

CLUN with CHAPEL LAWN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Hazelhurst Community Centre Clun on Thursday, 28 July 2005 at 7.30 p.m.

1) PUBLIC SESSION Peter James reported that the manhole cover in Waterloo Lane had been repaired. He also pointed out that with regard to the item concerning the tree branches along the footpath, that Mrs Wilcox had in fact dealt with the matter as she had considered it needed urgent attention. These points were noted.

In attendance: Councillors B Vesty, Mrs S J Williams, Mrs S Dowell, C. Pendry, Mrs V Sherring, Mrs S Smith, S Sherring and Cllr Appleton-Fox

2) .Apologies for absence.

Cllr S Blood, M J K Smith and Mrs J Devaney and County Councillor N Hartin's apologies were accepted

3. 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.

Declarations of Personal interest: Cllr S Dowell Item 12 (whilst sub-judge) Cllr Appleton-Fox Item 12, Cllr Williams Item 11.

Declarations of Prejudicial Interest:

4. Approval of minutes of the meeting of 23 June 2005

Proposed by Cllr S Smith and seconded by Cllr V Sherring

Minute 05-06-28 It was resolved to approve these minutes with one spelling mistake corrected.

Approval of minutes of planning meeting of 14 July

Proposed by Cllr Pendry and seconded by Cllr S Sherring

Minute 05-06-29 It was resolved to approve these minutes

5. Continued business.

Clun Bridge A letter had been received from the County Surveyor informing council that Consultants had been asked to investigate the feasibility of splaying the north-east corner of the bridge. The proposal would if developed take place in 2006 and would be during the summer months, after Green Man festival and before Clun Show. A temporary bridge at Waterloo would be provided during this time. A discussion followed and Cllr Appleton Fox proposed that the County Council be asked to permanently reinstate the ford instead of providing a temporary bridge. This motion was seconded by Cllr S Sherring. A vote was taken with 2 for the motion 3 against and 3 abstentions.

Parish Officer Scheme. The clerk had now received some information from Martin Whitelegg regarding the proposed questionnaire but was still awaiting a copy of the questionnaire used by another Parish. It was her intention to provide a draft copy of the questionnaire for councillors to consider at the September meeting.

6. Cemetery Matters. The Health and Safety inspection had been started and an interim report circulated. The full report was expected shortly and would be considered at the September meeting. In the meantime the clerk was to contact Clifford Gough for costing on making the memorials safe. The suggested way of using a metal rod and tape was thought by many to be insensitive with some members preferring the memorials to be laid down. A decision would be made at the next meeting. New seat at Cemetery - Cllr Pendry thought it may be possible to use one from the bridge area that was to be replaced.

7. Street Lighting. Pirelli had still not yet done the inspection. The light at Trinity Hospital was still not working properly. The light along the footpath to the memorial Hall had not yet been repaired and clerk would contact Mr Powter again regarding this.

8. Highways Matters. A letter from Highways indicated that the duck signs were being considered and that the request for passing places on the Chapel lawn road was being costed.

9. Planning.

Applications for discussion

Llwyn Cottage – extension. No objection, but meeting was adjourned for Mr James to make a comment on the Right of Way incorrectly marked as a track on the plans.

White Horse - Installation of Roof Light. No objection.

Argoed Wood- agricultural building. No objection

Applications approved

Old Rose Cottage Extension

10. Finance

Account balances as at 28 July 2005 are as follows:

Treasurers Account	2170.16
Money manager Account	10406.73
COIF Money Master	23.72
ROWEC account	822.12

Bills due for payment as at 28 July 2005

Clerks Salary	£236.20	
Expenses	£ 93.70	£ 329.90
N Power Street Lighting electricity	1/4/04-31/12/04 £ 386.55	
	1/1/05-31/3/05 £ 131.81	£ 518.36
Andrew Wallace		£ 18.00
M Black (Cemetery grasscutting)		£ 700.00
Office Express		£ 50.51
Total		£1616.77

A budget statement was also provided to councillors

Minute 05-06-29 It was proposed by Cllr Dowell and seconded by Cllr Pendry and resolved that the bills with the exception of N Power, which was still in dispute, should be paid.

A request had been received from St Georges Church for £600.00 towards the maintenance of the churchyard. It was proposed by Cllr Dowell and seconded by Cllr Williams that this be paid. This motion was passed with two abstentions.

Minute 05-06-30 It was resolved to pay £600 towards the maintenance of the churchyard

11. Tourism Grant update. A letter had been received confirming approval of the grant. Some additional information was required and would be provided by Cllr Pendry. The Parish Council were required to notify whether they were able to reclaim the VAT. The order for the seats required a deposit of £400 and it was proposed by Cllr S. Smith and seconded by Cllr V Sherring that this should be paid.

Minute 05-06-31 It was resolved that a deposit of £400 be paid for the seats

Clerk informed council that the Memorial Hall seats once purchased should be “gifted” to the Memorial Hall and Playing Fields Charity. This was proposed by Cllr Pendry and seconded by Cllr Appleton Fox.

Minute 05-06-32 It was resolved to gift the new seats at the Memorial Hall to the Memorial Hall Charity

Cllr Dowell left the meeting whilst the next item was discussed

12) Bus Shelter As instructed at the last meeting the clerk had sent the relevant documentation to SALC, they in turn had forwarded it to NALC and to date no reply had been received.

Cllr Dowell returned to the meeting

13) ROWEC The new P3 agreement had been received by Mr James and a ROWEC meeting would be needed to discuss this.

14) Freedom of Information The clerk had received two requests for information and required council to set charges for photocopies. It was noted that no charge could be made for the time involved for finding such information. Clerk would inform council if such requests become arduous and not unable to be done within the present hours of employment.

Minute 05-06-33 Resolved that the charge for photocopying should be £1-00 per sheet plus postage.

Clerk told the meeting that the items kept in the Town Hall required sorting and in some cases deposited with the County Archives. Cllr Appleton Fox agreed to assist clerk in this.

15) Items for next agenda. In the absence of correspondence being listed as an agenda item a list was provided and councillors asked if they required any of the items to be included on the next agenda.

List of Correspondence

SSDC Planning	Consultation on affordable housing
Countryside Agency	Conclusive Map of registered common land and open country
Shropshire County Council	Service Standard Booklet
	Countrywide Community Strategy
	Re-organisation of Traffic management engineers
Newcastle Community Centre	Thank you for COIF money
SALC	Training courses
Government Office	W Mids Spatial Strategy
Charity Commission	Newsletter
SSDC	Standards Committee draft minute
Six Market Towns	Notice of Meeting
Clerks and Councils Direct	
Society of Local Council Clerks	invitation to join
Wasteless Society Newsletter	

Correspondence was noted with none to be included on next agenda.

Cllr Pendry wished that council reconsider the day and a date of meetings as they were once again clashing with District Council meetings. It was agreed to include this on the next agenda.

Chairman had received two complaints from residents regarding excessive noise at the White Horse on Friday evenings and would like the matter included on the next agenda.

16) Date of next meeting 22 September 2005 Two apologies were recorded for that date. Cllrs Dowell and Pendry