

CLUN with CHAPEL LAWN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held at the Hazelhurst Close Clun on Thursday, 4 January 2007 at 7.30 p.m.

In attendance: Councillors B Vesty, N Appleton-Fox, Mrs J Devaney, C. Pendry. M J K Smith, S Blood, S Sherring, R Bright and Mrs V Sherring,

There were no questions from the members of the public who were present.

1. Apologies for absence. Cllrs K Terry, Mrs S J William and Mrs S Smith

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 at the start of the meeting.

Declarations of Personal interest: None

Declarations of prejudicial interest: Cllr Devaney item 3.

3. Town Hall – Damaged Ceiling.

Councillors had received a written report with their minutes and this was summarised as follows.

The ceiling had got very wet during recent wet and windy weather. The conservation officer Mr Colin Richards had visited and inspected the damage and he had provided a suggested specification for the work required to deal with the problem. Clerk had contacted builders as a matter of urgency requesting quotes for the work. Mr Goodwin had erected scaffolding to repair the leak in the roof and a small area of the ceiling had fallen down. In view of this and the possible delay in obtaining quotes the clerk had arranged for Graham Dudley to prop up the ceiling before any further damage occurred. Council were supportive of this action. English Heritage would visit on 10 January to inspect the various problems that had been identified. One quote only had been received for the ceiling repair and this was for £3000. Other builders had not wished to quote as in their opinion the specification was not the way to do the repair, however Colin Richards had confirmed that this was the way English Heritage would want it done. Apparently there could be some grants available but in any event a full structural survey would be needed. The work involved could be expensive and various ideas for raising the money were muted, public subscription, fund raising and a loan from the District Council being some ideas. It was proposed by Cllr Pendry that council should await the report from English Heritage, make enquiries regarding grants available and then seek advice from the Conservation officer before any further action was taken. It was also suggested that there should be some type of heating during the winter in the Town Hall; advice would be sought on this.

Minute 06-07-32 Resolved to discuss at the next meeting when full reports should be available.

4. Precept 2006/7

A resolution was proposed by Cllr Pendry that there should be further discussion on the amount of precept for 2007/8.

Minute 06-07-33 Resolved to review the precept amount previously agreed.

After some discussion and consultation on budget figures, election expenses and bank balances it was proposed by Cllr Bright that the amount previously agreed of £12000 should not be altered.

Minute 06-07-34 Resolved to make no change to the amount of precept and that £12000 be requested.

5. To agree any bills for payment

Clerks Salary	£ 249.49	
Expenses	£ 68.07	£ 317.56
Office Express		£ 37.57
G Dudley		£ 351.00
R A Goodwin		558.13

Minute 06-07-35 Proposed by Cllr V Sherring and resolved that the bills should be paid

6. Planning

Applications for discussion

Lower Rockhill Farm – Erection of extension to agricultural building

Squire Farm Chapel lawn – Formation of a ménage/arena

There were no objections.

Applications approved

The Hollies, Rockhill - Erection of stable block and store

No 2 Highlands Hospital Lane – Tree works

Whitcott Hall change of use of land

7. Any Correspondence to be noted.

Clerk had received notice that Vicarage Road was to be closed for five days in February. Two street lights were noted as out of order and the clerk would notify Prysman.

Meeting closed at 8.02pm