

Draft Minutes

Wednesday 10th May 2023 at 6.00pm in Clungunford Village Hall

Present: Cllr Jonathan Roberts, Cllr Keith Arbery, Cllr Anne Gledhill, Cllr Christine Tinker, Cllr Tricia McHaffie (part), Cllr Rob Rees

Acting clerk: Rob Rees

Business.

1. Election of Chair and Deputy.

Nominations for Chair: **Cllr Jonathan Roberts.**

Proposed by: Cllr Rob Rees, Seconded by Cllr Anne Gledhill.

In the absence of any other nominations, Cllr Jonathan Roberts was duly elected as Chair.

Nominations for Deputy Chair: **Cllr Mike Tucker**

Proposed by: Cllr Rob Rees, Seconded by Cllr Chris Tinker.

In the absence of any further nominations, Cllr Mike Tucker was duly elected as Deputy Chair.

2. Apologies Cllr Mary Bason, due to a prior urgent commitment.

3. Minutes of the last meeting.

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted, after Point 7 “**Payments**” was amended to read “church clock”, not “church bells” as had been written.

4. Matters arising from the minutes.

Item 3: matters arising: The Chair has written to the County Council about the retaining bank at Clungunford Pool but no response received as yet.

No feedback from Shrewsbury about the speed signs for Clungunford. Cllr Hartin may need to be requested to intervene.

Item 4: Resignation of the clerk and discussion of the clerk’s role: to be discussed in tonight’s agenda.

Ditto Item 5: Vacancy for a councillor and co-option process.

Item 6: The planned Coronation events went off smoothly and were well supported.

Item 9: Parish Matters: Newcastle on Clun Primary School will not now close but will continue for at least one more year, at the request of the parents.

Some of the potholes had been repaired at Clungunford – the Council has said that the job is

complete but there are still some in need of attention.

The annual village litter pick had gone ahead as planned and a huge amount of litter had been collected, as usual.

5. To discuss interest in co-option of councillor and clerk's position.

With respect to the Councillor's position, it was understood that Mrs Elizabeth Lyster is interested in returning to the Council. A second candidate, Mr Stuart Hutchins, living at Broadward Barns might also be interested. After a brief discussion, those members present agreed that Mrs Lyster should be approached in the first instance to confirm her interest in being co-opted onto the council. If she is, then the co-option process should proceed. Mr Hutchins should be approached if Mrs Lyster declines the offer.

It later emerged that Mr Wayne Price of Shelderton might also be interested in joining the Council.

With respect to the Clerk's position, it was reported that Ms. Jane Alsop from Cumbrae, Broome, might be interested in considering the position.

Action point: It was agreed that the Chair will have further discussions with Ms. Alsop and brief her about what the position entails. It was agreed that if she is interested, she should be offered the opportunity to attend a training course, at the council's expense, prior to making a final commitment. In that way, she would be able to acquire a full understanding of all that the position entails before she makes any final commitment.

6. Annual Financial Report.

The Chair presented the Financial Report and accompanying documents, which will be presented to the Annual Meeting (following this meeting) for approval. There were no questions.

7. Annual Governance and Assurance Report (AGAR)

The meeting agreed that the council meets the criteria for external audit self-certification. The meeting also approved page 5 of the council's AGAR report.

8. Planning matters: Lavendar Cottage, Abcott, SY7 0PX

No objections were raised to the request to remove the planning permission from Lavender Cottage for it to be used as a separate accommodation unit.

9. Finances.

Payment of the website hosting costs as proposed was agreed.

10. Parish Matters.

The hedge at Abcott Corner, opposite Rocke Cottage, is very overgrown again and is a hazard to pedestrians and motorists. The Council and Severn-Trent have refused to take meaningful action in the past.

Action point: The chair to follow up with Severn Trent as part of ongoing negotiations. The drain on the corner by Gardener's Cottage is blocked and a hazardous pool forms after

heavy rain.

Action point: Cllr Tinker will report it to the Council and ask them to take appropriate action.

11. Date of next meeting: 12th July, 2023.