

CLUN with CHAPEL LAWN PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Hazelhurst Close Community Centre Clun on Thursday 1st October 2009 at 7.30pm. (to be approved at the meeting to be held on Thursday 5th November 2009). The meeting was preceded with a presentation on the Clun and Chapel Lawn Parish Plan 2009.

1. Present:

Cllr C Pendry (Chairman)

Cllrs J Limond, S Sherring, K Terry, R Bright, M Williamson, T Ely-Corbett, C McCormack and K Smith

Members of the public were present.

2. Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received Cllr J Devaney and M K Smith

3. Declarations of interest:

Personal/Prejudicial – Mr J Limond – Parking along Castle Street Clun

4. Public Session:

Prior to the meeting the Clun and Chapel Lawn Parish Plan 2009 was presented by Mr K Smith the Chairman of the Parish Plan Group who also thanked the members of the group for the work they had undertaken in producing the document which will now be forwarded to residents of the Parish Area.

On behalf of the Parish Council the Chairman Mr C Pendry thanked Mr K Smith and the Group for the production of an excellent plan which will now be used by the Parish Council when considering the various items that will arise.

5. To confirm and accept the Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

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

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

The Chairman reported that the memorial seat to be provided in memory of Alfred Langford who had lived and died in Clun having served as a postman for many years and his daughter and grand- daughter Irene Taylor and Sandra Langford-Rose will be sited at the Craven Arms approach to Clun Bridge on the river bank.

7. Highway Items:

a) Clun Bridge – In view of the concern about the reduction of car park spaces and the potential to cause a blockage at both ends of Clun Bridge the Parish Council agreed to oppose the introduction of traffic lights on the bridge.

A request was made to establish the cost of the repair to the bridge over the last five years due to vehicle collision damage.

b) Street lights – The Clerk reported that an order had been placed Central Networks for the replacement of the streetlights in Llwyn Road, Vicarage Road and Knighton road junction with Church Bank at a cost of approximately £2,300 which includes the provision of new columns and costs of connecting the electricity supply.

c) Other highway items:

i) A letter had been received concerning the provision of road safety mirrors on the junction from the Bryn onto the Clun/Bishops Castle Road at the top of Tadpole, the parking along Castle Street (Mr J Limond left the meeting for this items) and the obstruction of the pavement outside the Bridge Shop/Cafe Clun – It was agreed to refer these items to Shropshire Council Highways for comment.

ii) The Clerk to report damage to the road surface in Bridge Road/Church Street and the dip in the road by Clun Bridge.

8. Amenity Items:

a) Town Hall – Requirements had been drawn up for the redecoration of the museum for which costs would now be obtained from interested contractors.

b) Museum – Grant application for Clun Town Trust will be deferred until the March 2010 meeting when the annual insurance is renewable.

9. Planning:

a) The Parish Council considered the following planning applications:

09/02391/Ful – Erection of a detached garage with store above – 9 Woodside Clun - No Objection

b) Shropshire Core Strategy – Policy Directions – It was agreed that a comment should be made in respect of Rural Transport as it will be vital in achieving the required sustainability of the rural areas.

10. Finances:

a) Parish Council bank balances:

Community/Business Accounts £19,032.24

b) The following accounts were approved for payment:

i) C E Williams – Salary and expenses for quarter - £1,037.02

ii) K Smith – Stationary Parish Plan - £48.27

iii) K Smith – postage etc. Parish Plan - £142.27

iv) C Pendry – sign for walkers - £55.00

c) Grant application – M Driscoll – It was not the policy for the Parish Council to give grants for this nature and although the Chairman made a proposal for a grant this did not receive a seconded it was suggested that grants may be available from other organisations.

11. Parish Plan:

The Parish Council welcomed the production of the Clun and Chapel Lawn Parish Plan which will now be considered by the Council and from which an appropriate Action Plan will be drawn on the items that the Council wishes to pursue.

This had been a major project which involved a considerable volunteer time by the Parish Plan Group in the appropriate consultation and the final production of the plan.

Copies of the plan will be available on a CD for which there will be no charge.

12. Report from outside Organisation:

The Chairman reported had attended the meeting of the Local Joint Committee on the 30th September 2009 at Bishops Castle which considered transport issues and grant funding applications for which 14 applications for funding had been received.

13. Other Items:

a) The Clerk had received the resignation of Mr S Sherring as a Parish Councillor as he was moving from the area. The Chairman and Parish Council paid tribute to the work that had been carried out by Mr S Sherring as a Parish Councillor the Clerk will publish the required Notice of Election for the vacancy.

b) Mr B Weaver had not attended a Parish Council meeting for six months and although the Clerk has tried to make contact there had been no response. Due to the non attendance Mr B Weaver no longer qualified to be a Parish Councillor and therefore the Clerk will publish the required Notice of Election for the vacancy.

14. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on the Thursday 5th November 2009 at Hazelhurst Close Community Centre Clun which will commence at 7.30 pm.

Chairman