hazelhurst. Apologies were given for this meeting from Cllr S Smith.

Meeting closed at 8. 35p.m.