

CLUN with CHAPEL LAWN PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Hazelhurst Close Community Centre Clun on Thursday 6th November 2008 at 7.30pm.

1. In attendance:

Cllr N Appleton Fox (Vice - Chairman)

Cllrs. J Limond, M Williamson, M K Smith, K Smith, K Terry, R Bright and B Weaver.

Members of the public were present.

2. Acceptance of Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Cllrs C Pendry, S Sherring, J Devaney and N Hartin.

3. Declarations of interest:

Personal – R Bright (Clun Bridge)

Personal – K Smith (Chapel Lawn Village Hall)

4. Public Session:

Mr P James referred to the problem of dog mess on footpaths the Clerk suggested that this was a matter for the Environmental Services Section of the District Council to whom any complaints should be referred.

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

The Parish Council **Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th October 2008 be approved subject to the following amendments.

- a) Present – add “B Weaver”
- b) Declarations of Interest – delete “M K Smith”
- c) Clun Bridge – amend wording from “The Clerk reported that the recent damage” to read “The Clerk reported that the repairs to the recent damage”.

6. Highway Items:

- a) Clun Bridge –The Clerk reported that the County Council had considered the possibility of providing bollards to force vehicles to straighten up before accessing the bridge however with bollards in place all vehicles would have to move over to the wrong side of the road to access the bridge which may cause a conflict between northbound and southbound traffic. A possible way of overcoming that would be to introduce traffic lights, which the Parish Council had not previously supported.
Following a discussion about the provision of the bollards it was agreed that a site meeting should be arranged with the County Traffic Engineer to explore the options that may be available to prevent further damage to the bridge.
- b) The Clerk reported that the new Shropshire Link Flexible Bus Service would commence in the Clun area on the 29th November 2008 details are available from the Transport Policy Section 01743 253013.

7. Amenity Items:

- a) The Clerk reported that the Shropshire County Council Countryside Access Team would repair the handrail along footpath to Clun Memorial Hall at Newport Street.
- b) Christmas Lights – It was agreed that Councillors C Pendry, M Williamson, R Bright, M K Smith and J Limond make arrangements for the provision of the Christmas Lights this year.

It was proposed by Cllr N Appleton Fox and seconded by M K Smith and **Resolved** by the Parish Council that to take advantage of a possible grant for works towards the Christmas Lights a budget provision of £500 be made.

- c) Clun Leaflets – The Clerk reported that a grant might be available towards the production of the leaflets Cllr J Limond would obtain an appropriate estimate to enable a grant application to be made.
- d) Town Hall – The improvement works to the Town hall were currently in progress.
- e) Tourism Signs – In view of the cost that would have to be borne by the Parish Council in the provision of Tourism Signs it was agreed not to pursue this item.

8. Planning:

The District Council had approved the following planning applications:

- a) Application 1/08/20482/F – Erection of an affordable dwelling and detached domestic garage; formation of a vehicular access; installation of a septic tank – Land known as ‘Twin Oaks’ Mardu Lane, Whitcott Keysett, Clun.
- b) Application 1/08/20985/F – Erection of extension to dwelling – Hobarris Cottage, Chapel Lawn, Bucknell.

The Parish Council had No Objection to the following planning applications:

- a) Application 1/08/21280/F – Alterations to existing domestic garage and formation of a vehicular access – Overdale, School Road, Clun
- b) Application 1/08/21231/F – Installation of 4 x dormer windows to dwelling – Woodhouse, Bucknell

The Clerk reported that the District Council had confirmed that the display of advertising signs at Crosscutter, The Square, Clun had been removed from the premises and as such the Local Planning Authority are satisfied that there are no breaches of planning control occurring at the property.

9. Finances:

- a) Parish Council bank balances:
 - Recreation Trust - £351.78
 - Community/Business Accounts £17,673.95
- County Council funded bank balances:
 - Rights of Way - £416.90

- b) The following accounts were approved for payment
D C Gardening Services – Cemetery Ground Maintenance - £535.00
Steve Watkins – repairs to headstones - £40.00
Npower – Street lighting energy costs - £294.45

The following payments were made from the Rights of Way Account this being funded by Shropshire County Council
P James – Fuel for strimming – £5.18
K Robinson – Fuel for strimming - £5.08

- c) Grant application – The Parish Council considered a grant application from Chapel Lawn Village Hall towards the cost of refurbishment and the provision of new toilets. It was proposed by Cllr B Weaver and seconded by Cllr R Bright and Resolved that the Parish Council approve a grant of £1,600.

10. Parish Plan:

It is intended that further consultation be undertaken on the 15th December 2008. It is anticipated that the plan will be completed by February 2009.

11. Co-option of Parish Councillor:

Any people interested please write to the Clerk of the Parish Council.

12. Walkers are Welcome Scheme:

The Parish Council discussed the ‘Walkers of Welcome Scheme’ with various different views being expressed:

Was it a Business Venture?

Was it a Tourism Venture?

Could it cause additional parking issues?

Would additional walkers be a nuisance to farmers?

The Parish Council agreed to set up a group to consider the details of the scheme this being made up of Councillors N Appleton Fox, K Terry, M Williamson and J Limond who would report back to the next meeting.

13. Correspondence:

Consultation document Communities and Local Government – Code of Conduct for Local Members and Employees.

14. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on the 4th December 2008.

Chairman