

# CLIVE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

Thursday 18 May 2017 at 7.30pm in

Clive Village Hall

## MINUTES

Present: Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Slark, Parish Clerk: Anne Chalkley minute taker.  
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The Chairman of the Parish Council, Cllr Slark took the meeting and welcomed all present.

01/17 **Apologies for absence** – Shropshire Councillor Simon Jones (Other commitment). Cllr Graham Godfrey-White (Holiday). Paul Nicholson.

02/17 **Minutes of 2016 Annual Parish Meeting** – It was **RESOLVED** to sign the minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting 2016.

03/17 **Chairman’s Introduction and Annual Report** (Clive Parish Council). Cllr Slark gave his report as follows:

We started the year with the Queen’s 90<sup>th</sup> birthday celebrations. Back in April on the actual birthday we lit a beacon on the hill and I’d like to reiterate our thanks to Robin and James Thompson and Sansaw Estate for their help in organizing this. They have also been good enough to allow us to register for the next beacon event which will be held in November 2018 to commemorate the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the ending of WWI. The rest of the celebrations took place in June – unfortunately the events due to be held in Grinshill on the Friday, cricket, rounders and BBQ were rained off. On the Sunday we had a very successful day in Clive including bell ring, church tower tours, village hall refreshments, live music and a BBQ. I’d like to thank on behalf of the Parish Council all the associations, individuals and Councillors involved in organising such an enjoyable day.

In January, Clive Parish Council was awarded the Foundation Level Local Council Award in recognition of adopted communications and reporting procedures. This was all down to the work and commitment of our Clerk, Anne Chalkley, so thank you Anne for achieving this.

Planning – The Parish Council has been able to support most of the proposed plans over the last year. The key development that was objected to by the Parish Council was a residential development next to Woodlands on the Wem Road. This was subsequently refused by Shropshire Council.

Following a presentation in January from Shropshire’s Integrated Community Management we invited the children at the school to design a poster to reduce dog fouling. This was judged last month and you will soon be seeing the winning poster around the village and hill and the winner will be awarded their prize in a presentation at school.

Finally, I’d like to thank my fellow Councillors, especially Kate, the Vice Chairman, for their help and support over the last year and indeed three years as I stand down as Chairman this time. I’d also like to thank our Clerk, Anne for being extremely organized and ensuring we have all relevant information and procedures we have to follow.

04/17 **Finance Report** - Clive Parish Council – The Clerk presented the accounts to the meeting. The balance as at 31 March 2017 was £9,608.46.

05/17 **Police Report** - PCSO Lizz Walmsley reported that not much crime happens in Clive and asked if anyone have any issues that she can take back with her. A resident reported that a car has been parked since Easter and had not moved and gave the officer the location. She said that if it was taxed and insured there is not much we can do. The Chairman thanked Lizz and she left the meeting.

Signed ..... Date.....

06/17 **Shropshire Council Report** – In the absence of Cllr Simon Jones the Chairman read out his report as follows: Firstly I would like to thank everyone who voted at the Local Elections on 4th May 2017, I am very grateful to have received 76% of the vote and been returned as your local Councillor for a further 4 years.

Over the past year at Shropshire Council, we have continued to make the massive savings that the Treasury have imposed upon us whilst working hard to maintain essential services and keeping the Council Tax rise as low as possible i.e. 2% for Social Care plus 1.99% general Council Tax increase. Having been on Cabinet and holding the portfolio for Highways and Transport, it was a very busy year with ongoing works to our highways infrastructure including the SITP works in and around Shrewsbury. I do appreciate that not everyone sees the necessity of these works but they have to be carried out to ensure that the network copes with the forecast increase in vehicles due to the amount of housing development in the area. The funding for this is from outside the Council consisting of 50% Developer Contribution and 50% The Marches LEP Regional Growth Fund ring-fenced for this so cannot be used for any other purpose. Locally I am pleased that the culvert works on the A49 at Hadnall have now been completed. With regards to Public Transport, after the collapse of GHA shortly after being awarded the 511 bus service I was pleased that we were able to retender the work to Arriva without any loss of service.

Within the Ward, I have been busy supporting residents with their problems and concerns as they arise and have been continuing to attend as many of the Parish Council meetings as possible to offer my support to the community. You can always contact me by phone, email or by letter either to my home address or to the Council. If I am not available on the phone my wife Angela will normally be able to ferret me out so please do leave any messages with her. An interesting fact with regards to emails and in view of the very recent hacking that has and is ongoing throughout the world, is that in the five weeks to 14 March 2017, over two million emails were sent to Shropshire Council email addresses from external sources. Of these, only 409,593 were legitimate emails – meaning that 80% of incoming email was blocked for various security reasons – eg spam, viruses, malware, reputation etc – and only 20% of email was accepted as genuine. An average day sees 50,000 emails attempting to be delivered to the council, with 10,000 being legitimate.

To conclude I would like to thank Anne the Parish Clerk for her continuing help and support and the members of Clive Parish Council. Congratulations on being returned to office. Cllr Jinks reported that Simon has brought the community together.

07/17 **RAF Shawbury** - Sqn Ldr Sean Leach gave a presentation - I am the military lead pilot on the Team that is currently introducing the new helicopters in service at RAF Shawbury.

The command structure at RAF Shawbury changed on Mon 15 May. The Commandant Defence Helicopter Flying School and Station Commander (Stn Cdr) appointments have now been combined. The new Stn Cdr is Group Captain Rob (Chuck) Norris.

- Unfortunately, he was unable to attend due to a need to host a visitor but he would very much like to visit in the future.

The Stn Cdr specifically wished to highlight the following:

- The importance of the relationship with our neighbours.
- The guaranteed future of RAF Shawbury as a core RAF base and the availability of employment opportunities.
- The future expansion of activity at the base including the Military Flying Training System and the arrival of the School of Airspace Battle Management.
- That RAF Shawbury is celebrating its 100 year anniversary throughout 2017.

The summary of my powerpoint presentation was as follows:

Low Flying Area (LFA) 9 Map

- The size of, and normal operating areas within, LFA 9.
- Operating Areas
- RAF Shawbury, Tern Hill, Chetwynd, Nesscliffe Training Area and 79 privately-owned landowners' fields.

RAF Shawbury – The Future

- The Military Flying Training System – provided by a civilian contractor using a mixture of military and civilian personnel.
- 29 Juno helicopters will replace the Griffin and Squirrel helicopters at Shawbury. The Juno is

considerably quieter than both the Squirrel and the Griffin.

- 3 Jupiter helicopters will replace the Griffin helicopters at RAF Valley in the Maritime role.
- 270 students will be trained annually by 95 flying instructors.
- The annual flying rate will be 45744 hours (25323 in the aircraft and 20421 in synthetic training devices such as simulators).
- An enhanced Ground-based training facility will include:
  - Air Load Master training on a simulated Chinook cabin.
  - Winch trainer.
  - Command and Tactics Trainer.
  - Virtual Reality Trainer.
  - 7 Flight Training Devices (simulators).
- To accommodate the MFTS, 2 of the main hangars are being fully refurbished and modernized. In addition, a sizeable new building is in construction to accommodate all of the flying units and the ground-based training equipment.
- In terms of timings, the ground-based equipment should be delivered in early 18 with the initial students being taught in April. Full training capacity should be achieved at the end of 2018 when all infrastructure work should have been completed.

The Chair thanked Sean for his report and presentation.

08/17 **Community Bid Railway Inn** – Simon Rouse gave an introduction to the Railway Inn reflecting on his memories as he was growing up and to the present day and different people have different members on the Railway Inn. He is part of a Steering Group who are putting together a Community Bid for the Railway Inn built in 1857. There was 260 people turn up on Monday to hear our proposal for the Community Bid and we thought it would be a hard sell and after the meeting we took a vote and all 260 voted in favour of taking over the pub. Since Monday, 2½ days we have raised £31,500 and we also have Stakeholder and there will be two tax relief options that we will be looking at.

Very shortly the Steering Group will resign and the Stakeholders will nominate a Management Committee to carry this forward. There have been ideas from residents and these will all be looked if we are successful in our bid. If we are successful, we will need to get the pub open as soon as possible and it has been said that the 'Pub is a Hub' and it will need smartening up so it appeals to both sexes.

Where we are now: We have an interview with Shropshire Star tomorrow and we are going to have our own Facebook page eventually. There will be a Totaliser erected at the building showing the amount of funds raised. Central News wants to interview us, but we will pick this up later once we know the outcome of our bid. We have obtained references and will be opening a Bank Account tomorrow and will be visiting a similar pub. We have an Action Plan to produce and will be working on this on Tuesday as well as the Business Plan to put together. We also will have a marketing plan in place very soon as well as a Community Impact Plan and we need to obtain the approval of the FCA. The Manager who will run the pub will be on a two month probation period to ensure they have the right credentials to ensure they are the right person to run the pub successfully.

If we are unsuccessful, I will be happy to help the person who gets the pub as we want it to succeed. The family that has run the pub over the years has put a lot of hard work and money into this establishment and we do not want to see this pub pulled down and private houses built in its place like so many public house has been in the past.

The Chair thanked Simon for his report.

09/17 **Reports from Parish Organisations** - The Parish Clerk will receive and archive any reports offered.

In the absence of Paul Nicholson (Clive Village Hall) the Chair read his report as follows: I am pleased to report that during the last twelve months our village hall has continued to play an important role as a venue for a wide range of events within the village. It provides a base for weekly activities, such as Bridge Club and Scottish dancing; a venue for monthly meetings: the Parish Council, WI and History Group for example; and the setting for major annual events such as the Village Show and Harvest Lunch. The hall provides additional accommodation for the village school; for physical education lessons and play rehearsals; and is a safe location for the Toddlers Group to meet. So whether you are five, fifty-five or ninety-five, the Village Hall is a place that enhances your life within the village.

The Village Hall, however, would not be available as a mainstay to village life if it was not for those who freely give their time to help in the day-to-day running of this wonderful community asset. The hall is a registered charity and is run by volunteers for the benefit of all who live in and around the village. I would like to say a very big thank you to those that serve on the Management Committee for all the work they do throughout the year. I would also like to thank those that support the monthly cleaning rota, and the spring and autumn cleaning days for keeping the hall and its garden neat and tidy. And thanks also to those that run the clubs and groups that meet here and organize the events we host that enrich village life.

During the past 12 months, the committee has continued their work towards improving the hall. We had the main hall painted and this has made a great difference. We now have an ambitious but viable building plan based on the outcome of last year's consultation exercise. The Committee submitted our plan to Shropshire Council, showing the suggested changes to the building, including improvements to the main entrance and the disabled access. We were successful in gaining planning permission for the scheme and so now can take the next steps forward. With the support of Robin Thompson at the Sansaw Estate and Clive Parish Council we are in the process of renewing our lease on the building, ensuring the long-term future of the building as a village hall. We have also begun the process of costing the improvements and seeking financial grants to support the project. Within the next twelve months, the Committee hopes to see further progress towards a sustainable future for the hall.

The Committee has also been busy looking at ways of raising funds to support the building project. We organized a popular Seasonal Pop-Up Shops event prior to Christmas and recently a successful Jumble Sale. Look out for future events! Two quiz nights are planned, one in May and another in October. We will be holding another Pop-Up Shops in late November. We hope you will come along and support these events and help in whatever way you can to ensure the Village Hall remains at the heart of village life!

Cllr Slark informed the members present that Paul had included their Income and Expenditure audited sheet if anyone would like to have a look.

10/17 **Any Representations from Parishioners** – There were no comments, views or request from the meeting for Parish Council support.

**Meeting closed: 8.50pm.**