

CLEOBURY MORTIMER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING of the CLEOBURY MORTIMER PARISH COUNCIL held at the Market Hall on Monday 2nd NOVEMBER 2009 at 7.30pm.

PRESENT: Cllr K. Reynolds (Chairman), Cllrs Mrs B. Davies, Cllr G Butler G. Hainsworth, M. Reiner., G. Carter D. Brown, J Griffiths.

Also present: Cllr M Shingleton, Sarah Smithson (Police), 2 members of public

11.0 Apologies for Absence Cllr R.Lloyd

11.1 Declaration of Interests

Re Planning Application Lower Dunhill farm.

Cllr G Butler Declared an Interest.

At this point the couple from Child Road questioned about the lighting on the pavement by the new development.

The Clerk showed the couple a copy of their letter that had been scanned onto the Laptop. He informed them that it had been sent to Bromford Housing and was waiting for a reply and he would keep them up to date.

Cllr G Butler said that it has been raised about some kind of temporary lighting but it was not that easy as Health and Safety was an issue.

Cllr K Reynolds said that the Parish council are on top of it and it is only one of many issues we are dealing with.

Cllr G Butler said that we have been chasing 4 new street lights to be done since last March and it gets very frustrating.

The couple thanked everyone for their time and left a contact number with the Clerk.

Cllr K Reynolds then said that to save wasting P.C.Sarah Smithson's time we can go to item 11.9 first for discussion.

P.C Sarah Smithson said that she had great concerns with the parking in Cleobury and from a Police point of view it is a nightmare. We have concentrated on the Zig Zags outside the Talbot in the main street which we can give a £60 fine and 3 points on their licence.

The main concern is the way people abandon vehicles opposite the bank on the pavement outside the Old Home. This causes a gridlock with the traffic and we should look at having double yellow lines and policing of it.

Also another issue is the new car park, how many spaces will there be?

Cllr M Reiner said that there will be 50 spaces.

PC Sarah Smithson also asked how many spaces would be for the new residents.

Cllr G Butler said that they will have their own separate parking.

Also from a previous meeting we have talked about the Bus stops and limited parking.

He said that the buses only cause 40 mins of congestion a day. The idea of restricted 9-5 parking would create more of a flow.

Also perhaps more powers can be given to the CSO to deal with illegal parking like on a double yellow line.

PC Sarah Smithson said that she has powers but Nick cannot.

Cllr G Butler said that after the new car park is completed we could have a good look at the issues with public consultation.

PC Sarah Smithson said that loading and unloading was another main concern and perhaps we should have a Drop off and Loading and Unloading bay.

Cllr G Butler said that the Parish council did suggest having a loading and unloading bay and was told it would be done by the Highways department.

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P C Sarah Smithson said that another issue raised with Glyn Shaw about Park right sending parking wardens to Cleobury Mortimer and Park right claimed that they have been to Cleobury 65 times when in fact they have only been 3 times in 3 years.

Also the speed limit coming into Cleobury from Tenbury Wells can have a buffer from 40mph to 30mph after the Parish raised the issue.

Cllr K Reynolds said thank you to Sarah but parking on the High street pavements is still going on.

PC Sarah Smithson said that it depends on whether the vehicle is parked partially on pavement or completely as long as you have free passage of the highway it is not illegal. You have to have some give and take.

Cllr K Reynolds said that he lives in the Furlongs and at night the pavements are littered with vehicles and there is no room for the disabled chariots to get past. Is parking on the pavements illegal or not?

Cllr G Butler said that there is a need for tickets to get things moving.

P C Smithson said that when most of the houses were built we didn't have 2-3 cars per family so that is why it is causing a problem now.

Cllr Ken Reynolds asked Sarah if she could please look into it and also on a Saturday and Sunday night can we have a Police presence in Cleobury Mortimer.

PC Smithson said that they have been here but it is difficult as Ludlow covers 400 square miles with a Sergeant and 2 constables which sometimes make it difficult.

Cllr Betty Davies said that she had just had the Sports Hall meeting and they have great concerns about the Skate Park and the rubbish including empty Vodka bottles.

PC Smithson said that you will never stop them drinking but looking to work on a ban. Young people have nowhere to go the skate park seems to be the place to go. We are looking at some kind of soundproofing and solar lighting. 14/15 and 16 year olds need somewhere to go and next year we hope to have a youth cafe.

Cllr B Davies asked Sarah if she had been down at the skate park at night.

PC Smithson said that you cannot stop people going down there.

Cllr B Davies said that the state of the park is terrible.

PC Smithson said that when she has been there at 10.30pm the litter was very bad, there needs to be a bin there.

Cllr G Butler said that there is £500 towards the lighting.

Cllr B Davies said that the older people are keeping the younger ones away.

Cllr K Reynolds said that the Youth Centre doesn't seem to be working.

PC Smithson said it is but the money is running out. Bewdley has a great youth cafe which is open at 7.30am

Cllr G Butler said that the cafe would be for everyone in the community to integrate, young and old.

PC Smithson said that the problems will not go away with more and more families coming into Cleobury.

Cllr G Butler said that the stats for crime in Cleobury were raised at the Local Joint Committee and from July last year to July this year was the lowest in Shropshire.

Cllr K Reynolds said that lots of people don't report problems. There was fighting at the Stable last Friday.

Cllr B Davies asked how many use the youth club.

PC Smithson said that the organisers are always out with the youth on a Saturday night.

Cllr D Brown said that they came to the last Local Joint Committee meeting.

Cllr G Butler said that the local Community Officer Nick has a good rapport with the youth and has helped with a lot of things.

PC Smithson said that the youth has no transport and they have nothing much to do in Cleobury, so if we can get the sponsorship and get a community centre with a pool table, screen to watch their own DVD's it will help.

Cllr M Reiner asked if they had any property lined up.

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PC Smithson said that they are looking now.

Cllr M Shingleton said that at a meeting in Craven Arms they ring fenced £5000 to extend out into the area; perhaps we could look at allocating some money from Precept.

Cllr K Reynolds asked if there was anything else for Sarah.

Cllr G Butler said that when the Market Hall was vacated it must be used for Community gain, so it could be an option.

Cllr K Reynolds said we could look at it, but if there was nothing else he would like to thank Sarah for her time and attending the meeting.

PC Sarah Smithson said thank you for invitation and left meeting.

11.2 To adopt the minutes of the meeting held 7th October 2009

Cllr M Reiner proposed and seconded by Cllr G Hainsworth **All in Favour RESOLVED.**

10.3 Matters arising from the minutes

Cllr M Shingleton said that the bus that the money was wanted for was to run from Cleobury into the surrounding areas.

Cllr G Hainsworth talked about the meeting regarding Harry Tuffins. He said that as a first timer at speaking on behalf of the Parish, he talked about what was important but next time he would be better prepared.

He said that parking was an issue and showing the new car park that was nothing to do with Tuffins, also he explained about the noise but little was made of it and also they had changed the deliveries to the other side of the site, and it has been deferred by the County Council.

Cllr M Shingleton said that it was the Southern Area not District Council but has been deferred for parking and height of buildings.

Cllr G Hainsworth said that if it was not for the Chairman having the casting vote it would have gone through.

Cllr M Shingleton said that they cannot keep the decision going on.

Cllr B Davies said that it will affect the houses local to the building and they could have looked at other sites.

Cllr G Carter said that it is fact that Tuffins have bought it and was there anything going on behind.

Cllr G Butler said that initially there was to be an underground car park among other things. Also we have to think about local jobs.

Cllr G Carter said that they will get people applying from Bridgenorth.

Cllr M Shingleton said that they looked at the back and parking and that is why it was deferred but eventually a decision will have to be made.

Cllr B Davies said that they must look at suitability.

Cllr K Reynolds asked what has our new car park got to do with Tuffins.

Cllr M Shingleton said that they have to take all the parking into consideration, but new car park is a public car park.

Cllr G Hainsworth said that they looked at the new car park as if it was a part of Tuffins.

Cllr B Davies said that Tuffins should have looked at buying a bigger site and not a small garage.

Cllr K Reynolds asked if there was anything else.

Cllr G Hainsworth asked that when it was brought up again would we have the same rights to speak.

Cllr M Shingleton said yes any interested party as well as a councillor.

Cllr K Reynolds said that if there was nothing else we will move on.

11.4 Parish Matters

Cllr G Butler Said that the Wells dried up on Friday. He e-mailed problem to take into account the Business Centre and Child road that was doing work.

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Cllr G Carter asked what implications there were for the contractors.

Cllr G Butler said that we could not answer that question yet.

There then followed a general discussion.

Cllr M Reiner said that there was a big problem with dog fouling and he saw a lady in Ronhill lane picked up her dogs mess and threw it in someone's hedge. We need more signs.

Cllr M Shingleton asked if we have a bylaw.

Cllr G Butler said that Heidi Steel from Street Clean has powers to come out and issue tickets.

Cllr D Brown said that at the Local Joint Committee meeting it was raised that Viola was not collecting the rubbish from private roads and lanes. Have we any? If so can we make a list for the LJC?

Cllr K Reynolds mentioned Pinkham.

Cllr B Davies said that she wanted to thank Matt for all the work in keeping everyone up to date and sorting problems.

Cllr G Hansworth asked that with the information about the 30mph sign on the Tenbury road could Matt let Glyn know to carry on and sort out the 40mph buffer sign.

Cllr G Carter talked about the donation of the Millennium tree and where to put it. Can a few councillors get together and decide where it is to go.

Cllr G Butler said that the Cemetery would be the best place.

Cllr K Reynolds said that Pinkham lane does not get the road sweeper sweeping the road and has been told by Mr Howard Broom a resident.

Matt said he would chase it up with Highways.

11.5 Correspondence and Reports

Cllr B Davies Said that that she had just been to the Sports Hall meeting and the Skate Park and they need help to clean the area.

Cllr G Butler said that Street Clean should be contacted.

Cllr K Reynolds said that that chap that cleans our streets will be made redundant at the end of the year.

Matt will look into it.

Cllr D Brown said that the LJC has earmarked £5,000 for the youth forum.

Also can Matt pass out copies of the affordable housing sheet for the next meeting?

11.6 Planning Applications

Cllr B Davies declared a personal interest in Dunhill.

PLANNING REFERENCE : 09/02997/TCA

DEVELOPMENT : To carry out various works to trees within Cleobury Mortimer Conservation Area

LOCATION : 39 High Street, Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire, DY14 SDH,

Cllr M Reiner said that he was against the application to cut the trees down and Seconded by Cllr B Davies.

Cllr G Butler explained that the application was only to trim back the branches and reduce the size of the trees as they were obstructing telephone lines and hanging over the property next door.

Cllr G Butler proposed yes and was seconded by Cllr D Brown.

Voted 6 FOR 1 AGAINST 1 ABSTAINED. **RESOLVED.**

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PLANNING REFERENCE 09/02893/FUL
DEVELOPMENT Formation of separate self-contained living unit; internal and external alterations in association with internal re-Arrangement to public house.
LOCATION Old Lion Inn, 30 Lower St Cleobury Mortimer DY14 8AB
This was discussed and the Parish had no objections. All in favour **RESOLVED**

PLANNING REFERENCE 09/02894/LBC
DEVELOPMENT Internal and external alterations in association with Internal re-arrangement to public house together with Formation of separate self-contained living unit.
LOCATION Old Lion Inn, 30 Lower St Cleobury Mortimer DY14 8AB

This was discussed and the Parish had no objections. All in favour **RESOLVED**

PLANNING REFERENCE 09/02901/AGR
DEVELOPMENT Prior notification of erection of agricultural building for Storage of hay, straw and implements.
LOCATION Lower Dudnill Farm, Cleobury Mortimer DY14 0DH

This was discussed and the Parish had no objections. All in favour **RESOLVED**

11.7 Financial Matters and Accounts for Payment

Cllr G Carter raised the issue of extras being charged on an invoice from P J Contractors.
Cllr M Reiner said that we never approved the cleaning of the cross.
Cllr K Reynolds said that he approved the cleaning.
Cllr G Carter said that the benches should have a separate Invoice.
Matt said that because of the VAT issue it must be re done and he would sort it out.
Cllr M Shingleton said that there was a figure of £50,000 grant and 70% was £38,000 towards cost.
Cllr G Butler said that £38,000 was not correct figure as we will not have all the money but some of it.
Cllr K Reynolds said that Lisa Bedford did.
Cllr G Butler explained that everything was for community gain and the total cost of the new Cacti would cost a total of £50,000 and they are £10,000 short.
He said that he and Cllr M Shingleton had a meeting with Lisa and it must be done by March 2010. In the precept there is also £5,000 allocated towards the Cross, so if we ask for £28,000 towards the memorial cross then Lisa will have the 10,000 for the cctv which makes the money spent all for community gain, which will also secure another £40,000 for next year.
All the money goes back into Cleobury Mortimer, and we must spend it.
Cllr G Butler proposed that we ask Lisa Bedford for £28,000 seconded by Cllr G Hainsworth. VOTED All in favour **RESOLVED**.

11.8 Cleobury Clarion Annual Review (Jim Reynolds)

Cllr G Carter said that the job was very time consuming and was a lot of work, and Jim does a good job.
Cllr D Brown proposed that that it was kept running for another 6 months.

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Cllr B Davies proposed that it was amended to 12 months and so too did Cllr G Butler. Cllr D Brown changed her proposal to 12 months, seconded by Cllr M Reiner.

VOTED ALL IN FAVOUR. RESOLVED.

11.9 Cleobury Parking (Sarah Smithson Police)

This was discussed earlier moved on to next item.

11.10 Banners (e-mail Lesley Burnside)

Cllr M Reiner asked was it temporary or all year round.

Cllr M Shingleton said that there may be a planning issue, will the banners be flexible.

Cllr K Reynolds said that they would be solid.

Cllr G Butler said that we would need to agree site position and subject to correct approvals like planning.

Cllr G Butler proposed agreed Cllr D Brown seconded

VOTED All in favour RESOLVED.

11.11 HGV Sign (G Carter)

Cllr G Carter said that the sign where it is situated is causing a lot of problems, but not keen on us paying £350 for a new sign.

Cllr K Reynolds said that perhaps it is something Cllr M Shingleton could push.

Cllr G Hainsworth said that we have the sign in the car park, can we move it?

Cllr G Butler said that he has asked but we are having a total review of the traffic and not sure that a small sign will be taken notice of. We should do it over when the consultation is taking place.

Cllr G Butler said it is a waste of time where it is.

Cllr G Butler said can Matt look into moving it up by the island.

11.12 Donation (e-mail Flo Hadley)

Cllr G Butler said that it is vital we support local things like this for the children.

There was a general discussion and everyone agreed that the amount asked for of £15 was not enough and was increased to £25 to get vouchers for the children as prizes for their work which will be put on the railings outside St Mary's church.

Cllr G Butler proposed seconded by Cllr G Hainsworth. Voted All in Favour **RESOLVED.**

11.13 Shed for Fire Station (Cllr G Butler)

Cllr G Butler said that we need to write to the Fire Station to see what size shed is required and how many sandbags needed.

Cllr K Reynolds said that he still thinks that they would be better located at the back of the Market Hall.

Cllr G Butler said that as the Fire Service would be best to distribute and therefore that would be better for access.

VOTED ALL IN FAVOUR. RESOLVED.

11.14 New Waste Bins (Matt Sheehan)

Matt Sheehan Explained that we have had requests for new bins. One large one in the skate park, 2 dog mess bins on the path from the skate park to the Catherton road and 1 bin opposite the Cemetery at the end of the path for dog mess.

VOTED ALL IN FAVOUR. RESOLVED.

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11.15 Update Payroll Software (Matt Sheehan)

Matt explained that he has looked and trialled the free software downloaded from the HMRC website, but it has proved not to be free as after 6 months you have to obtain a registration key for £50 a year.

After extensive research through a lot of the companies listed on their website I have found one that does everything we require for £10 per annum.

Proposed by Cllr D Brown and seconded by Cllr G Hainsworth

All in favour **RESOLVED.**

11.16 Wreath Remembrance Day (Matt Sheehan)

Matt explained that the Parish pay every year £100 to buy a wreath for remembrance day and he required the parish to ok the cheque, also it may need reviewing.

There was a general discussion and it was agreed that next year we review the amount donated because of cost.

VOTED ALL IN FAVOUR RESOLVED.

11.17 Streetlights with timers (Matt Sheehan)

Matt explained that we have 12 streetlights with timers that are costing us money every time we have a power cut as they have to be re set.

He has repeatedly e-mailed and phoned for costing but they have not been forthcoming so we cannot proceed without costs.

Cllr B Davies said we can put it on the agenda for the next meeting.

11.18 Cemetery Mound (Cllr K Reynolds)

Cllr K Reynolds said that he has a quote from Purslow to remove the mound of rubble which is an eyesore and 2 verbal quotes.

Matt said that we need 3 written quotes before we can proceed, he would get in touch with the other 2 to obtain written quotes.

Cllr G Carter said that the Chairman has obituary powers and it must be done by 30th of November.

VOTED ALL IN FAVOUR

10.19 Memorial Garden Opening (Cllr K Reynolds)

Cllr K Reynolds explained that he had organised Colin Terry to open the new memorial garden on the 7th November.

He said we require drinks and something to eat in the Market Hall after and knows of someone to supply coffee and sandwiches.

What amount should we spend. Is £50 acceptable.

Cllr M Reiner proposed that was acceptable and was seconded by Cllr G Carter

VOTED ALL IN FAVOUR

11.20 Church Walk (Cllr K Reynolds)

Cllr K Reynolds said that the Church walk still needs to be cut back and suggested that the councillors had a walk up with him and take a look at the problem, which they all did.

Matt said that Mrs Ireland had done some work and he had issued letters after knocking on doors first. But the residents wanted proof that the boundary was theirs.

It was ongoing.

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.40pm

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN) DATE