

Minutes of Clungunford Parish Council

March 2020

Clungunford Parish Council met on **Wednesday 11th March 2020 at 8pm** in the Village Hall.

Present: Chairman: Cllr Jonathan Roberts; Cllr Keith Arbery; Cllr Mary Bason; Cllr Anne Gledhill; Cllr Elizabeth Lyster; Cllr Neville Rollason; Cllr Maureen Rooney; Cllr Mike Tucker.

Attending: Ten members of the public were in attendance.

Clerk: Mr Max Maxwell

Business

56. Declarations of interest

There were none.

57. Apologies

Apologies were received from county councillor Nigel Hartin.

58. Minutes of the last meeting

These were accepted and signed by the chair.

59. Matters arising from previous minutes

- Clunbury parish council will share the cost of the speed sign bought from Bucknell parish council. The cost to us is therefore £907.21
- Cllr Roberts has replaced the battery and pads in the defibrillator. It is now operating properly.

60. Planning

a. application 20/00878/FUL.

Erection of single storey extension following demolition of existing conservatory at 2
LOCATION: Rectory Court, Church Road, Clungunford, Craven Arms, Shropshire.

APPLICANT: Mr Jason Simpson

For the benefit of the public attendees, Cllr Roberts stated that the parish council is a consultee on planning applications. The council's comments are considered alongside other views from members of the public received by the county council. Shropshire Council is the planning authority and decides if planning is to be granted or not. The chair suspended standing orders to allow members of the public to address the council. Three representations were heard and then standing orders were resumed.

The council discussed the proposed extension and resolved to object to this application and submit the following comments to Shropshire Council:

- The proposed new extension is not in keeping with the rest of the main building.
- The Clungunford Village Design Statement suggests that no alterations should be made to Rectory Court that jeopardise the coherent whole of the building.
- The proposed new extension would adversely affect the amenity of Flat 4 above the applicant.
- The council accept that the existing extension is an eyesore and should be replaced. A more modest proposal would be welcomed.
- The council believes that the Ownership Certificate Declaration may be incorrect as it is understood that the freehold is shared and operated by a management company.

b. application 20/00138/TCA

PROPOSED TREE WORKS: To reduce the several trees along roadside as indicated on attached plan to 5-6 feet and plant a thicker hedge further back from road and remove 1 branch from 1no Sycamore close to house that is over road within Clungunford Conservation area.

LOCATION: Bentley House, Church Road, Clungunford, Craven Arms, Shropshire

The council noted that it has no objection to this application

61. Resignation of Cllr Elliott.

The councillors expressed their thanks warmly to John Elliott for all his time as a councillor and wished him all the best for the future. They noted that Cllr Roberts has written to thank John. The clerk will set in motion the process for filling a casual vacancy.

62. Report from Internal Audit Review Committee held on 29th January 2020.

Cllr Tucker reported on this meeting and the following points were addressed:

- The council resolved to wait further before engaging with HMRC regarding a PAYE credit.
- The council resolved to retain both existing bank accounts.
- The council asked Cllr Bason to develop a plan to use the ring-fenced parish paths' money (£500) from last year. **Action:** Cllr Bason to explore if this money could be used to help connect Clungunford with Hopesay parish via a permissive path.

63. Report from *ad hoc* Planning Committee held on 6th February 2020.

The committee noted that the comments below were sent to Shropshire Council regarding planning application:

20/00124/FUL (validated: 29/01/2020)

Address: Proposed Residential Development Land North Of Little Beckjay, Beckjay, Clungunford, Shropshire

Proposal: Erection of one pair of semi-detached dwellings; creation of vehicular access; installation of package treatment plant

Applicant: Mr D Williams (7 Chapel Road, Clungunford, Craven Arms, Shropshire, SY7 0PP)

- The application was agreed in principle as it is consistent with the current development plan.
- The committee indicated that planted screening on the boundary between the plot and 'Paigles' should be a condition of planning.
- The committee therefore approved of this application.

64. Correspondence.

The council discussed an email regarding the highway and drainage problems at Shelderton and around 'Spring Pools'.

- Shropshire Council have indicated that they have cleared the 9" diameter clay highway surface water drainage pipe beneath the verge.
- Cllr Rollason noted that the drainage work done by Shropshire Council at Shelderton is of a makeshift and temporary nature.
- The council resolved to communicate again with Shropshire Council and our county councillor regarding Shelderton roads and drainage. **Action:** Clerk to contact both.

65. Finances.

The council authorised the following:

- £100 is to be donated to the village hall charity as a donation from Jim Gell. **Action:** The clerk will write to thank Jim.
- Cost of share of traffic speed sign - £907.21
- Cost of defibrillator battery & pads - £318
- Renew of virus protection for laptop (for 2 years) - £90
- Church clock annual service cost - £278.40
- Village hall hire for all 2020 - £54 was approved (higher than the invoice of £42)

66. Parish matters.

Councillors raised the following issues:

- The dog gate in the style behind the village hall has been nailed closed. **Action:** Cllr Bason will investigate in her capacity as paths' warden.
- The drain at the bus shelter needs cleared. **Action:** Clerk to contact Shropshire council
- The trench by the Tea Rooms in dangerous. **Action:** Clerk to contact Shropshire council

67. Date of next meeting and plans for annual Parish Meeting.

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 13th May at 7pm followed by the Annual Parish Meeting at 8pm.

The meeting concluded at 9.10pm

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