

## CLUN with CHAPEL LAWN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Hazelhurst Community Room, Clun on Thursday, 23 February at 7.30 p.m.

**1. PUBLIC SESSION.** Mr Peter James said he was now able to confirm the Open Access Land at Caer Caradoc Chapel Lawn as discussed in September 2005 as it was now on the new Explorer map.

In attendance: Councillors Mrs B Vesty, Mrs S J Williams, Cllrs C. Pendry, N. Appleton-Fox, R Bright, K Terry, Mrs V Sherring, Mrs S Smith, S Sherring, M K Smith, S Blood and Mrs J Devaney

### **2) .Apologies for absence.**

County Councillor Nigel Hartin's apologies were accepted

### **3. Declarations of interest.**

The Clerk informed the meeting that she had written to Ms Calderbank for guidance on the Bus Shelter items on the agenda but had not received a reply.

*In accordance with Parish Councils (Model code of conduct) order 2002 issued under the Local Government Act 2000. The following were declared.*

Declarations of Personal interest:

Cllr Appleton Fox, Items 8, 11,9a, Cllr R. Bright Item 6, Cllr B Vesty items 8, 11. Cllr S Smith Items 8,11,13, Cllr S Sherring Items 8,11, Cllr J Devaney Items 8,11, and Cllr V Sherring Items 8,11.Cllr Blood, Items 8,11. Cllr Williams, Items 8,11,5, Cllr Terry 8,11. Cllr MK Smith Items 5a,8,11,9b,

Declarations of Prejudicial Interest:

Cllr Williams Item 12, K Terry Item 13. Cllr B Vesty items 8,11, Cllr Bright Items 5,8,11, Cllr M K Smith Item 12. Cllr N Appleton-Fox Items ,8,11,9a

### **4.Approval of minutes of 26 January 2005.**

Proposed Cllr V Sherring seconded by Cllr Devaney that they be signed with one amendment.

*Minute 05-06-63 Resolved to approve these minutes.*

### **5. Continued business.**

Cllr Bright left the meeting for the following item.

Clun Bridge Repairs. Councillors had been provided with the press release. The clerk give details of various correspondence received. The County Council Estates Department were asking for permission to use land at Waterloo and Clun Bridge during the repairing. It was suggested that there may be a fee payable to the Parish Council for the use of the land. There was no objection to the use of the land and clerk would confirm this with the County Council and also make enquiries regarding a possible fee.

Cllr Appleton Fox proposed that Clun Parish Council object to the splaying of Clun Bridge. A lengthy discussion followed and Cllr Blood seconded this motion. A vote was taken and there were five for the motion and six against. The motion therefore was lost. Other correspondence regarding the closure of the bridge and the proposed speed limit at Waterloo was noted. It was proposed by Cllr Pendry and seconded by Cllr Devaney that the County Council be asked to reduce the speed limit to 10mph. All were in favour.

*Minute 05-6-64 Resolved to request a speed limit of 10mph at Waterloo during Clun Bridge closure.*

John Williams had indicated to the clerk that he would be erecting some new direction signs to the Memorial Hall to encourage visitors to use the parking facilities. Clerk would clarify whether these were to be permanent signs or just during the bridge closure. The Vice Chairman had written to the County Council regarding satelite navigation and the need the have full information of the narrowness of bridge on this system

Cllr Bright returned to the meeting

**Tourism Grant** - update. Cllr Pendry gave an update and informed the meeting that four new seats were in position and that some of the old seats were to be refurbished and there was sufficient money to purchase extra seats together with a new picnic table for Waterloo. Clerk had arranged the insurance for the new seats. The policy was due for renewal in June so there would be no extra charge. For this year. Switch on Shropshire. Cllr Appleton-Fox gave a report on the meeting held on 9 February 2006. The meeting had discussed a base for the project but more work needed to be done to consider who would be the possible users of the project and whether a home work club would be viable. The White Horse Inn had agreed to their dining room being used as a base. Another meeting was to be held and Cllr Appleton-Fox would report back to the Parish Council.

**Archives.** Clerk had contacted Mr M Mcturk who confirmed that no archives material had previously been sent to County records.

**Town Hall Ivy** The clerk was asked to request Mr Black to continue to try to irradiate the ivy.

**6. Cemetery Matters. Health and Safety.** Clerk gave an update on the present position. The clerk informed the meeting that several monuments had been repaired by a Monumental Mason but about six had been repaired by unqualified persons who had not used the required ground anchor system. There was concern that this would not be acceptable to the insurance company so it was agreed that the clerk would write to the persons concerned requesting that they confirm in writing to assure council that they would accept all responsibility for the repairs. A further objection to the councils actions at the Cemetery had been received from Mr Meredith. Clerk would reply stating that the Parish Council intended continuing to make safe the unstable graves and ask him if he would confirm if he intended to make safe his own family graves. It was agreed that Bernard Owen should be asked to lay flat any graves that were still unstable probably in late March. A notice to visitors should be placed at the cemetery explaining what was happening.

**7. Street Lighting.** Details of an invoice received from Prysmain for the repairs needed over the last year was noted. With regard to the Npower bill the clerk had continually badgered Npower for an explanation for the 30% increase. After considerable correspondence sent but not answered she had been informed by telephone told that the large increase was due to the fact that the supply had been provided for ten years with no increase and the 30% reflected this. It was thought that the bill should now be paid although councillors were not happy with the explanation but obviously we did need to have street lights and were in danger of the supply being disconnected if payment was not made.

## **8. Highways Matters.**

Street cleaning Chapel Lawn. Clerk was asked to contact Highways as the roads had not been swept for two years.

Cllrs Vesty, Bright and Appleton-Fox left the meeting for the following items. Cllr MK Smith took the chair.

Provision of Waste Bin in Church Street. A letter had been received from SSDC suggesting a suitable position for the litterbin. It was agreed to accept this suggestion. The Parish Council were to pay for the bin but SSDC would maintain and empty it. Clerk had asked SSDC Environmental Health if conservation consent was required and had been told probably not but clerk would send a copy of the order letter to the Conservation Officer Colin Richards requesting his comments. It was agreed that the litterbin be placed between the bus shelter and the post box and it would be a free standing lidded bin at a cost of £204.50 plus VAT. Proposed by Cllr Pendry and seconded by Cllr Williams, all were in favour.

*Minute 05-06-65 Resolved to provide a litterbin in Church Street at the position suggested by SSDC*

Cleaning of bus Shelters.

*Minute 05-06-66 It was proposed by Cllr Pendry seconded by Cllr S Smith and resolved that both bus shelters be cleaned quarterly.*

Cllrs Bright and Appleton-Fox returned to the meeting with Cllr Vesty returning to the chair.

## 9. Planning

Cllr Appleton Fox left the meeting whilst the Buffalo Lane application was discussed.

Applications for discussion

Land at Buffalo Lane - Erection of a dwelling

Brick Kiln Farm Knighton -Extension

Upper Weston – farmworkers dwelling

The Barn High Street Clun Conversion and extension

There were no objections to any of these applications.

Applications approved

Peny y Cwm – Extension

Chapel Lawn farm – Conversion to holiday let

Cllr Appleton-Fox returned to the meeting

## 10. Finances

Account balances as at 23 February 2006 are as follows:

|                       |  |         |
|-----------------------|--|---------|
| Treasurers Account    |  | 3724.96 |
| Money manager Account |  | 8392.97 |
| COIF Money Master     |  | 71.81   |
| ROWEC account         |  | 682.34  |

Bills due for payment as at 23 February 2006

|   |                |          |
|---|----------------|----------|
| Clerks Salary                                       | £ 236.20       |          |
| Expenses  | £ 52.66        | £ 288.86 |
| Office Express                                      |                | £ 25.59  |
| S R Wilkinson                                       |                | £ 26.00  |
| G O Medicott  |                | £ 38.00  |
| Clun Memorial & Playing Fields                      |                | £ 600.00 |
| Powys Castle Estate (Tourist Grant)                 |                | £ 100.00 |
| N Power Street Lighting electricity 1/4/04-31/12/04 | £ 386.55       |          |
|   | 1/1/05-31/3/05 | £ 131.81 |
|   |                | £ 518.36 |

*Minute 05-06-67 Proposed Cllr M Smith, seconded by Cllr Williams and resolved that outstanding bills be paid*

Cllrs Appleton-Fox and Cllr Bright left the meeting for the following item.

## 11. School Transport review

Councillors had been provided with details of a proposed review of school transport. The proposal was for three new additional pick-up points in Clun. They were at Alice Cottage High Street, Llwyn Road. and in Enfield Street at the junction with Newport Street. Council was opposed to the Endfield Road site as they thought it was totally unacceptable because of the crossroads, blind bend and no pavements. It was also noted that there had been some concern from parents who felt that their children would not have a bus shelter to use at the new stops. The clerk was asked to write back and make these points and also suggest that the County Council meet with parents to discuss the proposals and the Parish Council would arrange a meeting on their behalf if necessary.

Cllrs Appleton Fox and Bright returned to the meeting

Cllrs M Smith and Williams left the meeting for the following item

## 12. To consider a request to the Monitoring Officer for a Dispensation for Trustees of the Memorial Hall and Town Hall Trust in order that they can take part in any debate.

*Minute 05-06-68 Proposed by Cllr Pendry and seconded by Cllr S Smith and resolved that a dispensation be applied for in both cases.*

Cllrs M Smith and Williams returned to the meeting and Cllr Terry left for the following item.

13) Request for a grant to provide notices on land being misused as a right of way.

A letter was read to the meeting from Cllr Terry requesting a grant in order that he could provide suitable signs to deter people from taking a short cut and trespassing on his land instead of keeping to the designated right of way. This was refused by council as the responsibility for such signs was with the landowners but it was suggested that council insured that the right of way was suitably signed. The meeting was adjourned for Mr James, (Joint P3 co-ordinator) to comment on this matter. Mr James said he could assist by putting in a short marker post at the bottom end of the house drive. This suggestion would be relayed to Cllr Terry. Mr James confirmed that the right of way was signposted.

A discussion on trespass and damage took place.

Cllr Terry returned to the meeting

#### **14. Correspondence**

The correspondence was noted

SSDC

Standards Board correspondence

Bridgnorth Rural Transport Partnership

Brochure

Shropshire County Council

Progress on Local Transport Plan

Consultation on Preferred options for core strategy and mineral resources development plan

SALC

Varied correspondence

West Mercia Police

Interim business case summary

Communcouncil

Parish Plans

Environment Agency

Be prepared for flooding information

NP Power

Notification of price increase

#### **15. Any new business for next meeting.**

It was decided that Council did not feel it necessary for Mr Williams to attend the next meeting as they were satisfied with the information already received on the closure of Clun Bridge.

Cllr Appleton-Fox requested that as he often had to declare an interest when planning applications were discussed could they follow the order of the list provided. This was noted.

#### **16) To confirm the date of the next meeting.**

23 March 2006

The date of Annual Parish Meeting would be during first half of May.

*Meeting closed at 9.00 pm*