

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 Parish Council Meeting held at Hazelhurst Close Community Centre Clun on Thursday 3rd September 2009 at 7.30pm. (to be approved at the meeting to be held on Thursday 1st October 2009). The meeting was preceded with a presentation on proposals for the provision of traffic lights over Clun Bridge.

1. Present:

Cllr C Pendry (Chairman), Cllrs J Limond, M K Smith, K Terry, R Bright, M Williamson, T Ely-Corbett and K Smith. Members of the public were present.

2. Apologies for absence: Apologies were received Cllr J Devaney, S Sheering and C McCormack

3. Declarations of interest: Personal - Nil

4. Public Session:

a) Prior to the meeting at which over 20 members of the public attended a presentation was given by John Williams and Glyn Shaw Shropshire Council on suggested proposals to help reduce the regular occurrence of damage to Clun Bridge.

Consideration was being given to the provision of traffic lights but as demonstrated on a consultation drawing the introduction of lights would have major implications to the restriction to off street parking on the roads approaching the bridge which prompted concerns from the members of the public present. The Parish Council would consider a response to the consultation item at the next meeting when councillors would have had an opportunity to the implications of a traffic light scheme.

b) In response to a request at the last meeting for the Clun Walk booklet to be amended to show walks starting at Clun Memorial Hall Mr P James explained that this was adequately covered with reference to parking at the hall on the inside cover of the booklet.

c) A member of the Public enquired about the eligibility to be considered for co-option to the Parish Council the details of which were explained by the Clerk.

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

The Parish Council resolved that the minutes of the meetings held on the 2nd July 2009 were approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

6. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Highway matters - The Chairman reported that the proposed withdrawal of Bus Services (Bishops Castle- Clun-Newcastle-Newtown) on a Tuesday had been reinstated on a fortnightly basis and the service would be monitored.

7. Highway Items:

- a) Clun Bridge - to consider suggested improvements to help prevent damage to the bridge by vehicles at the next meeting of the Council.
- b) Street lights - It was agreed to replace the light in Llwyn Road, Vicarage Road and Knighton road junction with Church Bank with the provision of new columns which would necessitate costs of the electricity supply. Cost of the works could amount to approximately £2,000 and the Chairman and Vice-Chairman in consultation with the Clerk were given authority to place an order for the works on receipt of a further estimate from Central Networks.

8. Amenity Items:

- a) Town Hall - Requirements had been drawn up for the redecoration of the museum for which costs would now be-obtained from interested contractors.
- b) Cemetery- A detailed specification of works had been drawn up for the cemetery for which costs would now be obtained from interested contractors.
- c) Memorial Seat - A request had been received for the installation of a memorial seat from the Stefan and Oliver Langford-Rose in memory of Alfred Langford who had lived and died in Clun having served as a postman for many years and his daughter and grand- daughter Irene Taylor and Sandra Langford-Rose the Chairman would make arrangements for the positioning of the seat.
- d) Free Swimming arrangements at Knighton Pool - Shropshire Councillor Nigel Hartin reported the problem of receptacle arrangements between Shropshire and Powys for the provision of free swimming as this was not allowed by the Welsh Assembly - this will be placed on the agenda for the next meeting.
- e) Foul-Vents - Place on the agenda for the next meeting.
- f) Other items- The chairman explained the provision of a Horse Crossing at Waterloo Ford this was required to prevent the horses slipping on the concrete surface of the Ford.

9. Planning:

- a) The Parish Council considered the following planning applications: 09/02241/Ful - conversion of agricultural building to dwelling - Llanhedric Clun - No Objection.
- b) Shropshire Core Strategy - Policy Directions - the Clerk had forwarded a copy of the document to all Parish Councillors for comment on which a Public Meeting is to be held at Ludlow Town Football Club Bromfield Road on Tuesday 8th September 2009. Responses to the consultation need to be sent by the 2nd October 2009 and will therefore be considered at the next meeting.
- c) Shropshire Council had adopted the Interim Planning Guidance on Affordable Housing which contains a new approach in planning policy towards Single plot exception sites for "Build your own affordable home" schemes, Exception sites for housing associations and others to provide affordable homes for local people and Market developments contacting some affordable housing details are available from Shropshire Council.

10. Finances:

a) Parish Council bank balances:

Community/Business Accounts £13209.14

The Clerk had produced a summary of the Actual Expenditure to-date compared with the Budget for 2009/2010 and explained that the cost of the additional street lighting will need to be met from Reserves.

b) The following accounts were approved for payment:

D G Gardening	1921	465.00	Cemetery
A Wallace	1922	23.08	Grass Cutting
R A Goodwin	1923	201.25	Town Hall
Marches Conservation	1924	17.50	Town Hall
Post Office	1925	52.50	Hire of Room
Post Office	1926	37.50	Hire of Room
A Wallace	1927	39.99	Grass Cutting
Mazars	1928	178.25	Audit/Fee
Shropshire Council	1929	70.00	Licence
Npower	1931	332.80	Street lighting

A Wallace 1932 23.08 Grass Cutting

K Smith 1933 218.68 Parish Plan

c) Grant application for Clun Town Trust deferred to the next meeting.

11. Parish Plan:

A presentation will be made to the next meeting of the Parish Council

12. Report from outside Organisation:

The Chairman reported that he would be attending the pre-planning meeting of the Local Joint Committee to be held on the 9th September 2009 for which 14 applications for funding had been received.

13. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on the Thursday 1st October 2009 at Hazelhurst Close Community Centre Clun which will commence at 7.00pm with a presentation of the Parish Plan.

Chairman