

CLUN with CHAPEL LAWN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting held at the Hazelhurst Community Room, Clun
Tuesday, 15 May 2007 at 8.00 p.m.

Public participation.

Ruth Mason from the Crown Inn at Clunton raised the matter of the road closure notices erected at Long Meadow End and Kempton turn during Green Man weekend. Ms Mason explained that the signs did not make it clear that the road closure only applied to Clun and this had caused problems for local business especially as they were in place for several days. After some discussion with information provided by Mr Limond, Green Man committee chairman it was agreed to include the matter for further discussion on the next agenda. The Green man committee were to meet on 6th June and Ms Mason was invited to attend that meeting to voice her concerns.

In attendance Mrs B Vesty retiring chairman, C Pendry, J Limond, B Weaver, M Williamson, C Moir S Sherring J Devaney, C. Pendry, N Appleton Fox, K Terry, R Bright, K. Smith.

1. To receive councillors Acceptance of Office

Those members present completed their Acceptance of Office forms. It was noted that the absent member would sign at the first available opportunity.

2. Apologies for absence.

Mr M K Smith (away) also from C Cllr. N Hartin and D Cllr M Reynolds

3. Declarations of interest

Declarations of Personal Interest. None

Declarations of Prejudicial Interest. Cllr R Bright, Item 16, Cllr J Limond Item 16

4 Election of Chairman.

Cllr. Appleton Fox was proposed by Cllr Terry and Cllr Pendry was proposed by Cllr Weaver.

Cllrs Appleton Fox and Pendry left the room for the vote.

A vote was taken. Cllr Limond abstained. The retiring chairman Mrs Vesty used her casting vote. Cllr Pendry was elected and took the chair and Mrs Vesty retired to the public area.

It was resolved that Cllr Pendry be elected as chairman for the council year 2007/8

5. Election of Vice Chairman:

Cllr Appleton Fox was proposed by Cllr Terry and Cllr Devaney was proposed by Cllr Weaver.

Cllrs Appleton Fox and Devaney left the room for the vote.

A vote was taken Cllr Pendry abstained. Cllr Appleton Fox was elected.

It was resolved that Cllr Appleton Fox be elected as vice-chairman for the council year 2007/8

6. To determine Membership of committees.

It was resolved that in addition to the chairman and vice chairman the following members were elected:

Rights of Way and Environment Committee. Cllrs Terry, Bright and Williamson.

Proposed by Cllr Appleton Fox

Cemetery Committee.

Cllr Weaver and Devaney. M K Smith was also elected in his absence subject to his agreement.

Proposed by Cllr C Moir

Planning. All councillors.

7. To appoint Councillors to represent the Parish Council on outside bodies.

Management Committee of Clun Memorial Hall and Playing Fields Charity.

Cllr Devaney was proposed by Cllr Pendry all were in favour
Redlake Village Hall.

Cllr K Smith was proposed by Cllr Terry all were in favour.

Shropshire Association of Local Councils area committee.

The Chairman.

8. To appoint representatives on Parish Plan Steering Committee

Cllrs Pendry, Moir Weaver and K Smith were proposed

Resolved that the above be elected

9. To confirm appointment of trustees to Clun Museum Trust

Two Trustees were due for re-election in 2007 Mrs J Williams and Mrs J Kent and it was proposed by Cllr Pendry that they be re-elected.

Resolved that the above trustees be elected

10. To make any amendments to standing orders.

A copy had been provided for all members and there was no proposal to amend.

11. To review Financial Regulations and internal control system

A copy had been circulated with the agenda and there were no proposed amendments.

12. To agree cheque signatories

Cllr Moir proposed that Cllrs Bright, Limond and Pendry be the new cheque signatories.

All were in favour

Resolved that the new signatories be approved.

Clerk was asked to research other banking methods, with a possible view to using local facilities.

13. To agree day and date for meeting in the forthcoming year

After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Devaney that the meetings should be held on the first Thursday in each month except for January and August.

Resolved to change the date of meetings

14. Approval of minutes of the meeting of 26 April 2007

Mr M K Smith asked that it be noted that the item on Satellite Navigation should have included the fact that he had informed the County Council of the problems. Proposed by Cllr R Bright that the minutes be approved.

Resolved to approve

15. Continued Business from the last meeting

Town Hall repairs. Clerk reported that the closing date for quotes to be returned had passed and none had been received. It was agreed that the specification of work should be reissued to include other builders.

16. Premises Licence.

Cllr Bright left the meeting

An application had been received from Clun Carnival and Show Committee. Proposed by Cllr Weaver that permission be granted.

Resolved to grant permission

Cllr Bright returned to the meeting

17. Cemetery Matters.

None

18. Street Lighting.

The light at the Ford Street junction of Newport Street was not working. A letter had been received from E.ON regarding concrete lighting columns and a recent accident. . It was agreed to ascertain how many concrete columns were in the parish. Cllr Devaney mentioned the concrete column outside the school appeared to move and that children played around it. This concern would be investigated. The school warning light was reported as not working correctly and Highways would be informed. .

19. Highways Matters.

Wheelbarrow Bridge proposed weight limit. After a discussion with resulting mixed opinions on this matter it was agreed to await the formal consultation.

20. Planning

Applications for discussion

Albany Villa, Castle Street - Extension

It was observed that this extension would be visible from Clun Castle and The Shropshire Way. This concern to be notified to SSDC.

Brook House Pentre – extension and alterations to dwelling – no objection

Little Bryncalled – Extension and alterations to dwelling. Council had concerns that this was not in keeping with the rural area and therefore objected to the design.

Applications approved

Pentre Hodre House, Chapel Lawn - erection of garage, oil store, kennel

3 Bicton – extension

Hurst Oak Clunton – Replacement dwelling

It was agreed that the clerk would investigate the possibility of obtaining some training on planning matters .for councillors

21. Finances

a. Bank Balances

Treasurers Account 3236.40

Money manager Account 7138.73

ROWEC account 679.21

(It was noted that statements had not yet been received therefore accounts had not been reconciled)

b. Bills due for payment

Andrew Wallace £30.00

ROWEC Expenses £75.17

These could not yet be paid as the new cheque signatories were not in place and the old signatories were no longer members of the council.

c. Acceptance of annual accounts. A copy of the Audit Statement was provided and it was proposed by Cllr Sherring that this be accepted.

Resolved to accept

d. Current account Clun Recreation Trust. A current account was required to facilitate the paying out of money from this trust fund. The audit requirements required that this money should not be included in the council returns. This was a trust ran by the Parish Council and the money was periodically paid out to the three village halls.

It was proposed by Cllr Bright and resolved that a new account be opened.

22. Craven Arms Area Action Plan.

It was agreed that this was not applicable to Clun.

23 Correspondence

Item

Action

Tree Warden – Re Copper Beech tree in Castle grounds

For discussion at next meeting

Other correspondence was noted

Standards Board – new Code of Conduct

SSDC - Shropshire Landlords Forum

Salc Correspondence

Wasteless Society Newsletter

24. Any other business for next month's agenda.

As previously stated

.....Chairman

.....Date