

CLUN with CHAPEL LAWN PARISH COUNCIL

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The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Hazelhurst Close Community Centre Clun on Wednesday 27th July 2011 commencing 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr C Pendry (Chairman)

Cllrs M K Smith, B Palmer, R Bright, M Williamson, J Limond, S Hadwen, H Vaughan, C Humphreys, J McVicar and T Ely-Corbett

Members of the public were present.

Apologies for absence:

Cllr K Terry

Shropshire Councillor N Hartin

1. Items from Members of the Public:

Mr P James informed the meeting that the National Ramblers Association was supporting the Area Association with a petition requesting the restoration of the Rights of Way Budget. Should over 1,000 signatures be received by the 1st November 2011 Shropshire Council will be required to debate the matter at its meeting on the 24th November 2011.

2. To Declare any Personal/Prejudicial Interests:

Mrs S Hadwen – Personal and Prejudicial – Planning application 11/02332/Ful

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

The Parish Council approved that the minutes of the meetings held on the 29th June 2011 which were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Nil

5. Chairman's Items:

- a) The Chairman had received an invitation from the British Legion to the Remembrance Service; the Council will consider making a donation for a wreath at the next meeting.
- b) The Chairman referred to the Joint Housing Strategy issued by Herefordshire and Shropshire Councils.

6. Highway Items:

- a) Clun Bridge – A site meeting with representatives from Shropshire Council had been arranged for Friday 19th August 2011.
- b) Footpath Items – The Handrail on the footpath between Newport Street and the Memorial Hall was in need of repair.

7. Amenity Items:

- a) Clun Cemetery – The contractor had cut back the Ivy on the cemetery as previously agreed.
- b) Clun Toilets – No items to report

8. Planning:

- a) Planning Application 11/02332/Ful – Replacement Shed and construction of storage outbuilding – Black Hill House Black Hill Clunton – No objection in principle although there was concerns about the clarity of the plans which need to be verified by the Planning Officer
- b) It was agreed that Mr A Mortimer, Policy Officer for Shropshire Council be invited to a future meeting of the Council to give a presentation about the Core Strategy and its implication for the determination of planning applications.

9. Report from Representatives who have attended meetings of other organisations:

a) Local Joint Committee – The Chairman informed the meeting The Bishop's Castle, Worthen and Chirbury and Clun Local Joint Committee has just under £20,000 of funding remaining in its 2011/12 budget, and is inviting community and voluntary groups in the area to apply for funding. The LJC offers 100% grants for projects of under £500 and grants of up to £2500 for larger projects, although grants above £501 need to be 50% matched funded. The next deadline for funding applications is 30th August and these projects will be assessed at the full LJC meeting at Bucknell on 6th October. For more information on how to apply for a grant please contact the Community Action Officer for the area Mathew Mead on 01743 252534 or email mathew.mead@shropshire.gov.uk

b) Mr M K Smith had attended the South West Flood Forum which had received a presentation from Severn Trent Water Authority. Discussion took place on the possible water retention measures in the upper reaches of Clun with incentives being considered to local framers. The Chairman will discuss with Streetscene the buildup of gravel by the Clun Bridge.

10. Finances:

a) The Clerk had produced a summary of Income and Expenditure to-date compared with the Annual Budget which showed balances of £31,293.02 at the 29th June 2011.

b) The Parish Council approved the following accounts for payment:

A Wallace – grass cutting - £35.00

Npower – street lighting - £293.93

D G Gardening Services – Clearing of walls Cemetery - £335.00

D G Gardening Services – Grass Cutting Cemetery - £469.50

Interpublic – supplies - £176.46

Inland Revenue – tax - £54.00

C E Williams – salary and expenses - £276.78

British Gas – lighting toilets - £144.51

11. Parish Plan:

Cllr H Vaughan, having attended a presentation by Kim Ryley, Shropshire Council Chief Executive gave an insight into the Direction of Travel by Shropshire Council which was now working to a fifteen year strategy which involves changing how services are delivered with people and local communities taking responsibility for delivery of community initiatives and ensuring that there are local services.

It is anticipated that from 2013 communities will have a statutory right to run their own services with many of the current legal constraints being lifted although there will be no additional funding available.

Shropshire Council will commission services from the local (or not so local) market it will not employ the staff to provide them directly.

This change of culture in the delivery of services has not yet sunk in at a local level and it will be up to Shropshire Councillors to bring about this cultural change with implementation starting this autumn; it is anticipated there will be a major shift (in service delivery) throughout 2013.

12. Outstanding Items:

Footpath the Hurst, legal documents transfer of public conveniences, foul vents, meeting Clun Bridge, Handrail repairs Newport Street and High Street Clun

13. Agenda next Meeting:

a) Provision of wreath Remembrance Sunday

b) Queens Jubilee Celebrations

14. Next Meeting:

Wednesday 28th September 2011

Chairman