MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD IN THE VILLAGE HALL ON MONDAY, 8th DECEMBER 2014 AT 7.30 p.m.

Present Councillors Mrs. S.A. Beaman

D. Cook

D.S. Cowie (Chairman)

R.J. Cotham M.J. Edwards Mrs. J. Marsh

Apologies: Councillor J. Caswell – work commitment, Councillor Ms J.L. Clements – personal reasons,

Councillor S. Lawrence – personal reasons, Councillor R.S. Parr – personal reasons,

Councillor D.A. Whitmore – personal reasons,

Councillor Mrs. V. Williams – personal reasons.

Shropshire Councillor Mrs. Tina Woodward – personal reasons

DECLARATION OF INTERESTS

No disclosable pecuniary interests were declared

MINUTES of the meeting held on 10th November 2014, having been distributed to all councillors, were confirmed and signed.

MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

174/14 Claverley in Bloom

Councillor Parr's report had been forwarded to all the councillors.

Late spring/early summer bulbs will be planted on the grass verge opposite Boundary Close and around the base of the signpost at the Church Street/Digbeth Lane junction.

Judges will be coming to Claverley during the first two weeks of August to judge CIB's Britain in Bloom entry. Plants which have performed well in the past and have given a consistent high impact display across a range of weather conditions had been chosen for the 2015 summer planting scheme.

Members of Claverley Youth Club had helped CIB to plant100 trees supplied without charge by the Woodland Trust. These had been planted on land belonging to Mr. and Mrs. Beaman near the mobile homes site off Digbeth Lane.

CIB's budget for 2015/2016 had been circulated to all the councillors. In order to participate effectively in the Britain in Bloom campaign it will be necessary to upgrade existing projects and introduce new ones. In order to meet the additional expenditure, fund raising will be required. CIB was grateful for the financial support from the Parish Council and had asked the Parish

Council to consider underwriting a contingency element which would not be treated as an alternative way of bolstering CIB funds.

It was proposed by Councillor Cook, seconded by Councillor Edwards and agreed by the Council to underwrite a contingency element up to a maximum of £500.

175/14 QEII Jubilee Field

Councillor Cook reported that the small goal posts had been moved to the other side of the senior goal posts. The bottom left hand corner of the pitch was wetter than other areas.

176/14 Parish Plan

Renee Wallace had informed the Clerk that the draft report on the analysis of the questionnaires was not expected to be completed until after the Christmas break.

Action: Clerk to inform Renee Wallace that the draft report was required by 19th December to enable the Parish Plan working group to make its recommendations to the Parish Council at the January meeting regarding the Place Plan.

177/14 Place Plan Annual Review

Shropshire Council had agreed to an extension to the date for the submission of the Place Plan Annual Review. Hayley Deighton, Principal Policy Officer required the form by the end of January.

178/14 Street Lights

Garry Johnson of E.ON had confirmed that the electric supply for the Christmas lights will not be affected when the existing wall light on 5 High Street is removed as it has a separate supply in its own feeder pillar. In order for Mr. Johnson to programme the works he required formal acceptance of his quote ref. 6536 for the removal of the existing wall light from 5 High Street and the installation of a new Victorian style column and lantern which have been delivered to E.ON for the sum of £1315.18 and quote ref. 6483 for the installation of Victorian style columns and LED lanterns for the sum of £773.01 per column. It was proposed by Councillor Edwards, seconded by Councillor Cotham and agreed by the Council to accept both quotations.

Action: Clerk to ask Mr. Johnson to replace the lantern outside The Dormers and the lantern and column in Clover Heath which had been removed due to damage caused by a vehicle as the first items, followed by the columns identified as requiring replacement in the schedule of maintenance defects.

Letter to be sent to the owner of All Saints Cottage informing him a street light was going to be installed in the pavement near his property.

179/14 Christmas Lights

The ceremony to switch on the Christmas lights had gone well and the large crowd had enjoyed the participation of the Vicar and Church choir. Thanks were given to Mrs. Margaret Farquharson and Rudi Sandel-Massey for agreeing to switch on the lights. Richard Wilkes was thanked for providing the Christmas tree. Richard Cotham and the volunteers who helped put up the lights and erect the tree were also thanked as well as Rod Parr and Ken Jones who had

ensured the lights were in working order and Gordon Drury for providing the P.A. system and music.

180/14 Bonfire and Fireworks Event

Councillor Cook reported that a profit of £1001.48 had been made. Bar receipts were down and ticket sales through the school were disappointing. Councillor Cook was pleased at the outcome especially as the weather had been poor leading up to the event.

As the Parish Council wished to use the proceeds from the event to support local organisations, it was agreed to defer discussion on the allocation until more councillors were present.

181/14 UNITARY REPORT

The Clerk read out Councillor Woodward's email in which she reported Shropshire Highways had informed her that resurfacing was being carried out to Powell's Lane. Ringway will patch Admoor Lane and clean roadside ditches and grips while undertaking work on Powell's Lane. The mirror to allow traffic at the Hopstone junction to see traffic travelling from Claverley will be installed during week commencing 8th December.

Councillor Woodward had made enquiries about when a parish council would usually be involved with a planning application and understood it would be when the application had been posted on Shropshire Council's website. Pre-application advice can be sought by applicants or their agents and planning officers can suggest they notify parish councils at that stage to discuss their proposals but the applicants or their agents can choose not to do so. Pre-application advice can be confidential.

Councillor Woodward had concluded by thanking Claverley Parish Council for its support and assistance in 2014 and looked forward to working with the Parish Council in 2015.

182/14 **PLANNING**

Permissions

14/04050/FUL Erection of rear extension, front porch and alterations to existing roof to include new dormers and roof lights. Alter and form new access, Cotswold Coombe, Draycott for Mr. M. Anslow. (Resubmission of 14/02283/FUL)

14/04373/FUL Replacement of an existing conservatory on the rear elevation, 10 The Paddock, Claverley for Mr. S. Redshaw.

New Application

14/04671/CPL Application for Lawful Development Certificate for the proposed use of domestic garage to form private gym/office, Hope Cottage, Draycott for Mr. S. Haywood.

The Parish Council did not wish to make any comments.

14/04850/FUL Erection of a two storey side extension, extension to first floor to provide additional living accommodation and erection of replacement garage, Sunnyside,

Long Common, Claverley for Mr. and Mrs. A. Cole. The Parish Council did not have any objections.

Withdrawn Application

14/04493/FUL Erection of extensions to rear to include 2 no. balconies and formation of a gable wall, The Three Dwellings, Woundale for Mr. J. Parrock.

183/14 **BUDGET FOR 2015/2016**

The Clerk reminded councillors that the first draft of the budget for 2015/16 will be discussed at the January meeting. Thought should be given as to whether any new projects required funding.

184/14 PARISH MATTERS

Councillor Cook expressed concern about the reappearance of potholes by the signpost to Farmcote near the Cricket Club.

Councillor Cotham reported that a pothole on the bridge at Lower Hopstone and on the bank to Hopstone required attention. Water was accumulating in the ditch on the left hand side of the road from the Corner House to Rudge Heath and could cause the road to flood.

Action: Clerk to inform Shropshire Highways

Councillor Marsh expressed concern at the number of stables which had been erected in fields in the Heathton and Draycott area. She had noticed a stable had been erected in a field near The Old Gate Inn. Councillor Edwards pointed out that if they were portable planning permission was not required. Councillor Marsh was asked to check if they were permanent structures.

185/14 REPRESENTATIVES' REPORTS

Councillor Williams had resigned from the Village Hall Committee.

186/14 **CHEQUES**

Chq. No. 001219 Jubilee Fireworks Ltd. – balance for fireworks display £1134.00)
001220 Rudge Heath General Stores - crisps, soft drinks and plastic	
glasses for bonfire and fireworks event£94.00)
001221 Hobsons Brewery& Co. Ltd beer for bonfire and fireworks	
event)
001222 G.T. Drury - providing PA equipment and music for	
switching on Christmas lights ceremony£50.00)
001223 D.A. Cook – purchase of rocket for	
switching on Christmas lights ceremony£20.00)
001224 The Plough Inn – coffee and sandwiches for volunteers	
putting up Christmas lights£18.00)

It was proposed by Councillor Cook , seconded by Councillor Marsh and agreed by the Council to pass the cheques for payment.

ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business, the Chairman wished everyone a happy Christmas and closed the meeting at 8.50 p.m.

Date of next meeting: Monday, 12th January at 7.30 p.m. in the Village Hall