

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY, 11th AUGUST 2014 AT 7.30 p.m.**

Present Councillors J. Caswell
D. Cook
D. Cowie (Chairman)
D. Harris
J. Marsh
R.S. Parr
D.A. Whitmore
V. Williams

Also present: Shropshire Councillor Mrs. Tina Woodward

Apologies: Councillor J.L. Clements – personal reasons, Councillor R.J. Cotham – work commitment,
Councillor M.J. Edwards – work commitment, Councillor Lawrence – personal reasons,

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No disclosable pecuniary interests were declared

MINUTES of the meeting held on 7th July 2014, having been distributed
to all Councillors, were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

115/14 B4176 – speed of traffic and noise of motorcyclists

Councillor Woodward informed the meeting she was still awaiting the data from the speed tests.

116/14 Claverley in Bloom

Councillor Parr's report had been forwarded to all members of the Council.

Two begonias had been taken from the Heathton planting trough on 13th/14th July and an apple tree in the community orchard had been vandalised by snapping it off at its base. Claverley in Bloom will not be replacing the tree.

The hanging baskets had been judged by Sally Beaman on 7th August. First prize had been awarded to David Harvey, second prize to Colin Smithyman and third prize to Richard Hollingshead. David Austin Roses had kindly donated the prizes.

The Chairman said it was to be regretted that the apple tree had been vandalised as it had been growing well.

117/14 QEII Jubilee Field

Councillor Cook reported the football pitch was in a good condition. He had checked the outdoor play equipment which he had found to be in good order. He thought the right hand corner was being used as a 'hang out' for youngsters as he had found a broken bottle. The

provision of the smaller goals was doing a good job as there was not so much wear and the caps were in place. The lines for the running track had been burnt in but the Football Club was spreading top soil which Councillor Parr had obtained. The Football Club was also cutting the grass and painting in the lines and had collected up litter.

Discussion took place as to whether a charge should be levied on the Football Club for the use of the pitch for home matches for the forthcoming season. Councillor Parr pointed out that fertilizer and weed killer will be required next Spring and there might be other maintenance issues to keep the pitch in good order. It was proposed by Councillor Parr, seconded by Councillor Williams and agreed by the Council to charge £15.00 for each home match.

Action: Councillor Cook undertook to inform Claverley Football Club

118/14 Parish Plan

Councillor Harris reported that the Parish Plan working group had met on 16th July when the three quotations for the analysis of the questionnaires had been discussed. The cost of the analysis ranged from £1550 to £9010. There would be an extra charge for filtering of the data. The working group had recommended acceptance of the quotation from Shropshire Rural Community Council. It was proposed by Councillor Williams, seconded by Councillor Marsh and agreed by the Council to accept the quotation from Shropshire RCC.

119/14 Street Lights

The three quotations for the Victorian style street lights with LED lanterns were discussed. The cost of a column and lantern ranged from £1059 to £1121 plus VAT and delivery. Councillor Marsh enquired where the columns and lanterns were manufactured. E.ON had agreed to take delivery of the columns and lanterns. After discussion it was proposed by Councillor Parr, seconded by Councillor Williams and agreed by the Council to place an order for five columns and lanterns with Mike Smith Designs Ltd. of Wolverhampton.

Action: Clerk to place order and find out where the columns and lanterns were manufactured. Quotation to be obtained from E.ON for the erection of the columns and lanterns.

120/14 Dog Bins

The Clerk reported that Shropshire Council had not yet made a decision on the allocation of dog bins.

121/14 Shropshire Empty Homes Strategy 2014-2017

As Shropshire Council was consulting town and parish councils on the proposed approach to tackling empty properties in Shropshire, councillors had been asked to look at the Strategy. Councillor Marsh commented it was an important document. Councillors thought an executive summary would have been helpful.

Action: Clerk to respond by saying Claverley Parish Council was happy with the proposed strategy.

122/14 Aston Lane

The Clerk had contacted South Shropshire Housing Association about the untidy hedge and dead trees at Boundary Close. She had received a reply that the matter had been passed to Tim Dack who would be responding to the concerns raised by the Parish Council.

Councillor Lawrence had requested that further work was carried out to the Aston Lane pavement where the bank had encroached on to the pavement. Councillor Lawrence and his wife had spent time cutting back some of the overgrown bushes as they had witnessed an elderly man and his grand-daughter in a wheelchair having to divert in to the road as the path was un-passable. Councillor Whitmore believed it was the responsibility of the householders to keep the bank tidy and some of the householders were elderly and would have difficulty doing this. Councillor Woodward asked the Clerk to supply the names and addresses of the householders concerned and she would check with Shropshire Council as to who was responsible.

123/14 UNITARY REPORT

Councillor Woodward had drawn Highways attention to the poor state of some of the pavements in Claverley. She had received a response that Ringway had been instructed to undertake some minor repairs to remove the potential of personal injury claims. Ringway had been asked to quote for resurfacing. A road closure would be required to carry out work in Church Street and sections of High Street. As this work had not been included in the capital maintenance programme for the current financial year, it was proposed to carry out the work during the Easter or Whitsun school holidays in 2015. Councillor Woodward would continue to flag up highways issues, including Woundale.

She informed the meeting that attempts were being made to set up a university for Shrewsbury initially in partnership with Chester.

124/14 PLANNING

Permissions

13/01022/FUL Conversion of traditional barns into six residential units, installation of a package treatment plant and the demolition of the existing modern farm buildings, Ludstone Hall, Claverley for Mr. and Mrs. K. Smith

14/02531/FUL Erection of single storey rear extension, 37 The Wold, Claverley for Mr. J. Robinson

14/02761/FUL Application under Section 73a of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the erection of small pergola within terrace dining area (retrospective), The Inn at Shipley for Brunning & Price Ltd.

New Application

14/03060/FUL Erection of two storey extension to side/rear elevation and single storey extension to rear elevation, 3 Gatacre Common, Six Ashes for Mr. P. Bradley. The Parish Council did not have any objections to the application but made the comment that the extensions would significantly increase the size of the

property and would result in a not particularly elegant design.

14/03495/HHE Erection of a single storey rear extension to a terraced dwelling, dimensions 4 metres beyond rear wall, 3.9 metres maximum height and 2.3 metres high to eaves for Mr. John Collins.

The Parish Council did not have any objections.

14/03473/FUL Erection of extensions to dwelling and alterations to include dormer window and roof lights; erection of detached double garage, 2 Farmcote Cottage, Farmcote for Mrs. E. Pearson.

The Parish Council did not have any objections.

125/14 **REVIEW OF BUDGET**

Councillor Clements had prepared the budget monitoring spreadsheet. The budget monitoring for the first quarter had been forwarded to all the councillors. One item showed a significant variance. This was expenditure on maintenance of the QEII Jubilee field as the work had cost less than originally estimated. Councillor Clements was thanked for all her work preparing the spreadsheet.

126/14 **BONFIRE/FIREWORKS EVENT**

Discussion took place about whether the Parish Council would organise another bonfire and fireworks event. Bridgnorth Rugby Club will be holding its event on Saturday, 1st November so it was decided that Claverley would hold its event on the following Saturday, 8th November. Jubilee Fireworks were not fully booked that night and were prepared to mount the display for £1050 + VAT (the same charge as in 2013). It was proposed by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Parr and agreed by the Council to book Jubilee Fireworks as they had put on a good display in previous years.

127/14 **PARISH MATTERS**

Councillor Caswell expressed concern about overgrown verges.

Councillor Marsh reported that the hedges at The Old Bakehouse and The Old Gate Inn were overgrown and required cutting back.

Action: Clerk to speak to Mr. Wilkinson and Mr. Wall

Councillor Lawrence had reported the pothole at Griffiths Green had started to form again.

Action: Clerk to inform Shropshire Highways

Through Neighbourhood Watch, Councillor Parr had received information about the Safer Neighbourhood Team for this area.

Action: Clerk to invite a member of the Team to come to a parish council meeting

The Clerk informed the meeting that Shropshire Council had received a complaint regarding excessive noise at Clavstock.

Action: Clerk to write to Shropshire Council in support of the event

128/14 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Notification of road closure

Notification had been received from Shropshire Council that drainage work at Hill End will commence on 1st September necessitating closure of part of the road until 6th September.

SALC Training

SALC had arranged a 'Fundamentals for Councillors' training session to be held on Tuesday, 2nd September at Kinlet Village Hall.

Local Government (Miscellaneous Provisions) Act 1976 – Part II Hackney Carriages and Private Hire Vehicles

Formal notice had been received confirming Shropshire Council's intention to resolve that Part II of the above Act shall apply within the administrative area of Shropshire Council with effect from Monday, 27th October 2014.

Action: Clerk to confirm receipt of the formal notice

NHS Future Fit

The Telford and Wrekin Clinical Commission Group (CCG) and Shropshire CCG were working together on the new redesign of hospital services – known as NHS Future Fit. If the Parish Council wished, a representative from NHS Future Fit would attend a future meeting. An NHS Future Fit workshop will be held on Saturday, 16th August at the Park Inn Hotel, Telford. Councillor Marsh expressed an interest in attending and will report back at the September meeting.

Local Joint Committee

The next LJC preparation meeting will be held on Wednesday, 17th September, 7.00 p.m., at Cantern Brook Offices, Bridgnorth.

129/14 **REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS**

Claverley Youth Club

Councillor Lawrence had submitted an update which had been forwarded to all the councillors. He had experienced difficulty in obtaining responses from the Shropshire Youth Association and had therefore been unable to plan/arrange any structured outdoor activities. Councillor Lawrence was still waiting to find out how to get the National Trust Group membership which was free with the Shropshire Youth Association membership.

130/14 **CHEQUES**

Chq. No. 001193	Post Office Ltd.- payment to Shropshire Council for recharge of 2013 election	£100.00
001194	D.W. Vaughan – maintenance of benches and notice board.....	£50.99
001195	Mrs. G.M. Price – reimbursement for purchase of gift token for Internal Auditor.....	£75.00
001196	Jubilee Fireworks Ltd. – deposit for fireworks display.....	£126.00

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.20 p.m.

Date of next meeting: Monday, 8th September at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall