

CLUN with CHAPEL LAWN PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Hazelhurst Community Centre Clun on Thursday 6th December 2007 at 7.30pm.

1. In attendance:

Cllr. N Appleton Fox (Vice-Chairman)

Cllrs. R Bright, J Devaney, C Moir, K Smith, S Sherring, B Weaver and M Williamson.

Mrs P Smith (Clerk) and Mr C E Williams (Clerk Designate)

Four members of the public were present.

2. Acceptance of Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received from Cllr C Pendry, (unwell), K Terry (unwell) and J Limond (working).

3. Declarations of interest:

Personal: Cllr R Bright 9b and 9e.

4. Public Session:

No Items.

5. To confirm and accept the Minutes of the meeting held on the 1st November 2007.

It was proposed by Cllr K Smith that the minutes of the meeting held on 1st November 2007 be approved subject to the amendment of the word "hat" to read, "VAT" (item 7a), all those in attendance at the last meeting were in agreement.

Resolved

6. To confirm the Appointment of the new Clerk:

Following the interview of two applicants it was agreed to confirm the appoint Mr C E Williams as Clerk to the Council with effect from the 1st December 2007.

Resolved

7. Continued Business from the last Meeting:

- a) Town Hall repairs – The Clerk reported that a meeting was to take place with two representatives from the Heritage Lottery on the 11th December 2007 to discuss the Councils application for grant assistance towards the improvement works. Cllrs. C Pendry, J Devaney and N Appleton Fox, would represent the Parish Council at the meeting.
- b) Damaged handrail along footpath to Memorial Hall at Newport Street end – work was still in progress.
- c) Repairs to Foul Vents – The Clerk reported that the repairs work to the soil vent pipes was still outstanding and that STWA were to contact the Conservation Officer at South Shropshire District Council to discuss as they were now of the opinion that the vents serve no useful purpose and that consideration should be given to their removal and would keep the Parish Council informed of developments.

8. Quality Status Accreditation:

The budget implication for obtaining Quality Status Accreditation would be considered at the next meeting of the Parish Council.

9. Highway Issues:

- a) Any highway issues of concern in the parish that need reporting-The Clerk had reported the damaged poles situated by Squire Farm Chapel Lawn Bucknell and BrynCalled Bucknell to the Highways Section at the County Council and BT Openreach.
- b) Update on proposed felling of tree in Newcastle Road – deferred to the next meeting.
- c) Chapel Lawn request for road sweeping – The sweeping had been undertaken.
- d) Waterloo Ford and repairs to Clun Bridge - A letter had been received from Mr R Maund concerning the proposal to concrete the base of Waterloo Ford the Clerk would forward a copy of the approved November minutes at which the item was discussed for information. Cllr N Appleton Fox reported on the traffic lights and extra signposting aimed at HGV drivers, which had recently been installed at the bridge and wished to record thanks to the Highway Authority for this scheme.
Notification had been received from Shropshire County Council of a temporary road diversion for seven days from the 7th January 2007 to enable urgent repairs on Clun Bridge.
- e) Buffalo Lane traffic issues – The Parish Council considered a letter received from Mr P Smyth who was also allowed to address the meeting concerning the provision of a mirror at the top of Buffalo Lane. It was proposed by Cllr B Weaver and agreed by the Parish Council that a site

meeting be arranged with the Highways Authority to discuss the provision of a mirror and appropriate costs.

- f) Footway Lights – Enfield Street to Clun Memorial Hall – The Clerk reported that the footway lights had been repaired however there was concern that the repairs were as a result of vandalism and that this should be highlighted in the Clun Chronicle due to the continuing cost of repair.

10. Street Lighting:

- a) Increased invoices from Npower and result of explanation for increase – The clerk explained that the increase in the charges was due to the unmetered supply being based on 29 streetlights when the number of lights should be based on 33 there was also an increase in energy costs. A discussion took place about energy efficiency, which should be considered on the replacement of any streetlight.
- b) To note any out of order street lights – no items to report.
- c) Chapel Lawn – request for directional reflectors – The Clerk reported that the cost of providing directional reflectors to the lights at Chapel lawn would be £175 per light it was agreed that provision of reflectors would be considered when there was a need to replace a light.

11. Planning:

The District Council had approved the following planning applications:

1/07/19551- OS Field 2877 Purlogue Clun – affordable housing

1/06/19076 – Pentre Hodre Farm Chapel Lawn – change of use and extension

1/07/20032 – lower Hodre Chapel Lawn – Extension and alterations, replacement of conservatory

1/07/19871 – Barn at New House farm – Conversion to holiday let

1/07/19813 Guilden Down – erection of agricultural building

The Parish Council considered the following planning application:

1/07/20105/F – Watersmeet Waterloo Drive Clun – Erection of extensions to dwelling

The meeting was adjourned to enable Rev M Newman to explain the details of the application.

The Parish Council agreed to support the application.

Resolved

12 Finances:

- a) To note bank account balances:
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| Treasures Account | £898.20 |
| Money Managers Account | £13,610.83 |
| ROWEC account | £520.80 |
- b) Outstanding bills for payment
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| P J Smith salary and Expenses Nov/Dec | £664.50 |
| Memorial Hall Footpath Lights – electricity | £20.00 |
| Post Office Ltd Hazelhurst Hall Booking | |
| Council meetings | £75.00 |
| Post Office Ltd Hazelhurst Hall Booking | |
| Parish Plan meetings | £60.00 |
| Midland News Association – advert vacancy | £135.71 |
| J Powter footpath light repairs | £60.00 |

The Parish Council noted the balances and approved payment of the above outstanding bills

Resolved

13. Precept 2008-9:

The Clerk explained the make up of the budget to help the Parish Council determined the Precept for 2008-9 the full details of which will be considered at a meeting to be arranged for January or the scheduled February meeting.

A request has been received from Clun Memorial Hall and Playing Fields Charity for grant assistance towards the annual grass cutting of the football pitch and play area.

14. Premises Licence:

- a) Applications – an application had been made for permission to hold carol singing in Square Clun and collecting for charity with the appropriate fee of £10 – It is proposed by Cllr. J Devaney and agreed by the Parish Council to approve the application.

Resolved

- b) Review of Licence – The licence needs to be amended to include some additional streets and will be considered at the next meeting.

15. Parish Plan:

Cllr K Smith reported that the steering group are in the process of developing the questionnaire, which will be reviewed by the Community of Shropshire and a pilot scheme undertaken. Due to the retirement of the Clerk Mrs Poly Smith the steering group will need to appoint a treasurer.

16 Cemetery:

- a) Grass Cutting 2008 – Quotes for the work are due to be returned by the 21st January 2008 and will be considered at the next meeting.
- b) Review of Charges 2008 – The review of charges is undertaken by the church details of which have not yet been received.

17. Flooding in Clun – Further discussion on local contacts list:

Cllr M Williamson had produced an Outline article for the Clun Chronicle giving details of contacts that could be of help to people during and after flooding – The Clerk will circulate the document to all members for consideration at the next meeting.

18. Maintenance of seats:

Deferred to next meeting

19: Correspondence:

NHS Trust Consultation

Bishops Castle Community Land Trust

SALC – Newsletter and Training Course Details

SSDC Sports and Leisure Advisory Group

SSDC Standards Committee Minutes and Reports

Seminar on Sustainable Housing

20. Christmas Festive Lights:

The Christmas Festive lights had been erected by a volunteer from the Local Fire Service the cost of which will be considered at the next meeting.

21. Any other business for next month's agenda:

Adoption of a code of practice

Public Conveniences Clun – A review of the closing time during the summer period.

The review and payment of the energy costs of the light situated at Riverdale The Green Clun.

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

7th February 2007 at 7.30pm at Hazelhurst Community Centre Clun

At the conclusion of the meeting there was a presentation to the retiring clerk Mrs Poly Smith of a barometer and flowers tributes were made by the meeting for the valuable work that she had undertaken during her period as Clerk

The meeting closed at 8.51pm

Chairman