

CLUN with CHAPEL LAWN PARISH COUNCIL

These are Draft Minutes to be approved by the Parish Council at the next meeting

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Redlake Village Hall Clun on Thursday 3rd December 2009 at 7.30pm. (To be approved at the meeting to be held on Thursday 7th January 2010).

1. Present:

Cllr C Pendry (Chairman)

Cllrs J Limond, K Terry, M Williamson, T Ely-Corbett, K Smith, B Smith, C Page and M K Smith

Members of the public were present.

2. Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received Cllr R Bright and C McCormack

3. Co-option of Parish Councillors:

It was proposed by Mr K Smith and seconded by Mr M K Smith and resolved the Parish Council co-opt as Parish Councillors for the remaining term of the Council:

a) Mrs B Palmer, Bryneddin Chapel Lawn Bucknell SY7 OBW

b) Christine Page, Smiling Tree Farm, Chapel Lawn, Bucknell Shropshire SY7 OBW

After signing the Declaration of Acceptance of Office as Parish Councillor the Chairman welcomed them as Parish Councillors.

4. Declarations of interest:

Mrs B Palmer - Planning application 09/03364/FUL

5. Public Session:

A member of the public requested a copy of the draft Clun and Chapel Lawn Parish Plan Action Plan to which the Parish Council had no objection.

Shropshire Councillor Nigel Hartin gave an update on the Shropshire Community Strategy, the Cultural Strategy the Local Joint Committee with the next meeting being held at Marton Village Hall on the 20th January 2010 and the Shropshire Council budget were £7.5 million savings had to be made.

6. To confirm and accept the Minutes of the Previous Meeting

The Parish Council approved that the minutes of the meetings held on the 3rd December 2009 and they were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

7. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

- a) Notice Board - The Chairman had obtained for Chapel Lawn Village Hall a replacement Notice Board at no cost to the Parish Council.
- b) Highway Items - The Chairman reported that several highway items had been completed.

8. Highway Items:

- a) Clun Bridge - Shropshire Council had advised the Parish Council that the cost of repairs carried out to Clun Bridge since the North east corner of the bridge was widened in Summer 2006 amounted to £22,778.40
- b) Street lights - The Clerk to report the following faulty street lights:
 - i) Light in Bridge Street by the Old Blacksmiths Shop Clun
 - ii) Light on the junction of Hospital lane/Hazelhurst Close Clun
- c) Other Highway items:
 - i) The Clerk to report the faulty school hazard warning lights the Knighton Road End.
 - ii) The Clerk to report the damaged hand rail and moss on the footway Newport Street Clun leading to Clun Memorial Hall.
 - iii) Consideration should be-given to the provision of off street parking at the property adjacent to Turnpike Meadow this will be pursued by the Chairman.

9. Amenity Items:

- a) Town Hall - In a confidential item at the end of the meeting with the exclusion of the public the Parish Council considered the estimates received for the interior painting of Clun Museum when it was agreed to accept the quote received from J D Morris and Son at a cost of £1,175 this cost to be met from the Town Hall Reserve Fund.
- b) Youth Club - Cllr J Limond had attended the initial meeting of the Youth Club Group who were now looking for premises to meet it was then hoped to arrange a public meeting of interested participants.
- c) Cemetery - The propose improvements to the cemetery will be discussed at the next meeting following the receipt of further quotes for the work which may have to be undertaken over several years
- d) Other Items - The Clerk reported that BT had proposed the closure of several telephone kiosks in South Shropshire which included the box at Whitcott Keysett however Shropshire Council on behalf of the Parish Council would object to any closure of the Kiosks.
- e) Cllr K Terry reported on the Tree Planting Scheme with the provision of free trees being organised by Shropshire Council.

10. Planning:

- a) The Parish Council had no objection to planning application 09/03364/Ful - Change of use of agricultural land to boarding kennels building and additional cattery accommodation - Oak Farm Rockhill Clun.

b) A letter had been received from Shropshire Council concerning Rural Community Engagement; hubs and Clusters of Sustainable Communities which was relevant to various items in the Clun and Chapel Lawn Parish Plan, Housing, Transport and Safer Communities.

Shropshire Council want to work with parishes in writing core planning policies for the next 10-20 years and develop a really good understanding about the aspirations, expectations, needs and capacities of communities.

Phase One of the approach will involve using parish plans and other evidence from rural communities and information obtained by Shropshire Council themselves and then testing it with communities. The Parish Council agreed to take part in this initial phase and invite Mr J Berriman Head of Planning Policy and Sustainability Shropshire Council to the February meeting to explain in more detail the process and aims of the project.

11. Finances:

a) Parish Council bank balances:

Community/Business Accounts £12,771.53 at the 30th November 2009

b) The following accounts were approved for payment:

C E Williams - Quarterly Salary and expenses - £1,031.08

Redlake Valley Village Hall - Hire of Room - £10.

c) The Clerk had produced for discussion at the meeting a draft budget in respect of the financial year 2010/2011 highlighting the estimated level of Reserves at the end of March 2010 and the need to make adequate provision for future costs in respect of Street Lighting, Town Hall, Cemetery and Election Costs.

12. Parish Plan:

The Clerk had produced a draft action plan in respect of the Clun and Chapel Lawn Village Plan linking items to Shropshire Council Strategies and Policies and explained that it was difficult to put a priority on the various issues and to estimate timescales as many items are dependent on different organisations and funding being available.

The Action Plan will be a permanent item on the agenda and regularly reviewed.

The Chairman was pleased to report that one item will shortly be achieved with the provision of bike racks which will be funded by Shropshire Council

13. Report from outside Organisation:

The Chairman and Mr J Limond had represented the Parish Council at the Six Market Town meetings at which it was discussed as to whether the group should still meet on a regular basis. The Chairman felt it was important to keep the group in existence to discuss common topics relevant to the market Towns.

14. Other Items:

The Clerk had received the resignation of Mr K Smith who will shortly be leaving the area, the Chairman and Parish Council paid tribute to the work that he had been carried out as a Parish Councillor particularly on behalf of the Chapel Lawn electors and in the production of the Clun and Chapel Lawn Parish Plan.

The Clerk will publish the required Notice of Election for the vacancy.

15. Correspondence:

The following correspondence had been received from Shropshire Council:

a) Shropshire Partnership Community Strategy

b) Local Standards

c) Tree planting Scheme

d) Shropshire Partnership Website which has details of policies and strategies being consulted on by Shropshire Council there is also a link to this site from the Parish Councils website:

www.2shrop.net/clunandchapellawnpc

16. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on the Thursday 7th January 2010 at Chapel Lawn Village Hall which will commence at 7.30 pm which will include the Parish Council Precept requirement 2010/2011 and a grant application for the purchase of a Defibrillator as part of the Clun AED Scheme

Chairman