

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY, 9th SEPTEMBER 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

Also present: Shropshire Councillor Mrs. Tina Woodward.
 Joanne Clements

Apologies: Councillor J.R. Caswell – personal reasons
 Councillor Mrs. V. Williams - personal reasons

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No disclosable pecuniary interests were declared

MINUTES of the meeting held on 12th August 2013, having been distributed to all Councillors, were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

122/13 Claverley in Bloom

Councillor Parr had submitted a report prior to the meeting which had been forwarded to all Councillors.

In his report Councillor Parr reminded Councillors that the autumn tidy up would take place on Monday evening, 16th September and the winter planting will take place on Saturday, 19th October. The upper planting trough around the Cross will be removed for the winter and reinstalled for next year's summer planting scheme. 5000 daffodil bulbs will be planted on Saturday, 2nd November.

Following the damage to trees and shrubs when the Aston Lane bank was cut in July, it was hoped to fit tree guards before the autumn cut. The bank should be cut before the end of October prior to the bulbs being planted.

Action: Clerk to contact Alan Mottram, Robert Evans and John Shotton to obtain quotations for the autumn cut.

123/13 QEII Jubilee Field

Councillor Cook reported that the school had put in a soakaway without informing the Parish Council but Mr. Carver, the Chairman of the Governors, had assured the Parish Council that this would not have an adverse affect on the field.

The grass in the re-seeded areas was growing well. Sockets for the main goal posts had been put in and Councillor Parr and Greg Jones were thanked for their work.

Action: Clerk to write a letter of thanks to Greg Jones and request an invoice for the materials he provided.

Councillor Cook had experienced delays in obtaining quotations for the junior goal posts. Mr. Murphy of the Shropshire Football Association had provided the name of a company in Shrewsbury who had quoted £477.82 plus VAT.

The Football Club had mentioned they would like to use the bottom gate to get to the Tennis Club as they were using the Tennis Club's changing facilities until the facilities at The Plough become available.

124/13 Claverley Website

In Councillor Mrs. Williams' absence, the Clerk reported the template had been given to the various clubs and organisation to supply details to go on the website. The Ladies Luncheon Club should be added to the list.

125/13 Parish Plan

In Councillor Harris' absence the Clerk reported the working group had met on 14th August and finished amending the questionnaire and checking that the comments on the post it notes from the public meeting had been incorporated. The next meeting will be held on 25th September.

126/13 Replacement of Street Lights

The Clerk reported she had not received the quotation from E.ON for the installation cost of a street light purchased from another supplier.

Action: Clerk to remind E.ON to send a quote for the installation cost of a street light purchased from another supplier and, in addition, to provide details of E.ON's charge for disconnection and reconnection.

127/13 Digbeth Lane Rubbish Skips

Councillor Mrs. Woodward was continuing to monitor the site.

128/13 Hopstone Road improvements

Shropshire Council had not received any objections to the downgrading of the upper slip-road to a footway. Work had commenced as scheduled on 2nd September. The diversion signing had caused some problems and these had been reported to Shropshire Council. Councillor Cotham reported that the cast iron finger post by Mr. Webb's property (Hopstone Cottage) had been removed for renovation.

129/13 Broken fingerpost at Upper Farmcote

The Clerk reported she had written twice to Mr. Preece at Red Lion Farm but had not received a response.

Action: Clerk to inform Shropshire Highways

130/13 **UNITARY REPORT**

Shropshire Councillor Mrs. Woodward reported that she had been contacted by Nicola Butler who was re-launching the Claverley Toddlers group and had provided information about how to obtain funding from the Local Joint Committee.

Shropshire Council was in the very early stages of looking at the roll out of Broadband improvements.

Action: Clerk to repeat the appeal in ‘Halo’ for people to register their interest in BT Infinity

131/13 **PLANNING**

Permission

13/01021/FUL Erection of a livestock building and formation of an agricultural access, track and visibility splay, including removal of 20m of hedgerow, Ludstone Hall, Ludstone for Mr. K. Smith

13/01677/FUL Erection of 2 storey side extension and single storey side extension, 9 Clifton Cottages, Hill End for Mr. and Mrs. Willis

13/02304/FUL Erection of a two storey rear extension, 6 The Wold, Claverley for Mr. G.B. Butler

13/02837/LBC Listed Building application for works to reinstate fire damaged areas to include modern partition walls and finishes, renewal of services and cleaning of all elements; formation of new purlin and rafter roof structure, Plough Inn, Aston Lane, Claverley for Punch Partnerships Ltd.

13/03109/TCA Removal of 2 x Lawson Cypress, 1 x Sycamore and 1x climbing plant, crown reduce 2 x Holly by 3m lying within the Conservation Area, Dingle House, 5 High Street, Claverley

Withdrawal of Application

13/02740/FUL Erection of gazebo, 1 Upper Ludstone, Claverley for Mr. C. Ropos

Appeal Dismissed- notification has been received that the Planning Inspector has dismissed the following Appeal:

APP/L3245/A/13/2192629

Appeal by Mrs. Jean Shakespeare against the decision of Shropshire Council to refuse planning permission for application ref. 11/05176/COU for the change of use from public house to dwelling, Lion o’ Morfe, Upper Farmcote

New Application

13/03148/LBC Construction of a lean-to extension and internal alterations to form new opening; re-building existing gable wall, Hopstone House, Hopstone for Mr. and Mrs. R. Cotham
The Parish Council did not have any objections

For information only

13/03188/AGR Pole barn/shelter, land to the south west of Holloway Cottage, Claverley for Mr. K. Jones

132/13 **PARISH COUNCIL VACANCIES**

Joanne Clements expressed a wish to become a member of Claverley Parish Council. It was unanimously agreed to co-opt her.

133/13 **BONFIRE AND FIREWORKS EVENT**

Discussion took place about whether the Parish Council would organise another bonfire and fireworks event. Councillor Cotham offered the use of Green Piece field off Digbeth Lane. It was agreed the event will be held on Saturday, 9th November as A. & S. Lloyd were booked elsewhere on the 2nd. Jubilee Fireworks had quoted £1050.00 plus VAT. Admission prices will remain the same as in 2012. Mike Thorrington had looked into the cost of obtaining festoon lighting estimated to be around £90-£100. It was proposed by Councillor Cotham, seconded by Councillor Edwards and agreed by the Council to purchase festoon lighting in the price range of £90-£100.

Action: Clerk to obtain two further quotes for the fireworks display, obtain the Temporary Events licence, book A. & S. Lloyd to provide the pig roast increasing the Hot Dogs to 100, Space Mobiles for the hire of the portable toilets, Tuck Hill Village Hall for the hire of their two tents and to speak to Richard Wilkes to see if his tent was available. Advert to be placed in the October issue of 'Halo'.

134/13 **PARISH MATTERS**

As the Christmas tree lights will require replacement, Councillor Parr was investigating the cost and will report back at the next meeting. So far he had been quoted £90.00 plus VAT for a 25 metre string with 280 blue LED lights.

Councillor Lawrence reported he was continuing to investigate the feasibility of setting up a Youth Club. He was looking into the various options of where the Club could meet. He had contacted the new Headteacher who had promised to look into the possibility of using the school hall and was making contact with the Chairman of the Village Hall Committee. All volunteers would require a Disclosure and Barring Service (DBS) certificate and these could be obtained through Shropshire Council. Councillor Lawrence was thanked for his work on this project.

Councillor Mrs. Marsh expressed concern that Shropshire Council had not cleared the gullies near her house which had been tarmaced over when the road had been repaired. The Clerk had already reported the problem and would remind Shropshire Highways.

Councillor Parr had noticed vegetation growing out of the wall along Church Street was causing damage to the wall.

Action: Rev. Ward to be informed

Councillor Cowie reported a pothole had reappeared in the lane from Heathton to Draycott.

Action: Shropshire Highways to be informed

135/13 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Insurance Renewal

Insurance renewal details had been received from Came & Company. At no extra cost, the Core Covers of the policy had been increased. The renewal premium for 01/10/2013 to 30/09/2014 was £1145.51. The long-term agreement (LTA) will expire on 30th September 2014 and the renewal premium could be reduced by 5% if the Council wished to sign a new LTA until 30th September 2016. After discussion it was resolved not to sign a new LTA at present but to obtain alternative quotes before the expiry of the present binding LTA.

Proposed sale of land at Upper Ludstone

As the result of legal advice received Shropshire Council had decided to take this piece of land to public auction either later this year or early 2014. Waste collections will not be affected.

Connecting Shropshire Update

The August edition of the Connecting Shropshire Broadband Programme had been received and had been forwarded to all Councillors.

Notification of Road Closures

Notification had been received that the road between Woundale House Farm junction to the Three Dwellings junction will be closed from Monday, 21st October for three days between 08.00 hrs and 18.00 hrs to allow Severn Trent Water to carry out work.

Local Joint Committee

Notification had been received that Bill Longmore, the Police and Crime Commissioner, will be attending the Bridgnorth, Worfield, Alveley and Claverley Local Joint Committee meeting on Wednesday, 16th October, 7.00 p.m. at Alveley Village Hall. Members of the public will be able to raise any police and crime issues.

War Memorial Trust

The War Memorial Trust had received photographs of the Claverley War Memorial which showed that, whilst the memorial was generally in good condition, the wood at the base of the internal panel was deteriorating. The War Memorial Trust was trying to ascertain who had responsibility for the upkeep of the memorial.

Action: Clerk to reply the owner of Chyknell Hall erected the memorial and it has been maintained by the owner

136/13 **CHEQUES**

Chq. No. 001112	E.ON Sustainable Energy – repairs to street lights	£243.28
001113	Mrs. G.M. Price – reimbursement for purchase of ink cartridge.....	£31.99
001114	Broker Network Ltd. – insurance premium 01/10/2013 to 30/09/2014.....	£1145.51
001115	Shropshire Council – Temporary Events Licence for Bonfire/Firework event.....	£21.00

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.05 p.m.

Date of next meeting: Monday, 21st October at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall