

CLEE HILL PARTNERSHIP
MONDAY 11 FEBRUARY 2013
7.30pm CLEE HILL VILLAGE HALL

MINUTES

Present:

Henry Chance	Bitterley Parish Council Chairman (Clee Hill Partnership Chairman)
Phil Edwards	Clee Hill Commoners Association
Roddy Yapp	Clee Hill Commoners Association
Andy Chapman	Clee Hill Commoners Association
Valerie Clifford	Commoner & landowner representative
George Cummings	Friends of Clee Hill Village Forum Chairman
Garth Ridgers	Friends of Clee Hill Village Forum
Cllr Richard Huffer	Shropshire Council, Clee Division
Phil Holden	Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership Manager
Clare Fildes	Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership Development Officer
Glynn Barratt	Titterstone Clee Heritage Trust
Carl Pickup	Shropshire Wildlife Trust Reserves Manager
Colin Richards	Shropshire Council, Historic Environment Manager (part of meeting)

1. Welcome and apologies

The following apologies had been received:

Chris Woodward	Landowner, Hopton Court
Richard Rallings	Natural England
Chris Neal	Clee Hill Commoners Association Chairman
Peter Cuthbert	Hopton Wafers Parish Council
George Williams	Caynam Parish Council Chairman

2. Minutes of last meeting 12 November 2012 and matters arising

The minutes of the last meeting were accepted as an accurate record. The action to draw up simple Terms of Reference for the Project Development Group would be carried forward.

3. Potential Heritage Lottery Fund project grant bid – update on subgroup meetings and progress

Clare Fildes, Development Officer with Shropshire Hills AONB Partnership attended the meeting to give a presentation on progress and hear the views of Partnership members. Questions were raised about possible skills elements. It was clarified again that no aspects of a project would be taken forward if the Partnership and the Commoners Association were not completely happy with them. As a result of the programme under which the application to HLF will be made, it is likely that a project will focus more on heritage aspects. The next Steering Group was on 17 April and any members of the Partnership were welcome to attend. Several members of the Commoners Association said they would like to be involved. It was agreed also that a meeting specifically with the Commoners would be useful – **Action Clare**.

4. Review of Shropshire Hills AONB Management Plan

Phil explained that the review of this statutory Plan for the whole AONB is going on at present. Further information was circulated including proposed strategic priorities for the Plan, on which comments were welcome. The local priorities outlined in the current

Management Plan for the Clee Hills area were briefly discussed, and it was noted that these are very much the issues which the Partnership has been seeking to progress.

5. Speed bumps on Dhustone Lane (Commoners/NATS/Downton estate)

Glynn, Phil Edwards and Chris Neal had held a meeting with representatives from NATS. No firm conclusion was reached but there appeared to be some room for further discussion.

6. Speeding between Clee Hill and Dorrington

The meeting which had been held with Shropshire Council Highways had not appeared to achieve anything. Members said that there had been lots of discussion on this in the past and evidence had been presented to the Council. It was understood that the accident statistics did not support a case for lowering the speed limit. It was thought however that guidelines have recently changed. Henry agreed to take this up with Glyn Shaw at SC Highways - **Action**.

George mentioned a proposal to get hold of community speed cameras for the village.

7. Updates from partners on current activity

a. Clee Hill Community Wildlife Group

Glynn reported that the first year of the Group had gone very well, and volunteers were being sought to join a steering committee which would enable the group to continue after the period of funded support ended.

b. Litter group

George reported that 14 people had attended last Sunday, collecting 15 bags of rubbish. Several members commended the litter group for their valued work. First Aid training for the Hill Wardens would start this month.

c. Clee Hill Commoners Association

It was mentioned that members had hoped to carry out some controlled burning of gorse, but that weather had been unfavourable and the time window was running out.

d. Titterstone Clee Heritage Trust

There was nothing significant to add to the reports made at the last meeting.

e. Other partners

Carl said that volunteers for the Shropshire Wildlife Trust were doing some tasks on Catherton Common but funds were currently limited for carrying out some of the bigger things the Trust wanted to do.

8. Any other Business

Peter Cuthbert had raised an issue about a landslip near Upper Whatsill. This was discussed and it was agreed that it was the landowner's responsibility.

George had proposed a meeting regarding off-roading, and it was noted in discussion that this may be increasing again, after a period when co-operation with the Police had been very good.

9. Date of next meeting

A date for the next meeting would be circulated, possibly in May.