

CLUNGUNFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes

Wednesday 12th November 2025 at 7.00 pm in Clungunford Village Hall

Present: Cllr Jonathan Roberts (Chairman and Acting Clerk), Cllr Keith Arbery, Cllr Mary Bason, Cllr, Cllr Michael Jones, Cllr Rob Rees, Cllr Christine Tinker, Cllr Mike Tucker, County Cllr Sam Walmsley

1. Apologies

Cllr Anne Gledhill, Cllr Patricia McHaffie

2. Minutes of the last meeting

These were approved and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

A solar panelled speed sign would cost about £1500. However, we do have a battery-operated speed indicator, shared with Clunbury but we currently have no posts to erect it. Cllr Walmsley said he had been responsible for getting speed signs erected in Bucknell and should be able to do the same for Clungunford. These would be for at Upper Gunnas Close and between Rock house (ex tea room) and the bridge.

4. Planning matters

a) There was no objection to the proposed extension on Rowton cottage but Cllr Tucker queried whether the owners also owned the adjacent farm field, a small part of which they wished to incorporate into a garden.

b) Mark Disley's planning application to build a house next to the Severn Trent site was discussed again in relation to his local connection. He certainly has plenty of work links in the parish (as previously discussed) but he had a problem meeting the Shropshire Council local residential criteria. He had lived in the parish for ten years but not in the last five years, when he has lived in Brampton Bryan. The criterion is 15 years but could there be an exception? Some Parish Councillors think there could be. However, the Parish Council can only state the facts and leave it to Shropshire Council to decide.

5. Super-fast broadband - progress report

Installation of superfast broadband has begun in Aston on Clun and Openreach should be getting on to Clungunford fairly soon.

6. Contribution to the Elders' Christmas Dinner

A £500 contribution from Parish Council funds was agreed.

7. Parish matters

Cllr Tucker said that he thought the road surface repairs in Clungunford were a big improvement even though they took some time to do. The road in Shelderton had also been repaired. Cllr Rees said that some drains were blocked and the Slow sign at Little Common had still not been repainted. There is also a large puddle near the road corner in Clungunford.

Cllr Rees informed the Council that the PCC (Parochial Church Council) had applied for Lottery Heritage funding to help pay for the repairs to the church bell tower. Cllr Roberts had written a letter to support this application, on behalf of the Parish Council and was thanked by the PPC.

8. Report from Cllr Sam Walmsley

Shropshire Council has applied to the Government for emergency funds to stop going bankrupt at the end of the financial year. Any Government loan would have to be repaid at 5% interest. Shropshire Revenue funding is from Council Tax. Capital funding for investment is in a healthier position. If the Council issued a Section 114 notice to go bankrupt, the Government in Whitehall would send in officers to run the Council. This would be bad for Shropshire residents.

The backlog of highway jobs has been reduced.

9. Any other business

There was none.

10. The next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 14th January at 7pm.

The meeting finished at 19.35.