

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY, 10th JUNE 2013 AT 7.30 p.m.**

Present Councillors D.A. Cook
R.J. Cotham
D.S. Cowie (Chairman)
M.J. Edwards
S.J. Lawrence
Mrs. J.C. Marsh
R.S. Parr
Mrs. V. Williams

Also present: Mr. D. Harris

Apologies: Councillor J.R. Caswell – work commitment
Shropshire Councillor Mrs. Tina Woodward

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No disclosable pecuniary interests were declared

MINUTES of the meeting held on 13th May 2013, having been distributed to all Councillors, were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

81/13 Claverley in Bloom

Councillor Parr reported that work had been undertaken to improve the appearance of The Pound. The railings had been painted and vegetation had been cut back. Attempts were being made to obtain historical information to put on a plaque.

So far there had not been an enthusiastic reception from the residents of Clover Heath to the proposed project of creating a planting bed and unless there is support from the residents the project will not go ahead. Shropshire Council had refused the request made by the Parish Council for permission for Claverley in Bloom to create the planting bed but Councillor Mrs. Woodward had arranged a site meeting with Shropshire Council Officers which will take place on 28th June.

The summer planting had been completed. The compost had cost £268.56. It was proposed by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Lawrence and agreed that the Parish Council will pay for the compost as in previous years.

A tidy up prior to the Flower Festival had been arranged for Wednesday evening, 10th July.

82/13 QEII Jubilee Field

Councillor Cook reported the grant application had been submitted by Claverley School to Awards for All.

83/13 Claverley Website

Councillor Mrs. Williams reported that a sub-committee meeting had been held on 3rd June to discuss the appearance of the website. The sub-committee will now meet Kensa to finalise details. Local organisations had been contacted to see if they wished to be involved and all had expressed interest. When Councillor Mrs. Williams had attended the Village Hall committee meeting she had outlined the plans and had received a positive response. It was hoped to put together a template for the organisations and it was hoped the website will be functioning by the end of August.

84/13 Parish Plan

The Parish Plan working group was meeting every 2-3 weeks to compile the questionnaire. An action plan had been created and was on schedule.

85/13 Replacement of Street Lights

E.ON had submitted a quote for a replacement LED lantern for the street light outside 10 Clover Heath amounting to £302.12 excluding VAT. Councillors did not like the appearance of the Clipper LED lantern and felt alternative quotes for a Victorian style of lantern should be obtained. Some councillors had been to look at the street lights in Kinver and Enville.

Action: Councillors Mrs. Williams offered to contact Kinver and Enville Parish Councils to obtain information about their lights.

E.ON was continuing to try and find a suitable LED lantern for the street light outside No. 5 High Street. Rather than fixing the lantern to the building a column had been suggested but councillors did not favour this suggestion.

86/13 Shropshire Council's Highways Works Programme 2013/14

All councillors had received a copy of the Highways' Works Programme. It was proposed by Councillor Parr, seconded by Councillor Cook and agreed by the Council to accept the programme.

Action: Clerk to inform Shropshire Council that the Parish Council did not wish to make any amendments to the Programme of Works.

87/13 **UNITARY REPORT**

As Councillor Mrs. Woodward was unable to attend the meeting she had sent a report which had been forwarded to all the councillors. The issues on which Councillor Mrs. Woodward had updated the Council included the Digbeth Lane waste bins, slurry dressing on The Wold and verge/visibility splay cutting.

88/13 **PLANNING**

Permissions

13/01269/FUL Creation of environmental pool, The Croft, Pear Tree Lane, Heathton for Mr. P.J. Beswick

13/01231/FUL Erection of two bay detached garage and extensions to dwelling including raising the ridge height, Marlen, High Street, Claverley for Mr. G. Morgan

New Applications

13/01771/FUL Erection of two storey rear extension, 3 Draycott, Claverley for Mr. G. Howse
The Parish Council did not have any objections.

13/01868/FUL Erection of single storey front, side and rear extensions, 36 The Wold, Claverley
for Mr. and Mrs. B. Lee
Provided the extensions did not exceed the area permitted, the Parish Council did
not have any objections.

13/01889/FUL) Internal alterations to the nineteenth century wing, with lean-to additions to the
13/01890/LBC) kitchen and dining room and a single storey summerhouse extension, The Old
Vicarage, Bull Ring, Claverley for Mrs. Diana Somerset
The Parish Council did not have any objections

13/01722/FUL Erection of a two storey rear extension, single storey front extension and
replacement garage, 4 Wall Hill for Mr. and Mrs. R. Burt
Following Mr. Burt's explanation of his planning application in greater detail and why
it was not viable to repair the property as it was, together with information obtained at
a Planning training event that percentage or size restrictions on planning applications
no longer apply, the Parish Council resolved to withdraw its original objection.

Notification of date of Appeal Hearing

11/05176 Change of use from public house to dwelling, Lion o' Morfe for
Mrs. Jean Shakespeare
The informal hearing will be held on 2nd July at 10.00 a.m. at Westgate

For information only

13/02010/AGR Erection of 2-bay part open fronted agricultural shelter, Woodspring Farm,
Beobridge for Ms M. Riley

89/13 **PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES**

David Harris had expressed an interest in rejoining the Parish Council. It was agreed to co-opt
Mr. Harris, who signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office. Three vacancies remain to be
filled by co-option.

Action: Clerk to inform Shropshire Council's Monitoring Officer

90/13 **ACCOUNT FOR YEAR ENDED 31st MARCH 2013**

The Accounts for the year ended 31st March 2013 were presented showing a surplus for the year
of £7940.91.

Repair costs of the street lights had increased as some lanterns were letting in rainwater. E.ON
had advised that several street lights required replacing. Research into a source of LED lanterns
for the street lights was continuing. A reserve of £2000 had been set aside to cover any loss of
income resulting from bad weather on the night of a future fireworks and bonfire event.

It was proposed by Councillor Lawrence, seconded by Councillor Mrs. Williams and agreed by the Council to accept the Accounts. The Annual Governance Statement was agreed and signed.

91/13 **PARISH MATTERS**

The grass on the entrance splay at Clover Heath had not been cut.

Action: Clerk to inform Shropshire Council

Councillor Harris reported that people using the chalets off Digbeth Lane were continuing to put large quantities of builders' waste and rubbish brought to Claverley from elsewhere in the bin. Councillor Mrs. Woodward was working with Veolia to try and resolve the problem.

Councillor Cotham expressed dissatisfaction that the Enforcement Officer had not updated the Parish Council with regard to two paddocks being incorporated into the garden at Lea Farm.

Action: Clerk to contact the Enforcement Officer to ask for an update

Councillor Mrs. Williams expressed concern about the speed of traffic in the village and, in particular, at the bottom of Cotton's Holloway.

Action: Clerk to put speed of traffic as an agenda item for the next meeting

Concern was expressed about the appearance of The Kings Arms and The Crown. The canopy over 7 The Bull Ring had slipped. The churchyard was untidy and a large amount of confetti had been left in the Bull Ring after a recent wedding.

Action: Clerk to speak to the Vicar about the confetti

A resident of Hill End had contacted the Police Commissioner regarding speeding and noise on the Upper Ludstone By-Pass. The Parish Council had been asked for its opinion.

Action: Clerk to comment that the Parish Council was concerned about speeding motorcyclists on the B4176 and the A454 and other roads in the Bridgnorth area and considered it was a policing issue to enforce the present speed limit and overtaking on the double white lines.

92/13 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Shropshire Council Draft Dog Control Orders

Councillor Cotham commented that a landowner should be permitted to direct the person in charge of a dog to put and keep a dog on a lead. He asked if The Dogs on Leads Order applied to rights of way.

Action: Clerk to submit comments to Shropshire Council

Letter of thanks for the Parish Council's financial support of the fund-raising event for the Church

The Rev. Ward had written to thank the Parish Council for its offer to fund church fund raising events to the value of £1000. The jazz night, when the Parish Council had paid for the band as part of its offer, had raised £1002 for church funds.

Affordable Housing Scheme – request for confirmation of local connection

A letter had been received from Mrs. G. Brown of Draycott informing the Parish Council she was considering applying for planning permission under the Affordable Housing Scheme. As part of the process she needed confirmation from the Parish Council that she had local connections.

Action: Clerk to send letter confirming she had resided in the parish in excess of 15 years

93/13 **REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

Village Hall Committee

Councillor Mrs. Williams had attended the AGM on 6th June when the accounts had been agreed and future events discussed.

80/13 **CHEQUES**

Chq. No. 001099 Shropshire Rural Community Council – membership subscription..	£26.00
001100 Shropshire Association of Local Councils – fee for 3 councillors to attend planning training.....	£60.00
001101 Petersfield Growing Mediums – compost for summer planting....	£268.56

It was proposed by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Cook and agreed by the Council to pass the cheques for payment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.50 p.m.
Date of next meeting: Monday, 8th July at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall