

CLUN with CHAPEL LAWN PARISH COUNCIL

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The Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held at Hazelhurst Close Community Centre Clun on Wednesday 26th October 2011 commencing 7.30pm

Present:

Cllr C Pendry (Chairman)

Cllr M K Smith (Vice-Chairman)

Cllrs R Bright, B Palmer, S Hadwen, H Vaughan, T Ely-Corbett, J McVicar and K Terry

Members of the public were present.

Apologies for absence:

Cllrs M Williamson, C Humphreys and J Limond

1. Items from Members of the Public:

No Items from Members of the Public

There was a discussion with Mr Liam Cowden Shropshire Council Planning Policy Officer who provided an explanation of the Core Strategy, the proposed Sites and Management of Development Consultation Document (SAMDev) shortly to be published, the Community Infrastructure Levy, The LDF Implementation Plan and Local Investment Plan (Place Plan) and the implications to Planning applications.

With the introduction and implementation of the various Strategies and Policies together with the Localism Bill and Neighbourhood Planning Town and Parish Councils will have a more significant role in determining planning development within its area and working in partnership with Shropshire Council in the delivering Local infrastructure and investment needs/schemes identified in the Place Plan.

The Place Plans will be updated annually and the Parish Council is being asked to review the current information contained in the Plan relevant to the Parish Area.

Shropshire Council have arranged a number of Workshops to walk through the process of reviewing the Place Plans and also to give further explanation of the Community Infrastructure levy and the implications to Parish and Town Councils to which representatives of the Parish Council have been invited.

The Parish Council will hold an additional meeting to review and update the information contained in the Place Plan that is relevant to Clun and Chapel Lawn Area.

In June 2010 following the consultation document issued by Shropshire Council "Issues and Options" the Parish Council had suggested that in terms of housing Clun should become a Development Hub with the growth of 100/150 new homes during the period 2006 – 2026.

Shropshire Council will issue "The Sites and Management of Development Consultation Document" early in the new-year which will identify potential sites for the development of the growth of Houses and Industry. The document will be subject to a statutory a twelve week consultation period.

Mr Cowden answered a number of questions and was thanked for his attendance at the meeting.

2. To Declare any Personal/Prejudicial Interests:

Personal – Mr T Ely-Corbett – Grant application Clun Memorial Hall.

3. To confirm and accept the Minutes of the Previous Meeting:

The Parish Council approved that the minutes of the meetings held on the 28th September 2011 which were signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

4. Matters Arising from the Minutes:

Nil

5. Chairman's Items:

The Council had purchased the memorial wreath for Remembrance Sunday which will be laid by the Vice-Chairman Mr M K Smith on behalf of the Parish Council and the Local Community.

6. Highway Items:

a) Clun Bridge – Following the initial pilot trial on the provision of the bollards at Clun Bridge Shropshire council will be extending this for a further six months. Cllr R Bright had received complaints about the parking of vehicles on the junction of High Street and Bridge Street and it was agreed by the parish council that the matter be referred to Shropshire Council Highways to consider marking on the road a “Keep Clear” sign.

The Clerk reported that Shropshire Council had looked at the large gravel island at Clun Bridge but did not consider it to be a flood risk and that the responsibility for clearing is usually the responsibility of the riparian owners.

b) Street Lighting – The Street Lighting Energy contract will move from Npower to Shropshire Council from the 1st October 2011.

7. Amenity Items:

a) Public Conveniences – The Parish Council agreed that the Toilets will be partially closed from the 1st November to the 31st March 2011 with the only facility being the Disabled Toilets. This should achieve savings in the use of electricity and water charges appropriate signage will be placed on the toilet block.

b) Cllr R Bright had received complaints about dog fouling on the footpath running from the Hazelhurst to the Green and requested the provision of appropriate dog fouling signs. Cllr B Palmer would take this matter up with Mr P James.

8. Planning:

There were no planning applications to be considered.

9. Report from Representatives who have attended meetings of other organisations:

The Chairman had attended the Local Joint Committee held on the 6th October 2011 at Bucknell Village Hall commencing 7.00pm at which there was a discussion on the Impact of the withdrawal of the Community Skip Service, the bid for better broadband facilities in Shropshire, the Localism Bill and grant applications to local organisations. The next meeting will be on the 9th February 2012 at the SPArC Centre Bishops Castle.

10. Finances:

a) The Clerk had produced a summary of Income and Expenditure to-date compared with the Annual Budget which showed balances of £26,286.

b) The Parish Council approved the following accounts for payment:

Npower	295.18	Street Lighting
A Wallace	20.00	Grass Cutting
C E Williams	281.03	Salary and Expenses
Inland revenue	54.00	Tax
Royal British Legion	25.00	Wreath
British gas	143.17	Electricity Toilets

c) Grant Application – Clun Memorial Hall Grass Cutting – The Parish Council considered the grant application from the Memorial Hall Committee and agreed to meet the grass cutting costs of the children’s play area of £181.00 and to make a payment of £300 from the Environmental grant for keeping the area clear of litter and dog fouling.

The Parish Council did not agree to a grant for cutting of grass on the Playing Field. The Memorial Hall Committee would be asked why there is a need to cut the Playing Field grass on a frequent basis particularly as the field is not frequently used and if any other options had been considered for the use of the field which would keep the grass down. E.g grazing.

11. Governance Review:

The Clerk referred to the Governance Review which is being undertaken by Shropshire Council at the request of the Parish Council with comments having to be submitted by the 25th November 2011.

The Parish Council agreed not submit any comments in respect of the reduction of Parish Councillors for the Council but would leave the matter to the Review Committee to make an appropriate recommendations about the number of Councillors that may be appropriate to achieve contested elections in the May 2013 Parish and Town Council Elections.

It was agreed to recommend that the Parish Council name should change from Clun Parish Council to Clun and Chapel Lawn Parish Council.

12. Outstanding Items:

Footpath the Hurst, Foul Vents, Handrail repairs and steps Newport Street/Memorial Hall Clun

13. Next Meeting:

Wednesday 30th November 2011

Chairman