

MINUTES OF CLUNGUNFORD PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
Held on Wednesday 8th September 2021 in the Village Hall

Present: Cllr Keith Arbery, Cllr Mary Bason, Cllr Elizabeth Lister, Cllr Tricia McHaffie, Cllr Rob Rees, Cllr Jonathan Roberts, Cllr Mike Tucker.

The Chairman welcomed the new councillor, Tricia McHaffie.

Business of the Meeting

26. Declarations of interest:

There were none.

27. Apologies:

Apologies were received from Cllr Christine Tinker, Cllr Anne Gledhill

28. Minutes of the last Meeting:

In paragraph 19 Cllr Roberts said that it should read 'an application to have the **alleged** right of way reinstated'. This was agreed by the meeting.

The minutes were then agreed.

29. Matters arising from the previous minutes:

A letter from Cllr Nigel Hartin had been sent to Shropshire Council about the drains at 'The Bird on the Rock'

Regarding the proposed memorial bench in Shelderton, Shropshire Council had suggested that the potential donors should contact the owner of Ash Cottage nearest the proposed site, but otherwise nothing further had been heard.

30. Appointment of a new clerk:

Max Maxwell had been thanked for his work as clerk over the past few years.

Cllr Lister had talked to the clerk of SALC to see if there was a clerk who may be willing to share the job with another parish. Alternatively, the post could be advertised by NALC. However, it was considered that it would be better to have someone who lived locally.

Cllr Roberts pointed out that Max Maxwell had also managed the web-site as well as being the clerk but that it would be unreasonable for the new clerk to do that as well. Until a volunteer was found, Cllr Roberts would manage the site in the short term.

31. Jubilee tree planting:

Cllr Lister had approached the Parish Hall trustees and a site had been agreed on the edge of the field for a young oak tree to be planted. After discussion, Cllr McHaffie agreed to be responsible for organising the purchase and planting of the tree and for a substantial wooden guard to be made. A budget of £250 was agreed.

32. Report of the latest SALC meeting:

Cllr Lister reported that the main business was to discuss the Council's response to the Climate Crisis in order to make Shropshire carbon-neutral by 2030. Webinar sessions have been organised and there is a NALC Bulletin on what Councils should be doing. This includes a major increase in local electricity generation (eg. home and business photovoltaics and wind power), installation of air-sourced heat pumps and facilities for electric cars. What are Parish Council roles?

33. Correspondence received:

There was none.

34. Parish Matters:

The potholes in the road from Shelderton to the Leintwardine road are so bad that even wheelchairs have great difficulty in negotiating it. There are also potholes on the Broome road just beyond Gardener's cottage, in Clungunford between the hall car park and the road and near Keeper's cottage. The hedge near the Water Board works is still very bad, obstructing the view of traffic. The hedge in the field next to Chapel Road needs cutting but this is usually done in November. A request for a mirror for cars exiting the church to see oncoming traffic has been received from Anne Gledhill. This was discussed together with the mirror from the village hall exit. It was thought that councillors should inspect the site opposite the church to assess feasibility.

Network Rail sent a notice that vegetation will be cut back from the side of the railway track this week but this work has not reached Hopton Heath yet.

Cars are still speeding through Clungunford and there is an urgent need for the speed cameras to be installed.

There was a discussion about footpaths in the Parish. Problem footpaths near Shelderton Rock come under a different Parish.

35. Date of Next Meeting:

This will be Wednesday 10th November at 7pm.

The meeting finished at about 8pm.