

# CLUNGUNFORD PARISH COUNCIL

## Draft Minutes

Wednesday 8th July 2026 at 7.00 pm in Clungunford Village Hall

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**Present: Cllr Jonathan Roberts (Chairman and Acting Clerk), Cllr Keith Arbery, Cllr Anne Gledhill, Cllr Rob Rees, Cllr Christine Tinker, Cllr Mike Tucker**

**County Cllr Sam Walmsley**

### **1. Apologies**

Cllr Mary Bason

### **2. Minutes of the last meeting**

These were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### **3. Matters arising from the minutes**

Gordon Case has agreed to be the internal auditor for the parish council accounts.

### **4. Payment for noticeboard repairs.**

The chairman had paid David Wilkinson £32 from parish funds for his repairs for the notice board. This was approved by the meeting.

### **5. Connexus and vacant house.**

Connexus wish to sell the house previously occupied by Rachel McDermott. There is another vacant house in Bucknell which might be possible for Rachel to move into. However, Connexus had spoken to Cllr Walmsley and think that that would also be too expensive to bring up to standard. Cllr Walmsley will follow this up to find any written contract which might oblige Connexus to carry out the repairs.

### **6. Parish Matters**

Cllr Rees reported that the potholes at Little Common had been repaired but the 'slow' sign had not yet been repainted.

Cllr Tucker mentioned a transport questionnaire that he had been sent by a company on behalf of Shropshire Council. This reminded him about problems with speeding traffic at Hopton Heath. In spite of slow signs, crossing the junction from the Clungunford road into the access road for Beechings, Station House and Oakheath (and also exiting from there in any direction) can be hazardous. Either the slow signs need to be made much clearer, or ideally there should be a 30mph speed limit. Cllr Roberts thought the latter would be difficult to get approved.

## **7. Any other business**

Cllr Rees reported that Smith's of Derby will service the church clock, as soon as the refurbishment of the clock face, currently underway, is completed. The invoice for the servicing should be directed to the Parish Council and the cost will be shared between the Parish Council and the Parochial Church Council as has happened in the past.

Cllr Roberts had a new insurance quote from Zurich Insurance for £214, which was the same as last year. This was approved.

Cllr Roberts also reported the ongoing need for the hedge at the Severn Trent corner to be drastically cut back because it was a serious hazard for traffic trying to turn right into Abcott lane.

## **8. Update from Cllr Walmsley**

Shire Hall has been empty for two years. The site will be sold probably for demolition as the building has problems, especially with asbestos.

The County Council financial plan expects borrowing to be going down with the aim of breaking even in five years time.

## **9. Date of next meeting**

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday 9th September.

The meeting finished at 7.30pm.