

# Clunbury Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 25<sup>th</sup> January 2024  
In Kempton Village Hall at 7.30pm.

## PRESENT

Cllr J Croxton (Chairman), Cllr M Jones, Cllr P Harding, Cllr K Bailey, Cllr J Huffer, Cllr L Lewis, Cllr H Price.  
4 members of the public.  
Ms N Adams (Parish Clerk)

## APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr I Davies (Vice Chairman)

## DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

As and when requires.

## MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 18.11.23

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

## REPORT FROM SHROPSHIRE CLLR N HARTIN

Not available. Chairman to contact Cllr Hartin for information on various matters.

## REPORT FROM CLIMATE AND ENVIRONMENT GROUP

Report from Tom Wall. Copy attached to these Minutes.

## ROADS/STREETSCENE

Chairman to report items on Shropshire Council's Fix My Street system and will also speak to Cllr Hartin.

**Road from the Cwm to Obley** was in very bad condition.

**Drain on the road to Hundred House** has been reported, one big pothole remained.

## COUNCIL FINANCE:

### **Account balances were reported as:**

Community (current) account	£4,895.34
Business Savings account	£1,337.41
Sports & Leisure account	£400.00.

### **It was unanimously agreed to pay the following:**

Ms N Adams (salary Nov & Dec)	£381.34
Clunbury village hall (hire for meetings)	£42.00
Ms N Adams (expenses 2019-2023)	£654.67
Mr T Wall (refund for tree whips for Winberry Hill project)	£54.60.

## **Banking arrangements:**

Cllr Davies had taken the Mandate forms to Barclays Bank in Shrewsbury and delivered them by hand. Chairman to pursue.

**Possible donations to SpARC pool tank and Clunbury school.** Cllrs Lewis and Price to obtain further details.

**Precept requirement for 2024/25.** Clerk tabled budget figures. Chairman proposed an unaltered Precept of £5,500.00, seconded by Cllr Bailey and agreed unanimously.

### **PLANNING:**

**Application No. 23/05085/LBC.** Internal and external works at Upper House, Clunbury. No objection.

There were no decisions to be reported by planning authority.

### **PARISH COUNCIL MANAGEMENT:**

**Website.** Clerk had researched various website providers and suggested Parish Online, which was recommended by SALC, who had negotiated a reduced cost of £315 annually. Agreed unanimously by Councillors present. Clerk to enquire whether the QR code on the information board at Whinberry Hill could provide access to the website.

**Vacancy on the Parish Council.** Form re: vacancy had gone to the Elections Office for checking and return. It would then be put on the boards to see whether the parish wants to hold an election in the first instance.

### **ONGOING PARISH MATTERS:**

**Smart water.** A successful afternoon distributed most of the kits, and the remainder would be distributed soon. Thanks to Cllrs Lewis, Huffer and Harding, and also Catherine Lishman for their help in this. Cash to go to the Chairman for onward transmission to the Parish Council's bank account.

**Adoption of BT phone boxes.** Chairman had signed the Contract, which had then been posted back to BT. Presently awaiting response. Clerk said that should an AED be sited in a phone box BT would undertake to provide an electricity supply at their expense, provided they were informed. Clerk said it was important to have a small team attached to each phone box to clean and maintain it.

### **CORRESPONDENCE**

None.

### **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

**Vehicle Activated Sign at Kempton.** First application was not successful, but the bid would be carried forward to the next tranche of funding

**Items for next Agenda:** Donations as above                      Biodiversity confirmation

### **DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING**

Thursday 21<sup>st</sup> March 2024 in Clunton village hall at 7.30pm.

### **OPEN DISCUSSION**

None.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

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