

CLUN with CHAPEL LAWN PARISH COUNCIL

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The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Hazelhurst Close Community Centre Clun on Thursday 4th February 2010 at 7.30pm.

1. Present:

Clr C Pendry (Chairman)

Clrs J Limond, K Terry, M Williamson, T Ely-Corbett, B Smith, C Page, M K Smith, Mrs B Palmer, R Bright and C McCormack

Members of the public were present.

2. Apologies for absence:

Nil

3. Declarations of interest:

Mrs C Page – Personal and Prejudicial – Planning application - 10/00213/Ful

Mr M Williamson – Personal and Prejudicial – Planning application – 09/03842/COU

Mr J Limond – Personal and Prejudicial – Planning application - 10/00149/Ful

4. Public Session:

No items

5. 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.

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Nil

7. Highway Items:

a) Clun Bridge – The Clerk to obtain a more detailed breakdown from Shropshire Council of the cost of repair to the bridge over the last five years. the

b) Street lights – The Clerk to report the following faulty street lights:

Clun Road adjacent to the Surgery Clun, Corner of the Town Hall Clun and a cover was required to the light in Llwyn Road Clun.

c) Other Highway items:

The Clerk to report the dangerous potholes along the New Invention to Bucknell Road

The Clerk to request additional salt bins within the Chapel Lawn area details of which will be provided by Mr K Terry.

Shropshire Council is aiming to inform and encourage even more members of the public to take advantage of the Shropshire Link Passenger Service for transport to and from the rural areas for details contact the Customer Service Centre 03456789068 or visit the website

www.shropshire.gov.uk/traveltransport.nsf

There were still concerns about the parking of vehicles by Turnpike Meadow Clun Road which cause an obstruction to on-coming traffic however this may only be resolved by an appropriate traffic management scheme.

8. Amenity Items:

a) Items were raise concerning broadband facilities in Chapel Lawn and also changes to furnished holiday letting rules it was suggested that these should be raised at either the local Joint Committee or the Planning Sustainability Meeting to be hosted by Shropshire Council on the 27th February 2010 at Clun Memorial Hall to which members of the public and councillors are invited to attend.

- b) Shropshire Council was currently undertaking a review of the Public Convenience Service details of which had been provided to Councillors who should forward their views to the Clerk.
- c) Shropshire Councils Environmental Maintenance Service will soon have Street Cleaning Wardens whose purpose is to support communities by improving their local area this could be reporting defects in street furniture and its condition, undertaking litter and dog fouling enforcement, removal of litter, fly posting, fly tipping etc.
- d) Following a request by the Parish Council a Community Litter Pick had been organized by Shropshire Council for Clun on Thursday 11th February 2010 to which volunteers would be welcome.

9. Planning:

The Parish Council made the following observation in respect of planning applications received members who had declared a personal and prejudicial interest left the meeting when the individual application was decided upon.

09/03853/Ful – erection of single storey extension to rear; formation of a vehicular access and parking area; erection of a fence; formation of a courtyard/patio area with landscape alterations – 11 School Road Clun – No Objection

10/00149/Ful – Erection of a smoking shelter to the rear of the public house – The White Horse Inn 12 The Square Clun – No Objection although it be pointed out to Shropshire Council that there were concerns about rights of way by neighbouring residents although this was not regarded as a planning issue.

09/03842/COU – Change of use to residential full dwelling from half office use and half dwelling – 6 High Street Clun – No Objection

10/00213/Ful – Internal and external alterations to existing thatch over window openings, new overlapping sessile oak boards to living room extension and proposed oak post veranda with glazed roof over rear doors – Smiling Tree Farm Bucknell – No Objection.

10. Finances:

a) Parish Council bank balances:

Community/Business Accounts £11,349.38 at the 31st December 2009

b) The following accounts were approved for payment:

Campbell Rouse Ltd – Electrical Fittings Christmas lights - £565.70

Parish Online – Mapping Service - £47.00

W Rowe – Street Light energy cost - £20.00

N Power – Street Light energy costs - £295.18

J Limond – Christmas Lights expenditure – £65.80

J Brookes – Repairs to Notice Board Clun - £147.93

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 and General Balances 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.

The Clerk reported that although the annual running costs incurred by the Parish Council could be sustained without an increase in the precept there were concerns about the level of reserves available for future works that may be required to the Town Hall, Street Lights and Cemetery and Election costs over the next few years.

For example the Parish Council has 36 Street Lights and to replace one light cost approximately £1,000 (current Reserve £1,000) and planned maintenance work for the cemetery over the next five years could exceed £18,000 (current Reserve £800).

In respect of the Town Hall major repairs have recently been undertaken at a cost of £26,000 for which the Parish Council received substantial grant assistance from the former South Shropshire District Council, in future years substantial grants may not be available and therefore adequate Reserves must be established (current Reserve Nil).

To ensure that the Parish Council can adequately start to plan for the future and also continue to give grants to local organisations such as St Georges Church and Clun Memorial Hall the Clerk had suggested an increase in the Precept of between £1,000 and £1,500.

The Parish Council debated the Income and Expenditure details and the requirements and although appreciating the need to build adequate Reserves was conscious about the current economic climate with an increase of £1,500 equating too approximately 11% although in

monetary terms it would be an annual increase of approximately £1.80 a year on the Parish Charge for an average Band D Property.

It was proposed by Ms C Page and seconded by Mr T Ely-Corbett that the precept be increased by £2,000; an amendment to the proposal was proposed by Mr R Bright and seconded by Mr K Terry that the precept be increased by £1,500 this however was lost on a vote.

The original proposal was agreed by the Parish Council by a vote 6 for and 2 against and therefore resolved that the Precept for 2010/2011 be increased by £2,000 to £14,900 which will equate to an approximate annual increase of £2.40 on the Parish Charge for an average Band D Property this however subject to final calculation by Shropshire Council.

d) The grant applications in respect of the Youth Club and the provision of a Defibrillator were deferred until the next meeting.

11. Parish Plan:

The Clerk would update the Parish Plan in respect of the following items:

Reserve for maintenance of Ancient Buildings – Town Hall/Clun Museum

Appointment of Street wardens by Shropshire Council in respect of Litter, Fly Tipping etc

The sustainability meeting to be held by Shropshire Council in respect of Village Hubs and Clusters addressing issues such as Transport and Housing

12. Report from outside Organisation:

The next meeting of the South Shropshire Association of Parish and Town Councils will be held on the 15th February 2010 at which will be discussed the Shropshire Councils Charter, the restructure and new constitution for the Shropshire Association of Local Councillors.

13. Correspondence:

The following correspondence had been received from Shropshire Council:

a) Shropshire Council – Shropshire Councils Charter

b) SALC - Training Courses

c) Shropshire Council – Future Consultation – Final Core Strategy – Consultation Period 15th February 2010 – 29th March 2010 and Site Allocations and Management of Development Documents – 15th February 2010 – 10th May 2010.

d) Shropshire Council – Maintaining High Quality Education Provision – Consultation Meetings – 10th March 2010 at Craven Arms Community Centre 7-9pm

14. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on the Thursday 4th March 2010 at Hazelhurst Close Community Centre Clun at 7.30 pm and will include the new Model Standing Orders and Financial Regulations

Chairman