

CLUN with CHAPEL LAWN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Hazelhurst Community Centre Clun on Thursday, 29 September 2005 at 7.30 p.m.

1) PUBLIC SESSION There were no questions from the four members of the public present.

Cllr S Smith proposed that the agenda order be changed and item 12 be left until the end of the meeting as this item was of a confidential nature and it is advisable in the public interest that the press and public be temporarily excluded. This was seconded by Cllr Terry and all were in favour.

Minute 05-06-34 Resolved to discuss item 12 at the end of the meeting and exclude the press..

In attendance: Councillors B Vesty, Mrs S J Williams, Mrs V Sherring, Mrs S Smith, S Sherring, N. Appleton-Fox, S Blood, M J K Smith, K Terry and Mrs J Devaney

2) .Apologies for absence.

Cllrs Mrs S Dowell, C. Pendry and County Councillor N Hartin's 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

Declarations of Prejudicial Interest: Cllr Williams Items 15 and 19, Cllr M K Smith Item 19

4.Approval of minutes of the meeting of 28 July 2005

Proposed by Cllr Terry and seconded by Cllr J Williams

Minute 05-06-35 It was resolved to approve these minutes.

5. Continued business.

Parish Officer Scheme. The clerk had prepared a draft consultation leaflet which was to be circulated to councillors for their consideration and approval at the next meeting

Clun Bridge The clerk had been informed that an exhibition day was to be held on 15 November at the Methodist Hall, this was to provide information to all on the details of proposed closure of the bridge in 2006. Council was concerned about pedestrian access over the bridge whilst the bridge was closed. It was proposed by Cllr Vesty and seconded by Cllr M Smith that the County Council should be asked to provide a footbridge for pedestrians. All were in favour.

Minute 05-06-36 It was resolved to request Shropshire County Council to provide a footbridge.

6. Cemetery Matters. The second half of the Health and Safety inspection had been done earlier in the day and the report should be received before the next meeting and would be circulated with the agenda. The information Mr Day (the inspector) had given the clerk was that a notice should be placed in the local press for two consecutive weeks informing owners and maintainers of the memorials of the problem. This notice should state that there would be three months to make the graves safe. After that date the Parish Council would be making safe the memorials by placing the headstones flat. Any that were considered particularly dangerous should be put flat straight away. One memorial had already been identified as dangerous and the clerk has asked Mr B Owen to lay it flat. It was agreed that the advert should be put in the press as soon as the report was received. Advice on the correct wording of such an advert would be sought from Mr Day. In addition a notice should be placed, as soon as possible, at the cemetery warning visitors that some of the memorials were unstable.

7. Street Lighting. Pirelli had done the inspection and this had been circulated to councillors before the meeting. It was agreed that the work was necessary and that a costing of all the work should be requested. The light at Kidd Lane was evidently being vandalised and it was suggested that a tamper proof light should be fitted. A quote for this should also be requested.

The lights along the public footpath to the Memorial Hall had been vandalised again. As it was a Health and Safety issue the clerk had requested the electrician to repair them. The cost would probably be about £50.

8. Highways Matters. Highways had asked for an indication of where the duck signs should be placed. Some councillors were of the opinion that signs around the bridge were not necessary and after discussion it was decided to defer the matter until after the bridge repairs. The request for passing places on the Chapel Lawn road was evidently still being considered. A letter had been received from Mr and Mrs Parry regarding Duck signs on the car park, it was believed that Cllr Pendry had already dealt with part of the request but the complaint regarding over night parking problem and alarm noise should be referred to the District Council.

9. Planning.

Applications for discussion

Land at Bryncambic Chapel Lawn – Agricultural workers dwelling

Upper Weston Clun “ “ “

3 Newport Street – Felling of Cypress Leylandi

There were no objections to any of these.

Applications approved

White Horse The Square - Installation of a roof light

Ship House Clun - Half glazed stable door

10 Mount Pleasant – Erection of domestic garage

Guilden Down Road – Agricultural building

Belmont Hand Causeway - extension

Upper Weston Clun– Agricultural workers dwelling

Applications refused

Llwyn Cottage Extension

The Old Smithy New Invention Erection of a garage

Clerk had also received notification that the opening at the Turnpike was in line with the planning approval.

10. Finance

Account balances as at 27 September 2005 are as follows:

Treasurers Account	2113.89
Money manager Account	13906.73
COIF Money Master	47.80
ROWEC account	822.26

Bills paid whilst in recess

Clerks Salary	£236.20	
Expenses	£ 30.20	£ 266.40
Sandwell Borough Council		£ 55.20
Andrew Wallace		£ 24.00
Office Express		£ 41.50

Bills due for payment as at 29 September 2005

Clerks Salary	£236.20	
Expenses	£107.95	£ 344.15
N Power Street Lighting electricity	1/4/04-31/12/04 £ 386.55	
	1/1/05-31/3/05 £ 131.81	£ 518.36
Office Express		£ 64.04
A Wallace	£15.00 and £24.00	£ 39.00
James Expenses ROWEC Account		£ 140.16
Memorial Hall – electricity for footlights		£ 20.00

A budget statement and forecast was also provided to councillors

Minute 05-06-37 It was proposed by Cllr V Sherring and seconded by Cllr J Devaney and resolved that the bills with the exception of N Power, which was still in dispute, should be paid.

11. Tourism Grant update. Cllr Pendry had informed the clerk that all the work was in hand and if there was any money left council may wish to consider replacing the seat at the High Street bus shelter. Council agreed to discuss this if funds were still available.

13. ROWEC

During this item the chairman allowed Peter James P3. joint co-ordinator to comment Format and standing of ROWEC committee. It appeared that in 1995 the Rights of Way and Environment Committee had been given executive powers; however the standing orders of 2002 made no reference to such powers. It was necessary to clarify the position.

After discussion it was proposed that the P3 joint co-ordinators should be in a position to deal with rights of way repairs as and when they were needed without the need for Parish Council approval. It as noted that this was in line with the P3 agreement. This was proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr S Smith

Minute 05-06-38 Resolved that the P3 joint co-ordinators deal with rights of way repairs when necessary and without the need for Parish Council agreement. Standing Orders should be amended to reflect this.
Report and Recommendations from ROWEC.

The P3 agreement had been circulated to council. It was proposed by Cllr Devaney and seconded by Cllr S Sherring that this be signed

Minute 05-06-39 Resolved that the clerk sign the P3 agreement on behalf of the parish Council.

Countryside Access Consultation. The consultation document, questionnaire and correspondence had been circulated and Peter James had prepared a draft reply for the Parish Council to consider. This had already been circulated and after some discussion and two amendments it was proposed this be sent to the County Council. Cllr Terry said there was some dispute on the open access around Caer Caradoc and clerk was to get some clarification on the matter and inform him of the reply.

14.) Cataloguing of Archives. It was hoped to start this within the next week.

15) Town Hall repairs. The curator had informed the clerk that a patch of plaster had fallen off the wall. Clerk was asked to obtain quotes for the repair.

16) Review day and date of meetings. Members had been asked to provide details of unavailability and after considerable discussion it was proposed by Cllr Appleton Fox and seconded by Cllr V Sherring that the day and date of meetings i.e. fourth Thursday of the month, stay the same. All in favour.

Minute 05-06-40 It was resolved that the date of meetings continue as at present

17) Consultation regarding Fire and Rescue Service merger and merger of Local Justice areas
Council was advised on the proposed mergers and questionnaires were discussed

18) Six Market Towns Meeting.

It was noted that Council had declined to participate in this but after discussion Cllr Appleton Fox offered to look at the correspondence and into what the partnership offered and report back to the next meeting. This was accepted.

19) To elect a representative as trustee to Clun Memorial Hall and Playing Fields Charity.

Cllrs M Smith and Cllr J Williams left the meeting

There was no one prepared to become the representative. It was therefore proposed by Cllr Terry and seconded by Cllr Blood that there should be no representative. All were in favour.

Minute 05-06-41 Resolved that there should be no representative.

20) Correspondence

A list of correspondence was noted and discussed. Cllr Sherring suggested that in future it would be useful that the correspondence be laid out on a table for councillors to look at before the meeting.

SSDC	Standards Committee draft minute Register of Electors Open Spaces Audit of South Shropshire Design and Heritage Awards South Shropshire Arts Advisory Council South Shropshire Sport and Leisure
Shropshire County Council	Lets Talk meetings 17 October 2005 Open Access Land Officer Childrens Information Service Changes to Registration and Celebratory Services Colstey Motor Cycle Event notification Provisional Local Transport Plan 2006 availability of report Hospital Lane Clun notification of closure 3 October
St Georges Church	Thank you for grant
SALC	Training courses and other items
Charity Commission	Annual Return
SAPTC	Notification of meeting 17 October
South Shropshire Partnership	Re theft from cars and car parks
South Shropshire Housing Assoc	Annual Report etc
Wasteless Society	Newsletter

Several appeals for grant aid had been received and it was agreed to consider these at the end of the financial year.

21) Any new business for next meeting. Cllr Appleton Fox requested a discussion on Statement of Community Involvement and Consultation on the New Planning Policy System

The public were excluded for the next item

12) Bus Shelter - threatened legal action.

Clerk provided the written reply she had received from the legal advisor at NALC and this was considered. The clerk was then instructed to reply to Mr and Mrs Slater's solicitor. Proposed by Cllr Williams and seconded by Cllr V Sherring. All were in favour.

Minute 05-06-42 Resolved to accept the advice from NALC and reply to the solicitors accordingly.

Chairman proposed that the bus shelters be cleaned on a regular basis. This would be put on the next agenda for consideration.

22) Date of next meeting; 27 October 2005

Meeting closed at 9.19 pm