

CLUN with CHAPEL LAWN PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and Annual Meeting of the Parish Council Meeting held at Hazelhurst Community Room Clun Redlake Village Hall Chapel Lawn on Thursday 1st May 2008 at 7.00pm.

1. In attendance:

Chairman Cllr C Pendry

Cllrs N Appleton Fox, K Smith, J Limond, K Terry, S Sherring, B Weaver, M Williamson, M K Smith and J Devaney.

Mr C E Williams (Clerk)

N Hartin (County Councillor)

Members of the Public were present

2. Acceptance of Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Cllr R Bright.

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3. Report by the chairman of the Parish Council:

Cllr C Pendry Reported that the Parish Council were working to become a Quality Council during this year and highlighted work undertaken on the Parish Plan, the impact of the new Shropshire Unitary Authority and the application for grants in respect of improvements to the Village Hall.

4. Report of the District Councillor and County Councillor:

Cllr C Pendry reported on his role as Chairman of the Planning Committee of the District Council and progress in working with the Unitary Authority on new policies, however it was anticipated that planning policies would remain for a minimum of two years.

Cllr N Hartin reported on the campaign against the closure of rural post offices, telephone kiosks and Rural Primary Schools all of which if allowed would see an erosion of local services.

Cllr N Hartin reported on the implementation of the Unitary Authority from 1st April 2009 although election of Unitary Councillors might not be held until June 2009 to coincide with the European Elections.

Cllr N Hartin The key reason for the amalgamation of the Councils was due to anticipated monetary savings of £10 million.

Cllr N Hartin highlighted various highway improvements within the area and the proposed Biomass installation in Bishops Castle the consideration of which had been deferred.

5. Community Support Officer:

The Chairman introduced Community Support Officer P Scott who referred to the Neighbourhood Watch Scheme in Clun and the Rural Watch scheme; it was pleasing to note that crime was not on the increase in the area.

6. Reports from Other Organisations:

The meeting received a written report from Peter James on the Clun Parish Paths Partnership which highlighted the work undertaken by volunteers on the strimming and maintenance of the paths with over 190 hours being provided free.

Assistance was provided to the County Council in the Shropshire Way upgrading project an example being the fixing of non-strip grids to all new stile steps in Clun Parish.

Clun 3P has volunteered to lead walks on the Bishops Castle/ Clun and Clun/ Craven Arms upgraded section of the Shropshire Way.

Peter James provided a written report on the Clun Ramblers, Amblers and Pre-ambblers groups were it was pleasing to note the increase in the numbers partaking in this form of healthy exercise.

The walks of all three groups will now take place on Wednesdays all year round.

It is interesting to note that the very first Clun Ramblers Newsletter "Run to Earth" by John Briscoe who started the it all off is dated Easter 1981 announcing a full programme of activities.

The Meeting would like to see better publicity of the Annual parish meeting and the opportunity for Local Organisations to present or forward a written report.

7. Other Items:

There was concern about the number of advertising hoardings in the Square at Clun particularly as this was in a Conservation Area.

A question was raised concerning the amount of grant to the Clun Memorial Hall Committee; the Clerk explained that all Parish Councillors had been provided with a copy of the request from the Memorial Hall Committee detailing the works that would be undertaken. The Parish Council agreed to provide £2,100, which was made up of reserves which had been held in respect of works at the Memorial Hall of £1,500 and £600 and for which it was deemed appropriate to use in the modernisation of the toilets

8. Next Meeting:

The next Annual Parish meeting will be held on the Thursday 7th May 2009.

Annual Parish Council Meeting

1. Election of Chairman:

It was **Resolved** that Cllr C Pendry be re-elected as Chairman for the ensuing year.

2. Election of Vice – Chairman:

It was **Resolved** that Cllr N Appleton Fox be re-elected as Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

3. Appointment of Representatives for the year:

- a) Rights of Way and Environment – Cllr K Terry, Cllr R Bright and Cllr M Williamson
- b) Cemetery – Cllr B Weaver, Cllr J Devaney and Cllr M K Smith.
- c) Clun Memorial Hall and Playing Fields Charity – No Nomination
- d) Redlake Valley Village Hall – Cllr K Smith
- e) South Shropshire Association of Parish and Town Councils – Cllr C Pendry
- f) Trustees to Clun Museum Trust – Cllr M K Smith

4. Meetings for the Year 2008/2009

It was **Resolved** that the meetings will be held on the first Thursday of each month with no meeting in the months of August and December.

5. Declarations of interest:

Personal – Cllr N Appleton Fox. - Clun Town Hall

6. To confirm and accept the Minutes of the meeting held on the 3rd April 2008.

It was proposed by Cllr N Appleton Fox and seconded by Cllr J Limond and **Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on 3rd April 2008 be approved.

7. Highway Issues:

- a) Provision of Mirror Buffalo Lane Clun – The Clerk to enquire when this work was to be undertaken
Waterloo Ford and Repairs to Clun Bridge – The Parish Council were pleased with the repair work that had be undertaken to-date with the resurface of the roadway and pavements still to be undertaken.
- b) Street Lights – The Clerk had reported all the remaining faulty highway lights to the County Council.
- c) The Chairman to report that damaged rails on the embankment of Wheel Barrow Bridge.

8. Amenity Items:

- a) Damaged Handrail along footpath to Clun Memorial Hall at Newport Street End – This item was still outstanding.

- b) A request had been received for the improvement of the parcel of land at Black hills however clarification of who were the appropriate owners of the land would need to be sought as this land was owned by the Parish Council.

9. Planning:

The Parish Council considered the following planning application to which there was No Objection:
1/08/20675/TC – Tree Works – Felling and other works trees – Clun Castle Street Clun
1/08/20606/NT – Agricultural Notice – Erection of an agricultural building (for livestock and storage) – Burfield Farm Clun
1/08/20686/F – Erection of an extension to medical practise – The Meadows Medical Practice Turnpike Meadow Clun
1/08/20679/F/LB – Erection of extension to dwelling – Ship House Ford Street Clun

The District Council had approved the following applications:

1/08/20409/F – Conversion of garage to provide annex to main dwelling – The Wainhouse Waterloo Lane Clun
1/08/20457/F – Construction of raised decking area – Ladybrook House Buffalo Lane Clun
1/08/20448/TC – Felling of Trees – 4 Waterloo Drive Clun
1/08/20466/F – Erection of an agricultural building for storage and livestock – Colstey Cottage Colstey Clun
1/08/20503/LB – Installation of a satellite dish – Trinity Hospital Clun
1/08/20433/F & 1/08/20434/LB – Retrospective application for alterations to existing building, re-roofing and erection of wall – White Horse The Square Clun
1/08/20410/F – Erection of a domestic garage – plot 2 Courtrai Mount Pleasant Clun
1/08/204585/F & 1/08/20486/LB – Erection of an ancillary domestic outbuilding – The Barn High Street Clun
1/07/20223/TP – Tree Pruning – St Georges’s Churchyard Vicarage Road Clun

It was proposed by Cllr M K Smith and seconded by Cllr J Devaney and **Resolved** that where it was necessary to determine planning applications before the next parish Council meeting that observation could be submitted by four members Chairman, Vice- Chairman and two other councillors one of which would be from Chapel Lawn if there were applications for that area. If the application were of a significant issue this would need to be considered by the full Council with a special meeting being arranged by the Clerk.

10. Finances:

a) To note bank account balances:	
Treasurers Account	£9,283.63
Money Managers Account	£7,334.63
ROWEC account	£520.80
b) Outstanding bills for payment	
N Power – Street lighting	£245.43
N Power – Street lighting	£242.52
Allianz Insurance - Annual Insurance	£1,601.00
C Pendry – Parish Plan stationary	£206.40

The Parish Council noted the balances and **Resolved** that the above payments be approved.

The Clerk presented a detailed summary of the Income and Expenditure for the Financial Year 2007/2008 with the accounts now being available for annual audit.

11. Parish Plan:

The questionnaire will be sent out to everyone over the age of twelve during the 12th – 15th May 2008 with responses to be returned by early June 2008.

12. Rights of Way Issues:

No Items to report

13.Clun Town Hall

No Items to report.

14: Correspondence:

The following correspondence was noted:

- a) The Resignation of Cllr C Moir who was leaving to work abroad the Clerk will advertise the Notice of Vacancy. The Council thanked Cllr C Moir for her contribution as a Parish Councillor
- b) Cllr K Smith updated the meeting on the seminar he had attended in respect of the implementation of the Shropshire Unitary Authority from the 1st April 2008, which had highlighted Training, IT issues, partnership Working etc.
It was **Resolved** that the Implementation of the Shropshire Unitary Authority should appear as a regular Agenda item.

15. To confirm the date and place of next Parish Council Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on Thursday 5th June 2008 at Hazelhurst Community Centre Clun

Chairman