

CLUN with CHAPEL LAWN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Hazelhurst Community Room, Clun on Thursday, 27 April at 7.30 p.m.

Mr Alan Proctor, Licensing Officer for South Shropshire District Council gave a very informative presentation to Council.

1. PUBLIC SESSION. Mr Peter James said he had a request to make of the Parish Council. This was on behalf of Maurice and Dorothy Young of the Amblers, Jean Smith of the Peramblers, Graham and Marian Newton and myself of the Ramblers to ask the Parish Council to make clear in the next issue of the Clun Chronicle that the views expressed in the closing comments, the last eight lines of the April Parish Jottings, were the personal views of the author and had no place in what is supposed to be a report of the proceedings of the Parish Council. The Chairman informed Mr James that the contents of jottings were nothing to do with the Parish Council. Mr James said that the Parish Council appointed the author of the remarks. Councillors said this information was incorrect. The Clerk said that Mrs Thorpe the writer of the Jottings had been approached by Clun Chronicle committee and asked to write a report of the meetings. Mrs Thorpe who was present in her capacity as “press reporter for the Clun Chronicle” commented that she frequently said that the Parish Jottings was her personal views; it’s the public perception of the parish council and its workings. If a full report of the Parish Council meeting was required you should look at the minutes; hers was meant purely as a sketch. There was no further discussion on this subject.

In attendance: Councillors Mrs B Vesty, Cllrs C. Pendry, R Bright, Mrs V Sherring, Mrs S Smith, S Sherring, Mrs S J Williams and Cllr M Smith

2) .Apologies for absence.

Cllrs. S Blood, K Terry and District Councillor M Reynolds

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 Bright Item 5,

Declarations of Prejudicial Interest:

Cllr Bright Items 5a, 6 Cllr J Williams 5d, 14, Cllr M K Smith 5d

4. Approval of minutes of 23 March 2006.

Proposed Cllr R Bright seconded by Cllr Sherring that they be signed.

Minute 05-06-72 Resolved to approve these minutes.

5. Continued business.

Cllr Bright left the meeting for the following item.

Clun Bridge Repairs. Clerk informed meeting that Listed Building consent had been passed. She also gave details of various correspondence received. It appeared that the chestnut tree at the bridge was not part of the scheme but the owner of the tree had requested the contractor to fell the tree. Clerk would arrange a meeting with John Williams to discuss the new parking signs directing visitors to park at the hall. A representative from the Memorial Hall would be invited to attend this meeting. Some correspondence had been received regarding the legality of the voting on the proposal made by Cllr Appleton Fox at the previous meeting. The information given to the correspondent was incorrect and they

had since been notified of the facts by the clerk. Cllr Bright returned to the meeting

Tourism Grant. Cllr Pendry gave an update.

Switch on Shropshire. There was no update on this project as Cllr Appleton-Fox was not present.

Dispensation for Trustees. The clerk was still awaiting a reply from the monitoring officer.

6. Cemetery Matters. Health and Safety. Clerk gave an update on the present position. Details of memorials to be laid flat had been provided to Mr Owen and he had indicated he would make a start soon. The clerk had done a draft copy of a memorial application form and she suggested that the cemetery committee met to consider this.

7. Street Lighting. The clerk had made enquiries with Prysman regarding whether a Newport Street light had been removed some time in the past but as yet received no reply.

8. Highways Matters.

The work on the Chapel Lawn road was being done. Cllr M Smith brought to councils attention the matter of a building contractor, working in the High Street who was causing visibility problems. The Chairman agreed to speak to the builder about the matter and Cllr V Sherring would mention the matter to the local police officer. A resident had informed the clerk that the footpath outside the Post Office had been dug up by Central Networks and been put back unevenly. It was thought that the work had not been finalised but just put back temporarily for the Green Man festival. Cllr Sherring reported that the road from Five Turnings to Chapel Lawn, at present being used as a diversion route had several pot holes and was in need of repair. This would be reported to the Highways Department

9. Planning

Applications for discussion

Foreways Blackhill - extension - no objections

Oak House Whitcott – garden shed – no objections

Applications approved

Brick Kiln Farm Knighton – extension

Upper Weston Agricultural workers dwelling

Land at Buffalo lane – erection of a dwelling

The Barn High Street Clun – Conversion

Cwmffryd Clun - 3 Mobile units for holiday let

Minutes of the planning meeting held on 6th April 2006. Proposed these were approved by Cllr. Pendry and seconded by Cllr. M Smith.

Minute 05-06-73 Resolved to approve these minutes

10 Finances

Account balances as at 27 April 2006

Treasurers Account	3938.50
Money manager Account	10935.80
COIF Money Master	101.59
ROWEC account	732.51

Bills due for payment as at 27 April 2006

Clerks Salary	£ 413.01	
Expenses	£ 129.23	£ 542.24
EON (street light Disconnection Church St)		£ 346.63
SALC annual subscription		£ 238.68
Office Express		£ 53.29
SSDC Waste Bin		£ 240.28
Data Protection		£ 35.00
Npower		£ 455.42

The clerk was asked to confirm with EON that the amount charged for disconnection and reconnection of the Church Street light was correct as it seemed excessive.

The Npower bill was also considered to be excessive, the supply was not metered and the invoices difficult to understand. After some discussion and it was proposed by Cllr S Sherring and seconded by Cllr Williams, that this bill be queried and clerk to consult with Mrs D Thorpe, who would be able to help sort out the 30 page bill in an effort to see whether we were being overcharged.

Minute 05-06-74 Resolved that Mrs Thorpe be consulted regarding the charging of electricity for the street lighting.

It was further decided to consider an alternative supplier for the electricity.

Minute 05-06-75 Proposed Cllr Bright, seconded by Cllr S Smith and resolved that outstanding invoices be paid with the exception of the NPower and EON invoices

11. Insurance review.

The insurance schedule was discussed and accepted with the metal seats being removed from the policy as they were not the property of the Parish Council. The number of wooden seats should be 8 plus 2 picnic benches. Allianz Cornhill would be advised.

Cllr S Smith left the meeting

12. Dog Fouling complaints.

Clerk informed council that free dog waste bags were now available and could be collected from David Britten's shop. Notices had been put up around the town to this effect. SSDC had provided prices of litter bins and it was proposed by Cllr Bright and seconded by Cllr Pendry that subject to agreement on placement they should be put in Ford Street and Hazelhurst. The areas would be surveyed to decide on the position.

Minute 05-06-76 Resolved to provide litter bins for Ford Street and Hazelhurst Close

13. Licensing of Town Square for local events.

Council decided after listening to Mr Proctor's presentation that they should apply for a Premises Licence for the Square, bridge and streets of the town. Proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr M Smith. Unanimously supported.

Minute 05-06-77 Resolved to apply for the necessary licence

Cllr Williams left the meeting for the following item

14. Town Hall matters

Fire Regulations. The contract with Clun Town Trust was consulted and it appeared that the trust should be responsible for the maintenance of the fire equipment, however it was noted that in the event of financial restraints the Parish Council would not be averse to providing a small grant to help. The curator to be informed.

Proposed Cllr Bright and seconded by Cllr V Sherring all were in favour with one abstention.

Minute 05-06-78 Resolved that Clun Town Trust should be asked to pay the invoice for fire equipment maintenance.

Also in the contract it appeared that the Town Hall trust should pay a nominal £1 per year in rent, this had not been requested so the clerk would be sending an invoice to cover the unpaid years.

Repairs. A crack had been detected in the back wall of the Town Hall and the clerk had asked Colin Richards, Conservation officer for the District Council to examine it and he had indicated that although it was not a new crack he considered it would be prudent to get it repaired. He had provided a name of a suitable person to do this work and clerk was awaiting a quote for the repair. It was also noted that the ivy was still alive and growing and Colin Richards had also suggested a contractor who did work of this

nature for English Heritage and who could probably kill off the ivy permanently. Clerk was instructed to obtain a quote for this work.

15. Obstruction on public access route in Chapel Lawn

Clerk had written to relevant department and they had confirmed the matter was being dealt with.

16. Correspondence

St Georges Church	Request for financial assistance for grass cutting in churchyard
Shropshire County Council	Off road vehicular usage in the Countryside

These two items would be placed on the next agenda for discussion.

Other correspondence was noted.

SSDC	Standards Board correspondence
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MP	Re Post Office Card Account
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	National Lottery Grants
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SALC	Varied correspondence
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17. Any new business for next meeting.

Annual maintenance of town benches

18) To confirm the date of the next meeting.

Annual Parish Council Meeting 25 May 2006.

Annual Parish Meeting would be 11 May at the Memorial Hall and Colin Richards MBE; Conservation Officer at SSDC would give a presentation.

Meeting closed at 9.10 pm