

CLUNGUNFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes

Wednesday 14th January 2026 at 7.00 pm in Clungunford Village Hall

Present: Cllr Jonathan Roberts (Chairman and Acting Clerk), Cllr Mary Bason, Cllr Anne Gledhill, Cllr Patricia McHaffie, Cllr, Cllr Michael Jones, Cllr Rob Rees, Cllr Christine Tinker, Cllr Mike Tucker.

1. Apologies

Cllr Keith Arbery, Cllr Sam Walmsley

2. Minutes of the last meeting and planning meeting

These were approved and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

Cllr Sam Walmsley had reported that an application had been made to the Government for an urgent loan to prevent Shropshire Council becoming bankrupt. Cllr Walmsley would be reminded that he would follow up our request for poles to mount active speed signs in the village. Cllr Roberts said that solar speed signs could be obtained for about £300 each and suggested that the parish council could buy these. However, we still need the posts.

4. Planning matters

Following the planning meeting on 18th December, regarding plans for new chalet-type buildings at Ashley Pools and the demolition of the existing Oakworks building, the architect had responded positively to the parish council comments.

5. Precept

A. A notice from Shropshire Council finance stated that if the precept was reduced to £3420 (from about £3470) then the parish council part of the Council Tax could be saved from an increase. It was agreed that this should be done as the Parish Council finances are healthy at the moment. There is £5131 in the deposit account and £9300 in the current account. It was agreed that £5000 should be transferred from the current account to the deposit account, to earn more interest. However, the healthy finance is because we do not have a paid clerk. If we had a paid clerk, which we should aim for, it would be likely to cost the Parish at least £2000.

6. Super-fast broadband - progress report

Installation of superfast broadband has begun in Broome and Openreach plan to install wires underground in Abcott. Hopefully, it could reach the rest of Clungunford soon.

7. Parish matters

Cllr Roberts had received a bill for £120 from Shropshire Council for last year's election (which was not contested). This would be paid.

Cllr Tucker reported that Adam Baker had installed a shepherd's hut on land where he had planning permission for a small building as a separate extension for Station House. There was no objection to this.

Cllr Rees reported that blocked drains at Little Common had been cleared quickly but the 'slow' Road sign had still not been repainted. A footpath crosses the road there and it was suggested a sign should warn motorists of this (or even a zebra crossing, although this would be rejected by the Council).

Following recent storms trees had fallen across the road in Shelderton and other places. They were the responsibility of landowners but had sometimes removed very slowly.

Traffic problems at the entrance to the village from the Broome road have still not resolved, there needs to be a sign giving priority to one direction.

8. Any other business

There was none.

9. The next meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 11th March at 7pm.

The meeting finished at 19.35.