

## MINUTES OF THE CLUNGUNFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Held on Wednesday 12 January 2022 in the village hall

Present: Cllr Keith Arbery, Cllr Mary Bason, Cllr Anne Gledhill, Cllr Rob Rees, Cllr Jonathan Roberts, Cllr Christine Tinker, Cllr Mike Tucker

45. Declarations of interest: There were none

46. Apologies for absence: Cllr Elizabeth Lyster, Cllr Tricia McHaffie

47. Minutes of the last meeting: These were agreed.

48. Matters arising from the minutes: Cllr McHaffie had asked about what plaque would be appropriate for the Jubilee tree to be planted for the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in June. This would be decided at the next meeting of the Council.

49. Appointment of a new clerk. Jeanine Honour of Clungunford had agreed to take on the role. She has previously worked as a legal secretary. It was agreed that payment should initially be the same as was paid to Max Maxwell, namely £1500 per year.

50. (i) Carl Tim's, the new website controller, has started work. It was agreed that he should be paid £500 as an honorarium.

50 (ii) It was agreed that the Council should contribute up to £500 for the Parish Elders' Christmas lunch held in December.

51. Planning Matters:

- (i) The extension to 'The Lynches' Broome Road. The application had been viewed on-line and the Parish Council had no objection to the proposal.
- (ii) The proposal to fell two ash trees bordering Rectory Court, in the Clungunford Conservation area had been withdrawn, although the Parish Council had no objection to the proposal.

52. To set a precept for 2022/2023.

The chairman, Cllr Roberts had received a letter from Shropshire Council inviting the Parish Council to set a precept. After discussing the present financial position of the Parish Council it was agreed that the precept could remain at £3800, as it has been for several years.

53. To discuss audit arrangements.

It was assumed that Joseph Rooney would be willing to continue carrying out the Internal Audit. The Internal Audit Review Committee, chaired by Cllr Tucker would meet in February after Cllr Tucker had received a financial summary from Cllr Roberts. With the resignation of Neville Rollason from the Council there was a vacancy on the Review Committee, to join Cllrs Tucker and Arbery. Cllr Christine Tinker volunteered to join the Committee.

54. Correspondence received.

- (i) A letter had been received from Liz and Ennis Brown thanking both the village hall committee and the parish council for a very enjoyable 'village elders' Christmas lunch.
- (i) The sad news had been received that Patrick Ramsay, previously of Abcott Manor and previously a chairman of the parish council had died at the age of 95. Cllr Roberts had forwarded this news to people who knew him in the village. The funeral will be on 15 January.
- (i) The HOWLTA (Heart of Wales line) newsletter had been received and was passed to Cllr Mary Bason.

## 55. Parish Matters

The mirror opposite the exit from Chapel Row and the Village Hall is missing. It was believed to have fallen down in a storm. The base is still there and if the mirror cannot be found, Shropshire Council will be asked to replace it.

The corner of the Broome Road by the old shop is increasingly dangerous, especially when large lorries drive through, because it is so narrow and visibility is very limited from the Broome direction.

The drains by the tea room that were cleared are now blocked again due to the passage of large farm vehicles.

A dangerous hole in the triangle at the junction of the Twitchen road and the Hopton Castle road at Hopton Heath has been reported to Shropshire Council by Cllr Tucker. This is strictly not in Clungunford Parish because it is on the Hopton Castle side of the Hopton Heath railway line.

There are also serious potholes in Twitchen.

## 56. Date of next meeting:

This will be Wednesday 9 March at 7pm.

The meeting closed at 1940