

Clunbury Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 26th September 2024 In Clunton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

PRESENT

Cllr J Croxton (Chairman), Cllr I Davies (Vice Chairman), Cllr K Bailey, Cllr P Harding, Cllr M Jones, Cllr L Lewis, Cllr J Huffer.

Shropshire Cllr N Hartin.

3 members of the public

Ms N Adams (Parish Clerk).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

As and when required.

MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD 18.7.24

Agreed unanimously and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE CLLR N HARTIN

There had been a Council meeting today and there were two main issues. The planned move from the Shirehall to The Guildhall would be speeded up over the next few months, although the IT support would remain on the first floor. The Guildhall would not be open to the public, but there would be an agency hub. Selling off the car parks would save £1.5m. There was also a proposal to ask Parish Councils to raise their Precepts in order to take on the cost of local services. The Household Recycling Centres would all stay open, but would close one day per week and run a booking system. Charging for green bins would go ahead, but as the Council was not allowed to charge for taking kitchen waste, in theory this would have to go into landfill.

The Chairman asked what services would Shropshire Council expect parish councils to take on? Cllr Hartin said that Shropshire want an extra 10% levied on the parish rate, and that money to be given to Shropshire Council in effect.

REPORT FROM CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Tom Wall had circulated a written report, copy attached to these Minutes. The main problem was that the selective weedkiller Asulox, used to control bracken, had been withdrawn from sale nationally. A weed wiper with glyphosate might be the answer, or selective cutting.

The Chairman thanked Tom for his report.

ROADS/STREETSCENE:

- (a) **Clunton.** The road conditions in Gunridge Lane were still unsatisfactory. Flooding: Severn Trent had established that this was from the old village supply.
- (b) **Kempton.** VAS. Cllr Lewis said that the £600 to pay for the posts had been raised by the village within a week. A meeting would be held with Nick Newton, Shropshire Council, shortly. Unfortunately, Nick had now said that the signs specification was no longer acceptable.
- (c) **Twitchen. Speed limit.** Nothing to report as present.
- (d) **Clunbury.** Chairman reported that the bridge badly needed pointing as water was getting into the stones. The bridge on the Kemp also needed attention.

COUNCIL FINANCE:

(a) Account balances were reported as:

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| Community (current) account | £4,490.69 |
| Business Savings Account | £1,352.47 |
| Sports & Recreation Account | £405.00. |

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| (b) Incoming: | VAT refund | £1,250.85 |
| | Kempton village: donations re: posts for VAS | £600.00. |

(c) It was unanimously agreed to pay the following:

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| Kempton village hall (hire for meetings Jan and July) | £20.00 |
| Ms N Adams (salary July & August) | £368.34 |
| HMRC (PAYE July & August) | £13.00 |
| Shropshire Council (posts for VAS signs at Kempton) | £600.00 |
| P J Parkes (cutting bracken etc on Black Hill) | £810.00 |

(included £135 recoverable VAT).

(d) External Auditor's report.

The SBA team at PKF Littlejohn had acknowledged receipt of our notification of exempt status 2024 and confirmed that there was no review to be performed.

PLANNING:

For information only. Application No. 24/03092/AGR. Two agricultural buildings at Upper Coston.

Application No. 24/02295/LBC. Addition of en suite and shower room had been granted.

PARISH COUNCIL MANAGEMENT:

- (a) Vacancies on the Parish Council.** Tom Wall and Nick Morgan had applied to join the Parish Council and were proposed, seconded and co-opted unanimously.
- (b) Personnel Committee.** To be progressed outwith this meeting.
- (c) Website.** Being updated. Chairman tabled a photograph which would be suitable for the front page.

ONGOING PARISH MATTERS:

- (a) Adoption of phone boxes: Clunbury.** Survey of villagers needed to establish whether the village wanted it. Twitchen. Jack Limond in Clun to be contacted re: provision of AED. Kempton and Clunton. Not working. Clerk to contact Shropshire Council contact and find out why these two boxes were not available to buy.
- (b) Memorial bench for Margaret Austin, late of Tansy Cottage.** After discussion it was decided to ask Clunbury Village Hall Committee if they had a suitable spot for the bench.
- (c) Rats/mice in Clunton.** These had been reported in the houses in the triangle next to the pub. Clerk had established that Shropshire Council no longer provided a pest control service. Clerk to try to find out the owner's contact details.
- (d) Clunton burial ground.** Chairman reported that Shropshire Council could not make a decision regarding the proposed footpath and it had now gone to the National Planning Department at Bristol. The decision could take up to a year with a possible Public Inquiry to follow. Cllr Harding said she had met someone who wanted to put flowers on one of the graves, but had found the gate from the field to be locked. (This was not done by the Parish Council.) The lady eventually found the legal access via the white lane. Notices re: access to be put up by Cllrs Davies and Harding

CORRESPONDENCE

Ryan Davies, Clun Mayor, was organising an informal meeting with the Chairmen of neighbouring parish councils to discuss the relationship with Shropshire Council. Suggested date: Monday 30th September.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

None.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

Thursday 21st November 2024 in Clunbury village hall at 7.30pm.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 9.05pm.

JHC/NEA

9.10.24

J H Croxton

21.11.2024