

CLEE ST MARGARET PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on MONDAY 28th JUNE at 7.30pm in the VILLAGE HALL

Present: Councillors: Mike Hardingham, Tamsin Osler, John Heighway, Ken Jackson,
Shalynn Pearson, Scarlett Penn, Helen Robinson

Clerk: Catherine Evry

IN ATTENDANCE: Three members of the parish.

1. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

None

2. OFFICIAL APPROVAL of the MINUTES of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on TUESDAY 18TH MAY 2021 and MATTERS ARISING

The minutes were approved unanimously and there were no matters arising that were not already on the agenda.

3. DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Having reviewed the agenda Councillors were of the opinion that there were no anticipated conflicts of interest.

4. REVIEW OF COUNCIL'S POLICIES AND PROCEDURES

ACTION: Clerk to review electronic copies of policies and procedures in relation to
i] policy regarding online banking

*ii] procedure for planning applications – clerk to direct adjacent properties to
SCC with reference and to put an appropriate note on the notice board in the centre of
the village.*

5. CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORTS

i] Climate change declaration. Invite Alan Wilson [SALC] to the Annual Parish Meeting when it is safe to hold it, to discuss ways in which issues concerning climate change might be addressed in the Parish.

ii] Gorse concerns from Polly Bolton. Much of the gorse on the hill had been affected by frost and this seems the likely cause of the damage to the gorse near Yeld Gate.

iii] Possible boundary changes. No action

iv] Police charter – concerns. The three main concerns for the Safer Neighbourhood Team to look at are: **theft** (including the legal position of the property owner taking

action to protect their property); **scams** (the demographic is vulnerable to various scams) and **anti-social driving** (particularly that of delivery vans).

ACTION: Clerk to forward these to PC 2693 Steve Grant, the local policing officer for the parish.

v] Dates of Council meetings There was not a strong feeling to change the pattern of meetings. There is a schedule for the year. At each meeting the date of the next meeting is agreed and confirmed.

vi] Cold Weston Notice Board. No action.

vii] Tree planting to celebrate Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022. Support for this request. Some initial suggestions were made as to location, [e.g. badger sets, dunes] number [e.g. 7 or 70] and types of tree [e.g. wild cherry, wild hawthorn]. Commoners and village to be consulted.

viii] Transparency of Parish Council's response to planning applications. Comments need to be clearly the response of the Parish Council when the full facts have been checked with Shropshire County Council.

ix] Card and flowers sent to retiring clerk, Joan Palmer, with grateful thanks for her many years of service.

x] Councillor Penn reported on the meeting of the Village Hall Committee. The VHC had discussed the possibility of installing a security camera in the light of recent thefts.

6. PATCH COTTAGE

There was nothing new to report.

7. FINANCE

i] The current financial position

The current account has a balance of £5,040. [A recent transfer from savings has been made because bracken control expenditure is anticipated].

Savings account £20,644

Hargreaves Lansdown investments value currently £129,500. Income from Hargreaves Lansdown £1340 in the first three month of the financial year, which is on target.

ii] Accounts approved unanimously subject to minor changes.

iii] Annual budget approved unanimously.

ACTION: Clerk to review what is covered in the insurance policy

8. THE COMMON

i] Annual maintenance of bracken control etc. on the common. Councillor Pearson outlined methods for controlling the bracken and gorse. The costings of £2500 for bracken control are in line with 220 acres. Additionally, the area around Titchbourne is incorporated this year which may increase the cost. It was requested that the area around Titchbourne to be left to last due to the birds nesting in this area.

It was explained that using a weed wiper rather than a sprayer gives greater precision for controlling bracken. There is no spray run off and the amount of spray needed is likely to be reduced. Three people are receiving training on the robo cutter. The Councillors expressed their gratitude for the ongoing work and time of those carrying out gorse control. The voting was unanimously in support of costings for bracken control.

9. THE VILLAGE

i] Renewal/repair of the notice board in the centre of the village.

ACTION: Ken Jackson volunteered to look at this.

ii] The 'ravine' at Heatham Gate. Work necessary to clear top, back fill, stone and level top.

Estimated costs £200 x 2 for tractor and mini digger. Rough estimate 20 tons stone needed at £16 per ton. Unanimous vote in favour to do the work.

iii] Marshgate. The bridle gate opposite Marshgate is overgrown and needs two new posts. Estimated cost for this, including labour, £250. Unanimous vote in favour to do the work.

10. PLANNING

i] The Hobbit development in the field opposite the Yeld car park. Already agreed.

ii] The agricultural building application at The Orchard, Cockshutford. Unanimously in support.

ACTION: Clerk to register support for planning application.

11. REVIEW OF DECLARATION OF INTEREST

Councillors reviewed proceedings and agreed that, to the best of their knowledge, the Council had acted in accordance with procedure

12. POSSIBLE ITEMS FOR INCLUSION IN NEXT MEETING'S AGENDA

i] Defibrillators: maintenance; CPR refresher training; need for more responders (now only 2); DBS status clarification.

ii] Fact finding visit to the common regarding gorse control

iii] Number, location and types of trees to plant in celebration of the Queen's Platinum Jubilee in 2022

iv] Date of Annual Parish Meeting tbc when step 3 measures have been lifted.

Agenda items:

- **Climate change**

- Gorse control on common

13. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday 9th August 2021 at 7.30pm in the Village Hall

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