

Clunbury Parish Council

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Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 21st March 2019
In Clunbury Village Hall at 8pm.

PRESENT

Cllr J Croxton (Chairman), Cllr I Davies (Vice Chairman), Cllr P Harding, Cllr L Lewis, Cllr M Jones, Cllr D Hill, Cllr K Bailey, Cllr N Morgan.
One member of the public.
Ms N Adams (Parish Clerk).

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

As and when required.

MINUTES OF PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD 24.1.19

Approved on a show of hands and signed by the Chairman as a true and accurate record.

MATTERS ARISING:

Footbridge behind Chapel House, Clunbury. Still to be painted in suitable weather. Clerk had sent an invoice to Shropshire Council.

Oddfellows banner. Cllr Harding said this really needed to be moved urgently as the church was due to be repainted shortly. Cllr Bailey to make enquiries to try to find a suitable home for it.

Broadband connection in Kempton. It was understood a wayleave was awaited in order to connect the electricity supply across the road. Clerk to contact Openreach/Shropshire Council to establish the current situation. Fibre broadband was available in Clunbury and would be available in Twitchen soon.

PLANNING:

Application No. 19/00993/VAR. Variation of conditions re: landscaping and garage units, and **Application No. 19/00994/LBC.** Repair and conversion works, both on Units 1-5 only at Kempton Farm. After discussion it was resolved to make no comment, although Councillors had concerns about hedges, trees, and the splay onto the B4385. Clerk had already contacted Highways regarding this last matter.

Application No. 19/00586/TCA. Re-pollarding of a Norway Maple at The White Cottage, Clunbury. No objection, although it was understood this work had already been done.

Application No. 19/00822/FUL. Single storey extension at Sunny Meadow, Clunton. Supported.

Permit to Plant at Fitzwaryn Hall, Clunton. Cllr Jones declared an interest. It was thought this related to Shropshire Council land presently used as a parking/passing place/access to Clunton Farmhouse opposite their little bridge. After discussion it was agreed to ask the householders for a site meeting to establish more information. Cllr Harding to arrange a suitable date after the clocks change.

The following applications had been granted:

No. 18/04474/LBC. New window and minor changes at Clunton Farmhouse.

No. 18/05494/FUL. Five camping pods, etc on land at Purslow Hall. The Chairman declared an interest.

SOUTH WEST SHROPSHIRE LJC/PLACE PLANS MEETINGS:

Report from Shropshire Cllr N Hartin. None available in Cllr Hartin's absence.

Report from Chairman. It was thought no more LJC meetings would be held. A Place Plan meeting was scheduled to be held in Bishops Castle – date TBC.

Future Fit. The Chairman said that our usual contact, Mrs Sylvia Jones, was moving out of the area tomorrow, and obviously would not report back to the Parish Council. The Chairman thanked her for her reports up to date.

ROADS:

Road conditions. Pot holes – some had been mended, particularly in Clunbury village. Pothole Line telephone number to be put in every edition of the Parish Post: **0345 678 9000 option 4, then option 2.**

A post code will be required to locate the pothole/other road condition problem.

B4385 splay at Kempton. Clerk to contact Andrew Keyland at Highways.

Speeding traffic – radar speed units. Cllr Bailey detailed the “step down” from 40mph to 30mph at each end of the speed limit in Twitchen. Clerk to establish the correct contact at Highways.

Street lighting. Several parishioners were unhappy with the present street lights. After discussion Cllr Morgan offered to take on management of the street lights.

CORRESPONDENCE:

Spotlight leaflets for March.

Email from Keep Britain Tidy re: Great British Spring Clean 22.3.19 – 23.4.19. The main problem in the parish was the contents of recycling boxes getting blown around, particularly plastic bottles, some of which ended up in Clunton Brook. Clerk said that stretch nets could be put over boxes of plastic waste, or a rock on the box lid. The road from Purslow crossroads to Twitchen also suffered with litter.

FINANCES:

Account balances were reported as:

Community (current) account	£1,023.20
Business Savings account	£1,319.74
Sports & Leisure account	£3,588.47

It was agreed unanimously to pay the following:

Ms N Adams (salary January & February))	£354.90
HMRC (PAYE Jan & Feb))	£2.20
Ms N Adams (expenses Apr 18 – Mar 19)		£228.04
Crucial Crew (donation to Clunbury school)		£70.00
Clunton village hall (hire for meeting)		£9.50
Mr D Hill (refund of website fees)		£14.19
Clunbury village hall (hire for meeting)		£12.00.

Npower Direct Debit.

Clerk reported that a payment of £49.05 outstanding from April 2018 had been paid.

Outstanding e.on bill re: street light at The Malt House. Cllr Morgan to investigate.

Review of cheque signatories. Barclays Change of Mandate form was completed to add Cllr Harding, who would take this into a Barclays Bank.

PARISH COUNCIL MANAGEMENT

Chairman confirmed that Cllr Nick Morgan had joined the Parish Council. Clerk to provide forms and other paperwork to Cllr Morgan.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS:

River bridge at Clunton. This had been damaged by a Travis Perkins lorry and had been reported to the Company who had said they would send a Surveyor. Cllr Harding to monitor the situation. A parishioner had made the bridge safe as a temporary measure.

Dredging under Clunton Brook bridge. This had improved the situation considerably.

Clunton Burial Ground. Clerk had been contacted by Mrs Gerrard regarding the condition of the burial ground. On inspection, the Clerk found that the hedges needed to be considerably cut back and the sunken graves needed to be filled in. There would be a problem getting soil to the site. This work was more than Cllr Davies could be expected to do as normal maintenance. Site meeting to be held with Cllrs Davies, Croxton, Jones and Harding.

DATE AND VENUE FOR NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Assembly followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting and will be held on Thursday 16th May 2019 in Clunbury Village Hall at 7.30pm. Cllr Hill to book the hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.50pm.

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