

CLUN with CHAPEL LAWN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Hazelhurst Community Centre Clun, on 4th October 2007 at 7.30 p.m.

1. In attendance Chairman Cllr C Pendry, Cllrs. J Limond, S Sherring, N Appleton Fox, C Moir, B Weaver, J Devaney and M K Smith. Three members of the public were also in attendance.

2 Acceptance of Apologies for absence

Apologies were received from Cllr Terry (unwell) Cllrs Williamson and K Smith (on holiday) Cllr Bright (another commitment)

3 **Declarations of interest.** None

4 PUBLIC SESSION.

Mr P James brought up three issues. First he pointed out an error on the minutes, they should read Llwyn Lane and not Road, and this was noted. He wished to make a comment on item 19 on the agenda re the Bridge Car Park. He wished to remind the council that Clun P3 regularly sent out details to over 30 walking groups asking them to use the Memorial Hall car park rather than the Bridge Car Park. In addition there were notices to this effect at the Bridge car park. He also wished to bring to council's attention the fact that item 15, Countryside Access Strategy draft statement, the Parish Council had already made representation on this matter.

5 To confirm and accept the Minutes of the meeting held on 6 September 2007

Proposed by Cllr Appleton Fox that subject to the amendment as discussed under public session these be approved. All were in favour.

Resolved

6 To approve amendments to Standing Orders

These had been circulated to councillors prior to the meeting.

Proposed by Cllr M Smith that these be approved, all were in favour.

Resolved

7 Continued Business from the last meeting

a) Town Hall repairs – Update on present position.

Clerk informed the meeting that Mr Grimes had indicated he would start the ceiling the following day. A result of investigations into possible grant sources a meeting had been arranged with the Heritage Lottery Fund for mid November. Consideration could also be given to a stair lift and roofing insulation, subject to listed building consent. A free energy survey had also been requested and was to be done in October. The chairman said that if there was no prospect of a grant then money to do the work would need to be met by a rise in the precept, either over one or two years. It had been hoped that the electorate would be consulted on the matter as part of the Parish Plan questionnaire, but as this is not due to go out until after Christmas the result would be too late for the decision on the precept, which was due to be made early January 2008. The chairman asked if council would give him support if he mentioned the problems in his Clun Chronicle. No one had any objection to this.

8 Quality Status Accreditation – Discussion and agreement.

Details of the estimated costs for the additional work involved in meeting the criteria were provided. The clerk would be required to be paid for the extra hours preparing for the Certificate in Local Council Administration (CiLCA) and also for preparing a quarterly newsletter. The cost of printing and circulating the newsletter and an Annual Report were also considered. After considering all the relevant points it was proposed by Cllr Limond that Clun Parish Council applied for Quality Status. All were in favour.

Resolved to apply for Accreditation as a Quality Council.

9 Highway issues

a. Any highway issues of concern in the parish that need reporting

Cllr Sherring said that the BT pole in Chapel Lawn which had previously been reported in May was still leaning towards the road. The clerk would chase this.

b. Update on proposed felling of tree in Newcastle Road.

The clerk had been informed that an order to fell this tree had been issued by the Highways Department to the contractor.

c. Village Speed Limits. Following the representations made at the last meeting the clerk had organised a meeting for 11 October with Mr G Shaw Senior Traffic Engineer, SCC, Mr R Hughes, and Safer Routes to school officer, Ms Heather Smith and PC Chairman to discuss the issues.

10 Street lighting.

a. To note any out of order street lights. None

b. Adoption of street lights by the County Council, further discussion. Details of the cost of this had been requested from Prysmian but not yet received.

11 Planning

Applications for discussion

New House Farm – Conversion of barn to holiday use suitable for disabled and a septic tank.

Change of use of first floor to residential accommodation Bridge Coffee Shop – General permitted development

No objections.

Applications approved

Guilden Down – Erection of agricultural building

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12 Finances

a. To note bank account balances

Account balances per statements as at 30 September

Treasurers Account	7675.59
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Money manager Account	8610.83
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ROWEC account	604.04
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b. Outstanding bills for payment

P J Smith Salary and Expenses (Sept)	£299.83
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A Wallace	£ 30.00
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ROW P3

P James	£40.00
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K Robinson	£38.64
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K Robinson	£ 4.60
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13 Parish Plan

As previously mentioned the Questionnaire was being finalised and was due to be distributed in January.

14 Six Towns Initiative

Cllrs Pendry and Limond had attended and found it of interest. The next meeting is to be held in Cleobury Mortimer.

15 Rights of Way issues

Countryside Access Strategy Draft – discussion on consultation document

This had been circulated to councillors since the last meeting at last meeting. There were neither amendments proposed nor any comments made.

Damaged handrail along footpath to Memorial Hall at Newport Street end. Three quotes had been requested with two quotes eventually obtained. Clerk was asked to instruct the lower quote to proceed.

16 Repairs to Foul Vents

Nothing had been heard from Severn Trent although the chairman had recently spoken to someone who was inspecting the vents prior to work being done.

17 Flooding in Clun – Further discussion

The chairman had prepared report of the Clun Flooding and this had been sent to the District Council. A copy of the report was available for councillors to look at. A Severn Trent leaflet on river dredging was

also available.

18 Chapel Lawn Items

Application for grant aid for kitchen refurbishment.

As this work had taken place council were advised that Sec. 137 grants could not be made retrospectively. Cllr Sherring informed the meeting that further work was needed at the hall to update the toilets and provide disabled access. This would be considered when details of the proposal were received.

Request for road sweeping

Chapel Lawn residents had indicated at the Parish Plan consultation day that they wanted the roads to be swept more often. The clerk would write to SSDC who were responsible for cleaning roads.

19 Review of Premises Licence

Clerk explained that some areas of the town had not been included in the Licence and that it may be advisable to include them. Consideration as to whether the Memorial Hall would like their outside area included on the Councils Licence was considered and clerk would discuss this further with Licensing Officer and the Hall committee. The chairman adjourned the meeting for Mrs Thorpe to explain the Hall committees present position. She said they would apply for a temporary event notice when one was needed. The clerk explained that the short notice of the move of Clun Carnival to the Memorial Hall meant that insufficient time had been available for a temporary event notice to be issued. There appeared to be a little confusion by the Carnival Committee on the new licence procedure and the clerk had suggested she attend a carnival Committee meeting to advise them on what was required. It was proposed by Cllr Pendry that every road should be covered in the Town, together with the Memorial Hall grounds if applicable. This proposal was agreed but confirmation of details would be confirmed at a later date.

Resolved in principle to extend the area of the Premises Licence.

20 Correspondence

All correspondence was noted with the SSDC Review of Boundaries/Conservation area to be included on the next agenda.

SSDC Review of Boundaries/Conservation areas

Changes to polling districts and places

Footpath 49 Modification order

SCC Local meeting of Lets Talk 8 October

Traveline information

Shropshire Fire and Rescue Community Safety Day 13 October

SALC - various correspondence

Standards Board newsletter

Vin Parry – Copy of letter re Clun Bridge signs

Defra brochure - Parish Councils role in tackling Climate change

21 Any other business for next month's agenda

SSDC Review of Conservation area

22 To confirm the date and place of next Parish Council Meeting

1 November 2007, 7.30 at Hazelhurst

The meeting closed at 8.50pm

.....Chairman

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