

Draft Minutes of the Statutory Meeting of Clungunford Parish Council held on Wednesday January 11th 2017 at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

Present: - Councillors Roberts, Rollason, Tucker, Mrs M Bason, C A Bason, Elliott, Mrs Rooney, Chapman and Councillor Hartin of Shropshire Council. Councillor Roberts in the chair.

55 GRAHAM LAMBERT

Graham Lambert, of the 740 Bus Supporter group, told councillors that Shropshire Council is planning to save money by cutting bus services amongst other things, and that the 740 route, which is the one which serves Clungunford, and which many of the people living in the parish are dependent on, is the fifth most likely to be cut.

The route is part financed by Powys, Herefordshire and Shropshire, with the latter paying most towards it, actually running it, and having to claim back the cost of running it from the other two. Things to be considered when deciding which buses to cut include value for money and amount of subsidy paid, with the most heavily subsidised likely to be cut first. There are four buses a day each way serving the 740 route, but only three of them come through Clungunford. On a Thursday surveyed before Christmas, eighty seven journeys were made by sixty three folk. Shropshire Council says that the community transport system could take up the shortfall if the route is discontinued.

The subsidy for each passenger is £3.65 – 4.99. Free bus passes are paid for by the government and have to be claimed back from them if someone with a free bus pass uses one of the council's buses. Arriva were the only firm who applied for the contract when it was offered. Any changes to the coverage of the routes will happen after April. **It was agreed** Councillor Roberts would write to Shropshire Council, expressing the Parish Council's support in the strongest terms, for the 740 bus route to continue.

56 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

57 APOLOGIES

Councillor Arbery was absent, but had not notified anyone of any intended absence.

58 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

These were agreed to be correct and signed.

59 MATTERS ARISING

Citizens Advice Shropshire have written to thank the parish council for its donation.

60 PLANNING MATTERS

There has been no further report as yet concerning the planning application regarding Heath Farm.

The report on the site meeting held by the planning committee at Clungunford Farm in November was given by Councillor Roberts, who said they believed the planned development to be a good idea on balance, even though the access wasn't good.

61 SMITH OF DERBY

It was agreed the invoice for £247.20 for church clock maintenance should be paid.

62 NEW SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL BUS STRATEGY

This related well to what Graham Lambert had already been saying and **it was agreed** Councillor Roberts would respond to consultation on the parish council's behalf in the same way.

63 LUDLOW MOTOR CLUB RALLY

The rally Ludlow Motor Club held in the early hours of the 19th and 20th November 2016 was just as noisy as the previous time the club held a rally through the village, though this time it didn't come through the middle of it. Nevertheless, the noise did disturb a lot of people in the outlying areas it did go through. **It was agreed** the Clerk would write to the secretary of the club, and to the local police, to complain that, though the parish council didn't seek to impinge on the enjoyment of those taking part, the noise had been particularly bad this time.

64 HOWLTA TRAIL APPEAL

It was thought that any donations given to HOWLTA should be given by individuals, not the parish council.

65 CORRESPONDENCE

Aon had written to the parish council warning it of changes which would affect it, brought about by 2015 Insurance Act.

66 AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

Clerk's salary and expenses November/December £268.57. Proposed by Councillor Tucker, seconded by Councillor Mrs Bason, **agreed unanimously**.

67 PARISH MATTERS

Ditches along the road on the way to Shelderton are overgrown and need action by the Highways Department to clean them up.

Severn Trent are intending to close parts of the B4368 Clun road completely during the next two months, but there is nothing we can do about it.

Aston on Clun Shop decided not to put any of the money they have available to help local projects towards the parish council notice board, but they have given £300 towards the Village Hall boiler.

It was agreed the Clerk and Councillor Roberts would now continue with the purchase of new notice boards entirely out of parish council finances as was originally going to be the case.

The parish web site is now up and running.

68 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be on Wednesday March 8th 2017

Meeting closed at 9pm

CLUNGUNFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Clerk: Mr B. Taylor, Sycamore Cottage, Clungunford. Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 0PN.

Chairman: Councillor J. Roberts

The Ordinary Meeting of Clungunford Parish Council will be held on Wednesday March 8th 2017 at 8.00 p.m. in the Village Hall.

BUSINESS OF THE MEETING

69 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

70 APOLOGIES

71 MINUTES OF LAST MEETING

72 MATTERS ARISING

Letter and cheque for £123.60 from the PCC re their half of the church clock maintenance (Min 61)

An update on the notice board purchase

73 PLANNING MATTERS

An update on the planning application at Heath Farm

74 PROPOSED CHANGES TO THE PLANNING CONSULTATION PROCESS

To discuss

75 AUDIT REVIEW COMMITTEE

Report on their meeting

76 HOWLTA

Subscription of £12 due

77. CORRESPONDENCE

Shropshire Council election bulletin

HOWLTA Newsletter

Shropshire Council Environmental Maintenance Grant Programme

78. AUTHORISATION OF PAYMENTS

Clerk's salary January/February £335.34

79 PARISH MATTERS

80 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday May 10th 2017

Brian Taylor

Clerk to Clungunford Parish Council

