

FRIENDS OF CLEE HILL VILLAGE FORUM
MEETING HELD ON 14 SEPTEMBER 2011 IN CLEE HILL VILLAGE HALL

Apologies: Garth Ridgers, Trevor Davies, Greville Hanley, Kathleen and Norris Boyland, Paul Jonas.

The meeting commenced at 7.00 p.m. 16 people attended.

Treasurers Report: £233.06 in the Forum bank account.

Matters Arising from previous meeting:

Car Wash: Only 2 cars were brought for washing on 2 September.

Flix in the Stix:

Pat Parker had been unable to see Philip Dunne. Henry Chance suggested that perhaps we could link up with another village. Ron Golby pointed out that the Cleobury Mortimer equipment was fixed and therefore we could not join with them. Howard Parker stated that when he originally contacted Flix in the Stix organisation that they would come and do it for us but there would be a charge of approximately £70.00.

Peregrines:

George gave brief account of the recent Peregrines meeting and said that the group will be active again early next year.

Anti Litter Group:

George reported that 3 organised litter picks had already been carried out and that David Jameson (Manager of Hansons Quarry) had provided Hill Warden HiVis jackets and also had provided notices to go in the back of cars saying "Hill Warden". Members present were asked to take one if they wished to volunteer to patrol the Hill.

Hill Warden duties would also extend somewhat so that volunteers could give interesting facts about the Hill to members of the public.

Glynn Barrett offered to give a talk on the Hill to volunteers and to produce some information leaflets. The matter of insurance is being looked into, as is the possibility for first aid training. At the moment, disclaimer forms are being used and risk assessments are carried out. Volunteers for litter picking meet at Clee Hill Village Hall car park at 11.15 a.m. on the first Sunday of the month. Picking equipment is kindly loaned by Streetscene. The next litter pick will be on Sunday 2 October.

TCHT Glynn gave a report of the Autumn Fayre after which George put the suggestion from Claire Wilson, that perhaps, TCHT and the Village could join forces to have a joint Festival next year. George asked for comments from members present re joining forces although Henry said there was no point in asking until TCHT have decided whether they are having a Fayre next year. Richard Huffer said we did need to make it a community event.

Wednesday Club: Brian Harper said that there had already been two meetings and these seemed very successful. They had 38 members so far but envisaged 40 – 50 members once the holiday season was over.

Clee Hill Partnership meeting:

Henry indicated that there were lots of people involved in the Clee Hill Partnership. He then spoke about speeding over the Hill and the killing of sheep by motorists. He said that there was no point in having additional signs. Henry will include this item again on the agenda for the next Partnership meeting. It was suggested at the last Partnership meeting that a beacon be lit next year to celebrate the diamond jubilee. Glynn made a cautionary comment re the siting of a beacon. It was suggested that Shropshire Wild Life be invited to the Forum meetings.

RECREATION ROOM AGM:

Richard gave a report of the AGM saying that the present Trustees and Management Committee were all re-elected. The security system in the Recreation Rooms was now working again. Richard then gave a brief history of the permissive path at the top of Springfield Park and said that the work that had been done had been within budget.

The access ramp at the bottom of the path belongs to the developer. Any future work done on the access would have no effect on the drainage. Richard also said that tarmac would be laid in due course. He had spoken to the developer, and if the residents of Springfield Park wanted the path extended so that the incline was not so steep, then some fund raising for this would need to be done. A fence will be put up once the wall has been constructed at the site of the development.

VILLAGE HALL NEWS:

Mr. Gavin Wong, Drainage Engineer for Shropshire Council, had inspected the car park area and said that a percolation test would need to be carried out to check the drainage. If this was OK then Mr. Wong said it could be tarmac'd. Richard asked Forums' opinion re tarmac-ing or scalpins. The majority of the people present wanted tarmac-ing. David Jameson pointed out that tarmac-ing would be preferable to scalpins.

Some villagers had also remarked about the severe slope from the road onto the car park.

LOCALISM BILL

George mentioned the Localism Bill. Glynn warned that, although the idea was to make things easier for Parish Councils (permission for some planning would not be required), there was a danger that some Greenfield sites would be lost. The National Trust, amongst other bodies, is contesting the Bill.

AOB:

Brian Hardy mentioned the lighting in the Village Hall. If we were going to have stage lighting etc put in the Hall then we should not forget to have a conduit put down at the time of the resurfacing of the car park. George thanked Brian for this information.

Richard spoke about the Closure of Tenbury Bridge. This is due to take place in December, with work to commence on 9 January. The duration of the work will be 1 – 4 months. There will be a meeting at Tenbury High School regarding this on 21 September 2011 at 7.30 p.m. Henry asked if a footbridge could be put in place for residents to use. Richard said this was not possible as the cost was too high. It was suggested that a notice be put in the village notice board regarding the meeting.

ACTION: George.

Henry asked if we could contact Eric Williams, Clerk to the Parish Council, to ask him if the minutes from the Forum meetings could go on the Caynham Parish Council website. None had been put on since November 2010.

ACTION: Alvis

Frequency of Meetings:

George had been contacted by some villagers suggesting that, perhaps, the Forum should again meet on a monthly basis.

This had no support from members present. Val Ridgers suggested that if important matters arose between the meetings, an extraordinary meeting should be called.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.05 p.m.

Date and Time of Next meeting: Wednesday 16 November at 7.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.