

CLUN with CHAPEL LAWN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of an extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held at the Hazelhurst Close Clun on Thursday, 5 January 2006 at 7.30 p.m.

In attendance: Councillors B Vesty, N Appleton-Fox, K Terry, Mrs S J William's, Mrs J Devaney, C. Pendry, M J K Smith, S Blood, Mrs S Smith, S Sherring, R Bright and Mrs V Sherring, There were no questions from the members of the public who were present.

1. Apologies for absence. None

2. Declarations of interest.

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

Declarations of Personal interest: None

Declarations of prejudicial interest: None

3. Parish Officer Scheme.

The clerk informed the meeting that West Mercia Constabulary had paid the costs of the consultation, including her salary for the extra work, with the exception of the cost of the envelopes. Details of the result of the survey were provided to the meeting as follows.

601 leaflets sent out, 145 (24%) were returned. 59 households (41%) were in favour of the scheme with 86 households (59%) against. 39% of NO voters believed that they had already paid for policing and did not wish to pay any more. Many people had made comments and some of these were related to the meeting. After discussion it was proposed by Cllr Pendry and seconded by Cllr J Williams that in view of the results of the survey on a Parish Officer scheme it should not be taken up at this time. West Mercia Constabulary and the press were to be notified of the results.

Minute 05-06-57 Resolved not to implicate the Parish Officer Scheme.

4. Precept 2005/6

The clerk had provided budget sheets for members to discuss. After some discussion it was proposed by Cllr Pendry and seconded by Cllr M Smith that there should be no increase in the precept for 2006-7. Some debate was held on the money promised to the Memorial Hall for changing room facilities, with the meeting being adjourned for members of the public to be involved in the discussion. It appeared that this project was on hold for the present.

Minute 05-06-58 Resolved to request £11,000.00 precept for 2006-7

5) Any Correspondence to be noted.

Two councillors had been reported to the Standards Board.

Cllr Appleton-Fox provided information on Switch on Shropshire and asked for this to be included on the agenda for the next meeting.

Council was informed that the Monitoring Officer for South Shropshire District Council, Veronica Calderbank would be attending the next meeting and would be giving a presentation to Council on the Code of Conduct and declarations of member's interests.

Meeting closed at 7.58pm