

CLUN with CHAPEL LAWN PARISH COUNCIL

These are Draft Minutes to be approved by the Parish Council at the next meeting

The Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting and the Annual Meeting of the Parish Council held at Hazelhurst Close Community Centre Clun on Thursday 7th May 2009 at 7.00pm.

In attendance:

Cllr C Pendry (Chairman)

Cllrs M K Smith, K Smith, K Terry, R Bright, J Devaney, C McCormack and S Sherring
County Councillor N Hartin

Members of the public were present.

Acceptance of Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received Cllr M Williamson, B Weaver and
J Limond.

Peter James

The Chairman welcomed Mrs C McCormack to her first meeting of the Parish Council.

ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

1. Report by the Chairman of the Parish Council:

The Chairman Colin Pendry in his annual highlighted the grant of £26,000 the Parish Council received for the repairs to the Clun Town Hall/Museum with the works having been completed and also the grant of £6,000 for the Christmas Lights and the implementation of Shropshire Council on the 1st April 2009 which may have an impact on Town and Parish Councils with partnership working and the implementation of new policies.

2. Report by the County Councillor:

County Councillor Nigel Hartin in his annual report highlighted the major issues as the debate over the closure or amalgamation of primary schools, the implementation of Shropshire Council and the demise of South Shropshire District Council.

Shropshire Council will introduce from June 2009 the Bishop's Castle, Chirbury, Worthern and Clun Local Joint Committee that will have a budget of £49,000 for local issues and will be the main forum for working in partnership with the Shropshire Council.

3. Parish Councils Income and Expenditure 2008/2009:

The Clerk of the Parish Council Eric Williams presented the Parish Council's Income and Expenditure statement which showed balances of £12,792.66 as at the 31st March 2009. The Clerk explained that much of these balances will need to be reserved for replacement of Street Lights, Parish Plan, future maintenance of the Town Hall and Cemetery however a small provision had also been made for recreational grants. The Council cannot rely on the receipt of grants from other organisations to carry out future works.

The Parish Council had received grant applications from local organisations for help towards grass cutting and these will be considered at the next meeting.

4. Parish Plan Update:

The launch of the Parish Plan will take place at Clun Carnival, a copy of the plan will be distributed to each household and the source data will also be available if requested on CD.

5. Items from Members of the Public:

- a) A member of the public gave appreciation for the provision of the new Christmas Lights
- b) The Chairman of the Clun Memorial Hall and Playing Fields Charity reported on the limited funds of the Charity due to the improvement work that had been undertaken to the Hall. The Charity had submitted a grant application to the Parish Council for assistance towards the grass cutting of the recreation areas.
- c) Mr Peter James had forwarded a report from The Clun Ramblers, Amblers and Preamblers which was read to the meeting. The three walking groups continue to flourish with regular walks on Wednesdays throughout the year.
- d) Mr Peter James had forwarded a report from the Clun 3P Parish Paths Partnership which was read to the meeting. The Clun P3 volunteers have continued their work to maintain any stiles, fingerposts etc, needing repair or replacement and the summer schedule of strimming. The upgrading of Shropshire's own long distance path, the Shropshire Way has now been completed in the South of the County.

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1. Declarations of interest:

Nil

2. Election of Officers and Representatives for the Year:

- a) Chairman – C Pendry who signed the Declaration of acceptance of Office
- b) Vice-Chairman – To be considered at the next meeting
- c) Planning Committee – Chapel Lawn Area – K Smith and S Sheering
Clun Area – C Pendry, J Devaney, M Williamson and C McCormack
- d) Cemetery Committee – M Smith, R Bright and J Devaney
- e) Amenities Committee – Membership will be determined should a need arise
- f) SSAPTC – C Pendry
- g) Management Committee of Clun Memorial Hall and Playing Fields Charity – No appointment to be considered at next meeting
- h) Management Committee of Redlake Valley and Village Hall – K Smith
- i) Bishop's Castle, Chirbury, Worthern and Clun Local Joint Committee – C Pendry
- j) Generally meetings will take place on the 1st Thursday of the month

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

The Parish Council **Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th April 2009 be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. Highway Items:

- a) Clun Bridge –Site Meeting with Traffic Engineer to be held on Friday 9th May 2009
- b) Street lights – Faulty light in Church Street and School warning lights to be reported.
- c) Highway Items – The Clerk to report the following items:
Blocked Drains - The Square Clun
- d) The Clerk to report subsidence of the road at Lower Treverward and the obscured warning signs.

5. Amenity Items:

- a) Town Hall – No items to report.
- b) Cemetery – No Items to report however consideration should be given of the maintenance work to be undertaken this financial year.
- c) Footpath Items – Resurfacing of the Public Footpath that runs alongside the play area and onwards to Castle Street – this item was raised with Shropshire County Council November 2008 when they confirmed that this route is in a suitable condition for its status as a countryside footpath and they do not have the funds or duty to provide an improved surface. The surface could be improved to a higher standard, but this would require some external funding and consideration of its future maintenance.

6. Planning:

No items to report

7. Finances:

- a) Parish Council bank balances:
Community/Business Accounts £12,517.57 at the 19th April 2009
County Council funded bank balances:
Rights of Way - £456.64
- b) The following accounts were approved for payment
A Wallace – Grass cutting - £17.31
St Leonards Press – Copies of ordnance survey maps - £25.00
GJ and SA Dudley – Repairs Clun Cemetery

8. Grant Application:

The grant application received from Clun Memorial Hall and Playing Fields Charity was deferred to the next meeting.

9. Parish Councillor Vacancy:

The Parish Council following no application for an election are now able to co-opt to the vacancy of Parish Councillor this will be duly advertised on the Parish Council Notice Board.

10. Next Meeting:

Due to the European and Unitary Election the next meeting will be held on the 11th June 2009

Chairman