

CLUN with CHAPEL LAWN PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Hazelhurst Community Room, Clun on Thursday, 23 March at 7.30 p.m.

1. PUBLIC SESSION. Mr Peter James said he wished to raise two items. Firstly, agenda item 12; the letters he wrote to the Chairman should have been listed the other way round. The clerk apologised. Mr James also said, more importantly, he was a little confused by the reference to the description of the P3 letter as being “communication issues” Mr James said he had sent the letter after the remarks made at the last meeting about problems in Chapel Lawn which the P3 co-ordinators had not been informed about. The clerk said this did appear to be a communication problem. Mr James said that P3 volunteers had done over 137 hours of volunteer work last year including work for the Chapel Lawn money raising walk. His second point was that he could not understand why the minutes of the last meeting did not include the remarks made at the meeting about a trespass and damage issue in Chapel Lawn. He asked for council to agree to an amendment to the minutes to include this discussion. The clerk said she did not include this as she had not felt it was relevant to the item being discussed, that the remarks were made in passing and were totally unsubstantiated. Cllr Pendry proposed that an amendment be added and that the Parish Council in future no longer discussed parish footpath business, only on an information basis. The wording of the amendment was agreed as “There was a discussion on damage and trespass” All were in favour of the proposal.

In attendance: Councillors Mrs B Vesty, , Cllrs C. Pendry, N. Appleton-Fox, R Bright, K Terry, Mrs V Sherring, Mrs S Smith, S Sherring, S Blood and Mrs J Devaney

2) .Apologies for absence.

Cllrs Mrs S J Williams and Cllr S Smith.

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 Appleton Fox, Items 5,9,6,8,9,13, Cllr R. Bright Item 5, 6,9b

Declarations of Prejudicial Interest:

Cllr Bright Items 5, 8,9b, Cllr N Appleton-Fox Items ,9

4.Approval of minutes of 23 February 2006.

Proposed Cllr S Bright seconded by Cllr Devaney that they be signed with the one amendment as previously discussed.

Minute 05-06-69 Resolved to approve these minutes.

5. Continued business.

Cllr Bright left the meeting for the following item.

Clun Bridge Repairs. Clerk gave details of all the correspondence received including proposed road closure dates. A letter was read to the meeting that had been received from the tree warden; Mr Maund regarding the felling of a chestnut tree at Waterloo which he had been informed by the County Council would not need to be felled. Mr Maund also raised a concern on the felling of a chestnut tree close to the bridge without the required conservation consent. Clerk was asked to write to County Council for an assurance that on completion of the work a replacement tree would be planted and an explanation as to why the felling of the bridge side tree was done without an application for planning consent.

John Williams had indicated to the clerk that the new direction signs to the Memorial Hall would be

Permanent and that the speed limit along Waterloo would be set at 20 mph. Cllr Pendry gave up to date details of road closures that he had just received by email. He also gave information received from the County Council regarding the action they had undertaken with regard to updating the satellite navigation systems. John Williams had also sent copies of replies he had sent to residents who had made representation to the County Council on the proposed repairs to Clun Bridge.

Cllr Bright returned to the meeting

Tourism Grant - update. Cllr Pendry gave an update and informed the meeting that the final invoices were awaited and the claim form would be sent off this week.

Switch on Shropshire. Cllr Appleton-Fox gave an update on the project.

School Transport Review. The clerk had written back to Mr Gadd expressing the councils concerns and a reply had been received to say that the Parish Councils views would be taken into account but that the review was now to be delayed until at least the start of the autumn term.

Dispensation for Trustees. The clerk had written to the monitoring officer requesting a dispensation but no reply had yet been received.

6. Cemetery Matters. Health and Safety. Clerk gave an update on the present position. The clerk had written to the individuals who had undertaken repairs without any professional input and written replies were awaited. Brendan Day, the inspector, would be prepared to visit again to check that the graves repaired did now comply with the NAMM regulations. Bernard Owen was prepared to lay flat any unstable graves that he could and this would start in the near future.

7. Street Lighting. It was reported that the new Church Street light was not working, this would be reported. Also the light on the car park was not working again but this was the District Councils responsibility. Cllr Pendry had asked for a second light on the car park. A light in Newport Street had been damaged by a car and an insurance claim had been made. A resident had asked Cllr Blood to see if an additional street light could be provided in Newport Street. A new light would cost in the region of £1500. It appeared that there had originally been a light but it had been removed about 7 years ago. Clerk would investigate this and a further discussion would take place at a later date.

8. Highways Matters.

There were several complaints about dog fouling in the town streets and clerk was asked to make enquiries about extra bins for Hazelhurst and Ford Street in particular and to include this matter for discussion on the next agenda

Street cleaning Chapel Lawn. This had been done

Cllrs Appleton-Fox and Bright left the meeting for the next item.

Provision of Waste Bin in Church Street. Nothing to report on this issue as a reply was still awaited.

Cllrs Appleton-Fox and Bright returned to the meeting

A hole had appeared in the road at the Causeway, Church Bank, this would be reported to highways. It was noted that the road side kerb on the Newcastle Road was at last being done

9. Planning

Applications for discussion

Cllrs Appleton-Fox and Bright left the meeting for the following planning item.

Clun Bridge Listed Building consent – no objections

Cllrs Appleton-Fox and Bright returned to the meeting

Bryn Hill Cottage Bryn – Extension, garage and change of use of land – no objections

Clun Sewerage works – Refurbishment – no objections

Riverside Cottage Bicton – Listed building consent for demolition of a shed – no objections

Cwmffrydd – Clun – Change of use and 3 x mobile homes for holiday use – There was concern that this application was in open countryside and could affect the surrounding area, it was agreed that this comment should be made to the planning authority.

Applications approved
 Pen y Cwm – Extension
 Bryncambric Farm Chapel Lawn – Siting of mobile home
 Dingle House Church bank – Change of use of annexe
 Old Frog Cottage – topping, crown thinning of sycamore tree

10. Finances

Account balances as at 23 March 2006 are as follows:

Treasurers Account	1588.67
Money manager Account	8392.97
COIF Money Master	71.81
ROWEC account	682.40

Bills due for payment as at 23 March 2006

Clerks Salary	£ 236.20	
Expenses	£ 97.59	£ 333.79
Salary Mrs I Davies		£ 80.00
John Powter		£ 50.00
SSDC Town Hall Rates		£ 14.53
M Hatt		£ 699.11

Minute 05-06-70 Proposed Cllr J Devaney, seconded by Cllr V Sherring and resolved that outstanding bills be paid

Several tourist grant invoices would be payable before the next meeting in order that the repayment claim could be dealt with.

A number of grant applications were considered and after consulting the spending and budget figures to date that were provided to councillors it was proposed by Cllr Appleton Fox and seconded by Cllr V Sherring that the Citizens Advice Bureau should receive £50.00 all were in favour with two abstentions.
Minute 05-06-71 Resolved to pay Citizens Advice Bureau £50.

11) South Shropshire District Council - Local Development Framework Core Strategy Consultation Paper

It was agreed to hold a planning meeting on 6 April 2006 to discuss this issue more fully.

12) Rights of Way matters.

Letter from the Ramblers Association re-obstruction on public access route in Chapel Lawn.

The clerk was asked to send a copy of this letter to the relevant department at the County Council for their attention.

Letter from P3 regarding communication issues.

This letter had been circulated to councillors and there were no comments from councillors but the contents were noted.

13) Correspondence

Shropshire County Council had notified the intention of a road closure on the New Invention to Chapel Lawn road

Clerk informed council of a letter she had received from the planning authority on the subject of the bus shelter in Church Street and she advised council that the information requested in the letter had been provided. There was no discussion on this issue.

All other correspondence was noted

SSDC	Standards Board	correspondence
	Arts Advisory	
	Street Closures	- Green Man and Clun Carnival
SALC	Varied correspondence	

(Correspondence continued)

COIF Annual report

Public Transport news

Viridor Landfill tax credit scheme

Clerks and Councils Direct

Shropshire Association of Parish and Town Councils – next meeting

15. Any new business for next meeting.

Dog Fouling problems

16) To confirm the date of the next meeting.

27 April 2006 in Clun and provisionally the June meeting should be held in Chapel Lawn

The date of Annual Parish Meeting would be 11 May at the Memorial Hall. After discussion it was decided to ask Colin Richards MBE Conservation Officer at SSDC to give a presentation.

Meeting closed at 8.55 pm