

CLUNGUNFORD PARISH COUNCIL

Draft Minutes

Wednesday 11th March 2026 at 7.00 pm in Clungunford Village Hall

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

1. Apologies

Cllr Keith Arbery, Cllr Anne Gledhill

2. Minutes of the last meeting

These were approved and signed by the Chairman.

3. Matters arising from the minutes

There were none

4. Super-fast broadband - progress report

Installation of superfast broadband has progressed well and all cables are laid in Clungunford village. They are being tested after which it will be up to residents to get their Internet provider to get the final connection to the house. Superfast Broadband is not yet being installed in Shelderton but it was suggested that if the CEO of BT Openreach was emailed, he had access to special funds for small omitted areas.

5. Hunt activities in the village

Clungunford was invaded by the Ludlow Hunt, including dogs in gardens etc. This is unacceptable. The Parish Council does not have powers to issue ASBOs but Cllr Roberts did obtain a donation to Parish **Hall** funds. It was decided to write to Shropshire Council about this and Cllr Walmsley would also take up the matter. Shropshire Council does have powers to issue ASBOs to the Hunt to prevent them doing it again. Since hunts are supposed to be following a laid trail it should be possible to control where the dogs go.

6. Parish Matters

The general village noticeboard is damaged. David Wilkinson said he would repair it and replace the Perspex. It was agreed that the Parish Council would pay for any materials needed.

Cllr Arbery had reported that Rachel McDermott had been relocated from the village to Ludlow by the Housing Association, while maintenance work was done on her house. She wishes to return but Connexus (the Housing Association) has not allowed her to. This

seems unfair and a letter will be written to Connexus. Cllr Walmsley will also raise this matter.

A planning application has been made by Adam Baker of Oakheath, Hopton Heath to build three detached houses with garages on adjacent land. A planning meeting will be held when details have been received. (The outline planning application was received on 12 March and a parish council planning meeting will be held on Thursday 19th March).

The road from Shelderton towards Leintwardine is very bad and is being used by some heavy traffic because the direct road from Ludlow to Leintwardine is closed due to a landslip. Cllr Walmsley will raise this with Shropshire Council.

A funeral will be held in Clungunford for Gordon Schofield. Ann Hunt is at present in hospital.

There is a will be a celebration at the church on the 20th March to mark the start of work on the bell tower following a successful bid for funds from the National Lottery.

7. Cllr Sam Walmsley's report

A Government loan has been approved for Shropshire Council. A Council Tax rise of 9% has also been approved by the Government. Even with this rise Shropshire Council Tax is in the lower third of rates nationally. A budget based on statutory obligations has been approved by the Council. 80% of the budget is on social care, over which the Council had little control. The Government contribution to the cost of social care does not recognise that one third of Shropshire's population is over 70 years of age.

Shropshire Council had a £50 million loan for the cancelled Shrewsbury northern relief road. It is hoped that they will not have to pay it all back. This could help with repayment of the £90 million loan facility. £240 million pounds is expected in Council Tax for the year 2026-27.

8. Any other business

There was none.

9. The next meeting

The next meeting will be the Annual Parish Council meeting with a pre-meeting for councillors on Wednesday 13th May at 6pm and 7pm.

The meeting finished at 19.45.