

Minutes of Clungunford Parish Council

July 2020

Clungunford Parish Council met on **Wednesday 8th July 2020 at 7pm** in Clungunford Village Hall with social distancing observed.

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

Clerk: Mr Max Maxwell

Business

16. Declarations of interest

Cllrs Bason, Lyster, and Roberts declared an interest in item 23(a) as they are trustees of the village hall. The council granted a dispensation for them to be involved in the discussion but not to vote on this item.

17. Apologies

Apologies were received from county councillor Nigel Hartin

18. Minutes of the last meeting

These were agreed and were signed by the chair.

19. Matters arising from the last minutes

Re item 5, Cllr Lyster indicated that the National Association of Local Councils (NALC) are providing some web-based training on coronavirus responses for councils. She will share the details.

Action: Cllr Lyster to share information with other councillors.

20. Co-option of a new councillor

Two expressions of interest were received for the vacant councillor position following Cllr Rooney's resignation. After discussion, a vote was taken and Mrs Christine Tinker was co-opted to the council.

Action: Cllr Roberts will contact the candidates to inform them of the outcome and the clerk will send Mrs Tinker a welcome pack with the necessary documentation to complete.

21. Request to install a remembrance bench for Judith Peacock, nee Millerchip.

The clerk outlined a request received from the family of Judith Peacock who was born in Shelderton. They wish to place a memorial bench dedicated to Ms Peacock by the road there. The clerk also outlined the process for this request which requires permission from Shropshire Council via a Section 50 application for work on a public road.

The council agreed that it was amenable to the request. If a site can be agreed with Shropshire Council the request could proceed along the following lines:

- costs of the bench and installation (including any Section 50 application fee) would be met by Ms Peacock's family.
- the bench would be gifted to the parish council and become their property. The parish council would be responsible for its upkeep and any public liability associated with it.
- the parish council would agree to maintain the bench for an agreed period, but they would not be responsible for maintaining the area around the bench (eg, cutting grass, etc)

Action: Clerk to respond to Ms Peacock's family.

22. Village Upkeep

Cllr Lyster spoke about elements of the village street scene that made the village look a bit shabby. There are also problems with access and safety on the pavements, particularly along Church Road. Following discussion, the council agreed to write to a number of properties in the village regarding hedges and obstacles on the pavement. Cllr Roberts also will arrange to speak to Shropshire Council Highways department regarding the hedges at the Severn Trent facility by Abbott.

Action: Clerk to write to various residents. Clerk to provide previous correspondence to Cllr Roberts re Severn Trent.

23. Correspondence**a) Letter from Clungunford Village Hall trustees regarding improving access to the green/playing field.**

The council discussed a request from the Village Hall charity for help with improving safety, signage, and access to the village hall green. The council agreed to support this request with a grant of up to £1500. The council will prioritise purchasing materials for the project, so the grant value may be up to £1800 as VAT can be reclaimed by the council. Cllrs Bason, Lyster and Roberts recused themselves from the vote (see item 16).

Action: Clerk to write to the Village Hall trustees with this response.

b) Email regarding boundary dispute.

The council agreed to respond that this was a private dispute to which the parish council has no jurisdiction.

Action: Clerk to respond.

24. Finances.

The council authorised payment to Shropshire Association of Local Councils (SALC) - £193.58

25. Parish matters

- Cllr Rollason indicated that the roads around Shelderton are still in an extremely poor condition. He will take this up with Shropshire Council.
- Cllr Gledhill indicated that the signs for Clungunford as you enter the village are hidden by growth and dirty.
- Cllr Tucker informed the council that trains are not stopping at Hopton Heath for the time being.

26. Date of next meeting

The next meeting will take place on **Wednesday 9th Sept at 7pm** and will be held in the village hall with social distancing.

The meeting concluded at 8.10pm

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