

CLUN with CHAPEL LAWN PARISH COUNCIL

The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Hazelhurst Close Community Centre Clun on Thursday 4th December 2008 at 7.30pm.

1. In attendance:

Cllr C Pendry (Chairman)

Cllrs N Appleton Fox, J Limond, M Williamson, M K Smith, K Smith, K Terry, R Bright, S Sherring, and B Weaver

County Councillor N Hartin

Members of the public were present.

2. Acceptance of Apologies for absence:

Apologies were received Cllr J Devaney.

3. Declarations of interest:

Personal – R Bright (Christmas Lights)

Personal – J Limond (Christmas Lights)

4. Public Session:

a) Mr P James referred to the “Walkers Are Welcome” which was discussed at the previous meeting and that Council should look to the community beyond the parish councillors in expressing their views on this item.

Mr P James also referred to several statistics that supports the benefit to the local economy of walkers/visitors which were included in a report produced by Shropshire County Council “Walking in Shropshire” December 2005 it referred to accommodation providers around Clun derives between 61% and 100% of their annual income from walkers/visitors.

Nationally walkers in England generate between £1.4 million and £2.7 million income in rural area.

b) A Member of the public asked if the Parish Council were aware of a Trust known as the “Turbrey Trust” the Clerk would research.

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

The Parish Council **Resolved** that the minutes of the meeting held on the 6th November 2008 be approved.

6. Highway Items:

- a) Clun Bridge –Site Meeting with Traffic Engineer still to be arranged.
- b) Street lights – No Items to report.
- c) Highway Items - Overflow onto the pavement Enfield Road has been resolved by the Chairman since the meeting.

7. Amenity Items:

- a) Christmas Lights – The new Christmas lights are to be delivered and arrangements made for installation. The cost of lights has been funded by a grants from Awards for All National Lotteries and South Shropshire District Council.
- b) Town Hall – The Chairman reported that the improvement scheme should be completed by the February 2009.

- c) Cemetery – No Items to report.
- d) Land at Black Hill Clun – The Parish Council had no objection to improvements to the parcel of land with the reinstatement of the pond – The Clerk to make enquiries as to ownership of the land.
- e) Walkers Are Welcome- The Parish Council would support the scheme if taken forward by Interested Parties.

8. Planning:

The Parish Council considered the following planning applications:

- a) Application 1/08/21333/F – Erection of an agricultural building – Farm Buildings Penargoed – No Objection
- b) Application 1/08/21346/F – Erection of a 6kw wind turbine on a 15m tower – Smiling Tree Farm Bucknell. It should be noted that the Ramblers Association had submitted an objection to this application – No Objection
- c) Application 1/08/21359/F – Conversion of agricultural building to dwelling; installation of a septic tank – Llanhedric Farm Llanhedric Clun – No Objection
- d) Application 1/08/21292/F & 1/08/21293/LB – Erection of a sunroom/conservatory extension to dwelling; repositioning of window – little Hobarris Chapel Lawn Clun – No Objection
- e) Application 1/08/21334/O – Erection of an affordable dwelling and domestic garage; installation of a septic tank – Land adjacent to the track from Argoed Farm to Argoed Wood Cottage, Argoed – No Objection
- f) Application 1/08/21319/F – Erection of extension to surgery and formation of disabled car parking – The Meadows Medical Practice turnpike Meadow Clun – Support.

9. Finances:

- a) Parish Council bank balances:
Recreation Trust - £
Community/Business Accounts £15,730.10
County Council funded bank balances:
Rights of Way - £406.64
- b) The following accounts were approved for payment
Piggotts – Christmas Lights - £7,340.23
C E Williams – Salary and Expenses - £1,046.88
- a) Precept 2009/2010 – The Parish Council considered a report produced by the Clerk showing details of estimated income and expenditure 2009/2010. The Clerk reported that due to the Parish Council increasing the Precept over the last two years and the receipt of grant monies the balances of the Council are now at a reasonable level with reserves being established for Street Lighting, Town Hall, Election Costs, Cemetery and Other Grants. After considering the report the Parish Council **resolved** to increase the Annual Precept by £300 to £12,900. M Williamson abstained

10. Parish Plan:

Production of Plan still in progress.

11. Co-option of Parish Councillor:

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

12. Shropshire Unitary Authority:

- a) The Parish Council had no objection to the groupings of the Local Joint Committees proposed by the Shropshire Council to be implemented 1st April 2009.
- b) The Parish Council support the objection by the District Council to the Boundary Commissions proposals for Craven Arms, church Stretton and neighbouring authorities.

13. Correspondence:

Cllr N Appleton Fox tendered his resignation as Parish Councillor.

The Parish Council placed on record the work undertaken by Cllr Appleton Fox during his term of office.

14. Next Meeting:

The next meeting will be held on the 5th February 2009.

Chairman