

**FRIENDS OF CLEE HILL VILLAGE FORUM**  
**MEETING HELD ON 16 NOVEMBER 2011 IN CLEE HILL VILLAGE HALL**

**Apologies:** Val and Garth Ridgers, Brian Harper, David Jamieson, Jenny Golby, Kathleen Boyland.

The meeting commenced at 19.05 22 people attended.

**Treasurers Report:** £233.06 in the Forum bank account.

**Matters Arising from previous meeting:**

Car Wash: Now ceased due to lack of support.

Flix in the Stix: Ongoing.

Anti Litter/Hill Warden Group:

George introduced Peter and Flo from Cleobury Mortimer who had joined the group. There were 6 regulars in the group but more volunteers were needed. The group meets on the first Sunday of the month at 11.15 a.m. in the Village Hall car park. The “pick” lasts no more than 1 ½ hours. The next pick is on 4 December 2011.

Glynn Barratt from TCHT had said that he would do information sheets for the Hill Wardens. As far as insurance for the litter group is concerned, Vicky Turner Community Action Officer, suggested we try to get funding from the Parish Councils for this.

Wednesday Club:

Very successful. Now has 53 members with 47 people going to their Christmas party at the December meeting.

**Clee Hill Partnership:**

Henry gave an account of what the Partnership was. He said Forum was represented by George Cummings and Garth Ridgers. He then gave a report of the meeting that had been held the previous evening:

Amongst other members of the Partnership were, Shropshire Wild Life Trust, AONB, TCHT, the Commoners and representatives from Parish Councils.

The various organisations were to put in bids to the Heritage Lottery Fund via Shropshire Wildlife Trust.

There was to be a meeting between the Highway Department and a sub committee from the Partnership to discuss problems of speeding and the killing of sheep on the roads.

Visitors and Tourism was discussed and it was hoped that information pamphlets/brochures would be available in the near future.

Ron Price asked if it would be a good idea to have additional car parking facilities, as so many cars do park on the side of the main road between Doddington and Clee Hill Village.

**Recreation Room:**

Steps had been built leading up to the permissive pathway from Springfield Park to the Recreation Ground which was a vast improvement. Richard Huffer thanked David Jamieson and the Quarry for the tarmac.

**Village Hall News:**

There would be a meeting on the 17 November to discuss improvements to the hall and car park.

**Parish Council Meeting:**

George gave a brief account of the recent parish council meeting. Amongst the items discussed was the possibility of more houses being built in the village further to the Localism Act. Another item discussed briefly was the cost of electricity in the village toilets which was £37 last month. The Parish Council will monitor this. Full details of the meeting will be posted on the Parish Council notice board outside the village store.

**20 mph signs outside school.**

Concerns had been raised regarding the speed of traffic in Tenbury Road near the school. If the 20 mph signs were not successful one suggestion was that a chicane should be put in place.

**Parking on Disabled Bays:**

At the Recreation Room meeting on the 14 November complaints had been received about people parking in the disabled bay outside the Recreation Room. Ken, from the Village Store said that people were parking across his drive and sometimes he was unable to get out and on occasions had had to abandon his journey because of this. George said he would have a word with the Community Support Officer about this.

**ACTION: George**

**Jubilee and Olympics Celebrations:**

The surrounding parishes would be doing something to celebrate and George said it would be nice if Clee Hill could be involved.

The Olympic Torch would be coming through the Village on 24 May 2012 . Richard said it would be a superb photo opportunity for everyone, as it is one of the few places designated for a photo shoot.

The question of a beacon to be lit on top of Clee Hill was then raised. There would be problems as to where it would be sited but one suggestion was on top of the Hill by the radar station. Someone to co-ordinate it would be required. Hansons had offered to provide pallets for the bonfire and Ken from the Village Stores said he would like to be involved. A working group would need to be formed. Guideline literature had been published and Henry would let George have a copy. Howard Parker and Sean Boden have also offered to be involved.

**Village Post Office Closure:**

People expressed their concern at the sudden closure of the post office and pointed out that this would cause great difficulties and hardship for a large number of people in the village, particularly the elderly. It was strongly recommended that people write to their local MP, Philiop Dunne, about this, to see if he can do anything to help. Richard had arranged a photoshoot with the press to take place on Saturday 19 November and it was hoped that the photographer would also go to the Christmas Fayre being held in the Village Hall on the same date. Howard Parker suggested that Forum “fight the case”, therefore a letter on behalf of Forum would be written to Philip Dunne and to the Post Office Authorities. A petition would also be put in the Village shop and other locations in the Village.

**ACTION: George**

There being no other business the meeting closed at 20.15 hrs.

**Date and Time of next meeting: 1 FEBRUARY 2012 at 7.00 p.m.**