

CLUNGUNFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes

Wednesday 10th September 2025 at 7.00 pm in Clungunford Village Hall

Present: Cllr Jonathan Roberts (Chairman and Acting Clerk), Cllr Keith Arbery, Cllr, Cllr Michael Jones, Cllr Patricia McHaffie, Cllr Rob Rees, Cllr Christine Tinker, Cllr Mike Tucker

1. Apologies

Cllr Anne Gledhill, Cllr Mary Bason.

2. Minutes of the last meeting

These were approved and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

There were none other than matters elsewhere on the agenda.

4. Super-fast broadband - progress report

Openreach should be installing superfast broadband in September. They have said there may be delays in Abcott due to underground wiring. Vouchers from the Government to Openreach may be cancelled or extended if installation is not done soon.

5. Parish matters

Cllr Tucker reported that he had corresponded with Cllr Sam Walmsley about the Japanese Knotweed shrub and Shropshire Council had it on a list of things to do.

Clunbury Parish, who have half share in the speed warning sign, that has not been installed in Clungunford, wish to install it in Clunbury Parish. Cllr Roberts suggested looking into a solar powered sign such as is present in Twitchen and Leintwardine.

Shropshire Council have been checking drains in Little Common. Cllr Jones warned of possible flooding in the village hall car park now that heavy rain has become more frequent. Trees had been felled on Cllr Roberts land (as agreed by planning) but unfortunately a conifer had fallen onto the stables causing damage. It was suggested that the lake at Pool House should be inspected but the owner would likely object to this.

6. Report from Cllr Sam Walmsley

Shropshire Council is taking emergency action to stop going bankrupt at the end of the financial year. Adult and child social care were the largest overspends due to increased demand. The effect of bankruptcy would have a very negative effect for Shropshire residents. Avoiding it may include declaring a financial emergency.

Service improvements include 50% more potholes being fixed; backlog of highway jobs reduced; customer wait times on helplines reduced.

Trial 'Shropshire Local' events have been held e.g. at Bishops Castle Enterprise House. A Council survey was held on Partnership Working between the Council and town and parish councils.

Resurfacing of the road in Clungunford, including the bend where the Leintwardine road enters the village, is planned for end October; repairs to damaged road at Shelderton bank is planned for November.

The full report will be emailed to parish councillors separately.

10. Any other business

Regarding the Parish clerk (Cllr Roberts is acting clerk as well as chairman); Cllr Roberts suggested that a clerk should be shared between parish councils to reduce costs.

11. The next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 12th November at 7pm.

The meeting finished at 19.30.