

**MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL
ON MONDAY, 9th FEBRUARY 2015 AT 7.30 p.m.**

Present Councillors Mrs. S.A. Beaman
 Ms J.L. Clements
 D. Cook
 R.J. Cotham
 D.S. Cowie (Chairman)
 M.J. Edwards
 D. Harris
 Mrs. J. Marsh
 R.S. Parr
 D.A. Whitmore
 Mrs. V. Williams

Apologies: Councillor S. Lawrence – personal reasons,
 Shropshire Councillor Tina Woodward – work commitment

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No disclosable pecuniary interests were declared

MINUTES of the meeting held on 12th January 2015, having been distributed
to all councillors, were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

17/15 Claverley in Bloom

Councillor Parr’s report had been forwarded to all the councillors.

Useful information had been obtained from the Britain in Bloom Finalists Seminar.
Claverley is one of eight contestants in the village category. Discussion with Claverley
Memories was taking place as it was hoped they will be involved in the Britain in Bloom judging
tour. CIB was congratulated on making the Britain in Bloom final.

Councillor Tina Woodward, Emma Jones (Star Housing) and Tim Wyatt (Shropshire Highways)
had attended a site meeting to discuss the proposed planting bed at Clover Heath. They were
happy with the proposal so CIB had dug out the bed on 8th February. A planting licence will be
obtained before planting takes place and the aim is for the local community to take over the
maintenance of the bed. New Barns Nursery has offered to sponsor the scheme.

CIB had carried out further work on the Aston Lane bank. The new planting bed at the entrance
to Boundary Close had been completed and two shrubs had been planted. The new scheme will
be completed in early spring. The hedge at the rear of the new houses had been tidied up.

The CIB Winter Quiz had been held on 28th January. Keith and Karen Horton had kindly donated £132 from the ticket sales and the raffle had raised a further £158. All the money raised will support CIB's entry into the Britain in Bloom campaign.

A 'Proms in the Church' concert will be held on Saturday, 9th May when the Berkeley Salon Ensemble will perform again. An anonymous donor had kindly offered to sponsor this event.

Councillor Marsh enquired if CIB asked nurseries to tender for the supply of plants for the planting schemes. Councillor Parr informed her that Rushmere Nurseries supply the plants at cost price and provide extra plants free of charge.

18/15 QEII Jubilee Field

Councillor Cook reported that the Football Club was struggling in the higher division having been promoted last season and had been allowed a three week break to re-organise.

The Clerk reported that the invoice covering the home matches played between September and December had been paid.

19/15 Parish Plan

Councillor Harris reported that the working group had met on 4th February to go through the initial data. Shropshire RCC had been asked to amend the method of presentation so the number of non-respondents to questions was included in the graphs. The working group will be meeting again on 18th February.

20/15 Street Lights

The Clerk reported that E.ON had fitted the new lantern on the existing column outside The Dormers, High Street. The column will require painting in black to match the lantern. Local householders were pleased with the new lantern.

21/15 Bonfire and Fireworks Event

After further discussion about the distribution of profit from the bonfire and fireworks event it was agreed that the Parish Council would not ask local organisation to bid for the money and will continue to distribute any profit at its discretion. The Parish Council would not show bias when distributing money. At present the profit from the 2014 event will be held in reserve.

22/15 Annual Parish Meeting

Discussion took place about the Annual Parish meeting and it was decided not to invite a speaker. Councillors favoured holding the Annual Parish meeting and the monthly meeting on the same night, starting at 7.00 p.m.

Action: Clerk to see if the village hall was available for Thursday, 9th April

23/15 UNITARY REPORT

Councillor Woodward had not submitted a report.

24/15 **PLANNING**

Permission

14/05228/FUL Erection of extensions to rear to include 2 no. balconies (revised scheme)
Three Dwellings, Woundale for Mr. J. Parrock.

New Application

15/00037/FUL Erection of first floor pitched roof extension to replace existing flat roof over garage; replace existing porch and convert undercroft store into garden room, 3 Spicers Close, Claverley for Mr. and Mrs. M. Weston
The Parish Council did not have any objections.

15/00173/FUL Erection of a replacement dwelling following demolition of existing bungalow, Cotswold Coombe, Draycott for Mr. M. Anslow
The Parish Council did not have any objections.

25/15 **DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2015/2016**

Councillor Clements had assisted the Clerk in preparing the budget monitoring sheets for the third quarter and these had been forwarded to all the councillors. The second draft of the budget for 2015/2016 had also been forwarded to all the councillors. The purchase of the replacement street lights will be funded from Reserves. Reserves will be earmarked.

Councillor Lawrence had made an appeal to the Parish Council to reconsider its decision not to include an amount for financial support for the Youth Club in the budget for 2015/16. In his report to the Council, he had pointed out the Youth Club delivered a vital service and emphasized that without financial support the Youth Club would have to close during the most important but quieter summer months. The biggest cost to the Youth Club was the hire of the village hall and had requested that the Parish Council fund half the cost of the room hire for 2015/2016, namely £450.00. This would enable the Club to build up a “buffer” fund for the summer months when, due to holidays, the attendance dips and income drops.

Councillors considered the Youth Club should aim to become self-funding but appreciated time was necessary to build up funds. Councillor Whitmore offered to help Councillor Lawrence to set up a budget. Councillor Clements said this would be a strategic item to support. It was proposed by Councillor Whitmore, seconded by Councillor Edwards and agreed by the Council to include £450 for the Youth Club in the budget for 2015/2016 and it would be reviewed next year. This would mean an anticipated deficit of £6764 for 2015/2016. It was proposed by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Whitmore and agreed by the Council to approve the budget.

26/15 **PARISH MATTERS**

Councillor Parr had noticed conifers had been planted to fill the gap in Mr. Kendrick’s hedge but a short time afterwards the conifers had disappeared.

Action: Clerk to speak to Mr. Kendrick to request hawthorn be planted to fill the gap as conifers were not considered appropriate in that location.

Councillor Cook expressed concern that potholes had reappeared on the bend by the turning to Farmcote.

Action: Clerk to inform Shropshire Highways

Councillor Cotham reported that gullies were blocked in Sketts Lane and the potholes had not been repaired in Lower Hopstone. He had also received a complaint from a resident of Shipley that the top of Chapel Lane requires attention as water lies in the road.

Action: Clerk to inform Shropshire Highways

Councillor Clements had received complaints about dog mess and litter on the grass verge by the school.

Councillor Beaman had attended a first aid course and asked the Council to give consideration to fitting a defibrillator in the telephone box so it could be used in an emergency. Councillor Marsh offered to make enquiries

Councillor Marsh reported that the surface of the road between The Old Gate Inn and the junction with Pear Tree Lane was breaking up.

Action: Clerk to inform Shropshire Highways

Councillor Marsh reported that the Powells Lane right of way sign had been ripped up. A gate had been opened which had blocked the road.

The Clerk had contacted Mr. Smith about the pile of tarmac at the new tradesman's entrance to Ludstone Hall and it will be removed.

27/15 **CORRESPONDENCE**

Review of village entrance speed limits and signs

Discussion took place about Mr. Atkinson's observations regarding speed limits and signs at the various entrances to Claverley. The Parish Council expressed support for Mr. Atkinson's recommendation that the 30 mph sign, at present sited opposite Powk Hall which is 165 metres beyond the 'Claverley' sign, be re-sited to a location before Powk Hall Cottages. The Parish Council did not think the 30 mph sign at the bottom of Cotton's Holloway required re-siting.

Action: Clerk to ask Shropshire Highways to re-site the 30 mph sign

Claverley Youth Club

Councillor Lawrence had informed the Parish Council that a meeting was being held in Bridgnorth on 11th February to explore the possibility of setting up a Bridgnorth Youth Partnership. Councillor Lawrence and Mrs. Lawrence hoped to attend.

Councillor Lawrence had requested the Parish Council give consideration to the setting up of a Youth Parish Council.

Action: Clerk to ask Councillor Lawrence to obtain further information

Bridgnorth & South Shropshire Crucial Crew – request for annual grant funding

Bridgnorth & District Crime Prevention Panel will again be hosting a Crucial Crew event at Oldbury Wells School in June. The Crucial Crew initiative is a national event to encourage schools to create an enjoyable way of teaching children to be aware of physical and social situations that may be of a danger to them in their own environment. 12 children from Claverley School will be attending and a contribution of £7 per child had been requested from the Parish Council to match the school's contribution to the costs.

It was proposed by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Edwards and agreed by the Council to make a donation of £84.00.

28/15 **CHEQUES**

Chq. No. 001230	Mr. K. Jones –purchase of spare lamps for Christmas street lights.....	£49.80
001231	Mrs. G.M. Price – purchase of laptop computer.....	£299.99
001232	Mrs. G.M. Price - reimbursement for cost of Broadband 07/10/14 to 06/01/15.....	£66.33
001233	Shropshire RCC – analysis of Parish Plan questionnaires.....	£1387.08

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

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman closed the meeting at 9.10 p.m.

Date of next meeting: Monday, 9th March at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall