

CLEOBURY MORTIMER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING of the CLEOBURY MORTIMER PARISH COUNCIL held at the Market Hall on Monday 12th APRIL 2010 at 7.30pm.

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

Clerk: Mr M Sheehan

Parishioners: Mark Greaves St Marys Youth, Mr & Mrs Thorougood, Youth club members and Sarah Smithson (Police)

Cllr K Reynolds welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if Mark Greaves would like to speak.

Mark started by introducing himself as a youth leader who represents the Pioneer centre and St Mary's church from 2008.

They meet at the Parish Hall on a Tuesday evenings and at present they have over 40 members and average 21 a week.

He explained that they did some community work in Nash and is eager to show that young people are not all bad and as part of the community would like to help.

Cllr D Brown explained about the Cleobury Fringe planned for September and asked if the youth had anything planned for that month or would they like to organise something.

The next meeting was set for 26th April if he could attend.

Cllr B Davies explained that the Parish Hall was available on a certain day in September for free to have events.

Cllr K Reynolds said that 11th September was the free day event. Also if the youth were interested to help, what about cleaning the Wells as a project, as at present it is a disgrace, and needs to be brought up to standard.

Mark said yes they would like to do that and also perhaps paint the play area items.

The Clerk said that Public Liability Insurance would have to be looked at.

Cllr G Butler asked if they had Public Liability Insurance.

Mark said that they did.

Cllr K Reynolds thanked Mark Greaves for speaking and asked if there was anyone else who wanted to speak.

There was a group of youth who wanted to speak about the Skate Park and they went on to read out the following:

We are a group of young people who have got together with help of the youth forum and we are here to express our views about the skate park.

We understand that at the present time there is an issue of ownership and who takes responsibility of the skate park.

There has been some bad press in relation to users of the skate park. We as a group are here today to explain to members of the parish council the importance of maintaining the use of the skate park for skateboarders. Sadly those who have used the skate park for other purposes such as drinking have labelled us all and caused problems for those who use it for its correct purpose.

As regular Skate Park users we would like to explain how we feel we can move it forward.

We have formed a group and are committed to the safety and development of the Skate Park and to raise the profile of young and responsible people.

As a group we have decided that the following issues need to be raised about the park:

In the short term:

Cameras and lighting. Ground level solar lights around the paths so that it is not a completely dark area anymore and more people would use it at night, therefore making anti social behaviour less likely and less appealing for those who wish to drink alcohol. The camera system needs updating, so that any anti social behaviour issues can be dealt with at once. We do understand there would be a cost involved. We also believe we should have access to a broom and dustpan at the leisure centre so we can clean up any broken glasses or spills, to help prevent any further injuries. Even though this is the responsibility of whoever maintains the park, at the moment we pick up broken glass by hand and think a dustpan and broom would be safer.

In the long term:

We feel there is a NEED for fencing around the skate park area, similar to the one around the Astroturf, with a lock to stop people using the skate park inappropriately, members of the skate park group to be responsible with opening and closing, there should also be regular health and safety checks on the skate parks equipment, to make sure it is up to regulation standards and to help prevent any unwanted injuries or accidents.

We also plan to train members of the group in first aid so there are first aiders at the park at most popular times.

In the long term the overall control of the skate park should be by committee formed by members of this group as well as interested members of the public. This committee would also find grants and funding, to maintain the park and pay for any cost incurred.

Since the skate park has been open incidents of anti social behaviour have dropped, there are no longer groups of young people skating on the streets, or standing around in doorways and there has been no damage to the surrounding areas around the skate park, the only main issues or problems with the area has been litter and noise which hopefully will be resolved by the planting of trees along the caravan side. The litter problem would be helped by more bins. It also provides vital exercise for young people who do not enjoy traditional sports and exercise; the best part of all this is it is free! And it goes along with the government initiative for change for life.

At this time the skate park has a very high profile from different areas of the country such as Bristol, Plymouth, Church Stretton, Craven Arms, Shrewsbury, Kidderminster, Bewdley and Ireland. This is not only good for the skate park but also good for Cleobury economy.

We would thank the Council for listening to what we have to say.

Cllr K Reynolds thanked them for speaking and said that it could not be discussed now but perhaps it could be an Agenda item for the next meeting.

The Parish Councillors then moved on to the meeting.

04.0 Apologies for Absence

Cllr K Woodfield. Reason: Teaching in Worcester.

04.1 Declaration of Interests

Cllr J Griffiths Item 04.10

04.2 To adopt the minutes of the meeting held 12th April 2010

Cllr J Griffiths corrected the mistake in the Draft that with regard to the Bus Stop it was stated incorrectly that in item 03.4 Parish Matters that Phil Turner was not the Chairman but was someone he could talk to about the Bus Stop.

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04.3 Matters arising from the minutes

Cllr G Butler talked about the land by the Church, that there is a grant available for 10 to £15,000 but the Community grant will not be around for long and when it has gone it may be 10-15 years before it is available again.

Cllr M Reiner requested Cllr G Butler explain what area was he talking about.

Cllr G Butler explained that it was from the Church Wall to the memorial garden.

He said that it needs firstly Parish Council support and second £1,000 to pay for Architect.

Cllr M Reiner asked what else we have to pay.

Cllr G Butler said that we had allowed £5,000 for Economic Development in Precept.

Cllr K Reynolds said that perhaps it could be an Agenda item for next meeting.

Cllr G Hainsworth said that as Gwilym was here now we should discuss it.

Cllr G Butler said that we could use Tom Brettell and also Stuart Mumford.

Cllr K Reynolds said that he was not in favour of doing work on sacred burial ground, which opposite the Parish Hall would have been the perfect site.

Cllr G Butler said that we also have to consider the viability of the Market Hall.

Cllr D Brown said that we should have a subcommittee of the Parish Council to work with a subcommittee of the Market Hall Trustees.

Cllr K Reynolds said that we had a bench and table put at the rear of the churchyard and it has been set on fire on the table and looks a mess.

Cllr G Hainsworth said that that is at the back of the church and out of sight.

At this point it was suggested to go outside and look at the plot proposed which all the councillors did.

When back inside Cllr G Butler suggested talking to Tom Brettell and if needed talk to the Clerk and arrange an extraordinary meeting.

Cllr B Davies said that perhaps we should do a straw poll for idea.

Cllr G Butler said that he could ask Tom to come to the meeting.

Cllr K Reynolds said that he agreed with the Idea in principal but was totally against disturbing burial ground.

Cllr G Butler said that there was no funding for private proposals.

Cllr D Brown asked about the cut off point for burials, but she supports the idea and takes on board what was said by Cllr K Reynolds about disturbing anything.

Cllr B Davies also agreed.

Cllr J Griffiths said that he was against doing things close to the church.

Cllr M Reiner said that he was divided and would abstain.

Cllr D Brown said that Cleobury Mortimer is a Market Town and it would be nice to get the Market back in Cleobury.

Cllr K Reynolds said that we should leave it for a special meeting.

Cllr G Butler said that he would talk to Tom Brettell.

04.4 Parish Matters

Cllr M Reiner said that there were bad Pot holes in the Furlongs Road and up the Hurst.

The Clerk said that he had reported them but would check again.

Cllr G Butler asked about the sign for Mortimer Hill and also the litter problem from Mawley Oak garage to the Worcestershire border past the Blount.

The Clerk said that he would chase them up.

Cllr J Griffiths asked about the ivy on the wall opposite the Parish Hall.

The Clerk explained that he had been in touch with Ashley from the Vicarage and the Diesis in Hereford and was promised a call back. He would chase again.

Cllr G Hainsworth asked about the new car park and why it wasn't handed over as the lights are completed.

The Clerk will check and report back.

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Cllr G Butler explained about the new toilets, that the contract had expired to build them and it had to be put out again.

Cllr B Davies was concerned about the big Biffa bin in the Talbot yard that was overflowing and the bin outside the Post Office.

The Clerk said that he had reported the bin in the Talbot yard to Street Scene and was told it would be gone by Friday. He would look into the other issue.

Cllr K Reynolds talked about the youth being prepared to clean up the Wells and it should be an Agenda item for next meeting

The Clerk asked about the problem at the Cemetery now Purslows have cleared the rubbish mound. Especially for grass cuttings and excess soil and turf from graves.

The subject of skips was then talked about and Cllr G Butler said that we could put A skip in the Cemetery as other cemeteries have commercial bins with lids.

Cllr K Reynolds said that we could get a mini skip for £93.50 plus VAT until it is full, no time limit.

Cllr G Butler said that we need to look at providing community skips. If there was a skip by the Horticultural Society for garden waste could be part of the community scheme killing 2 birds with 1 stone.

Perhaps a local farmer may supply a trailer.

Cllr D Brown said that the only reservation was to have it in Public view.

Cllr M Reiner said that it would be inside the new gates.

Cllr G Butler said that we would have to have a will be prosecuted sign to stop wrong items being dumped.

Cllr K Reynolds said that we need another 2 quotes for skips.

The Clerk will obtain the quotes.

0.5 Correspondence and Reports

Cllr D Brown said that the LJC meeting was well attended but when the next meeting is in Cleobury again we need more councillors to attend as there was only Ken, Gwilym, Mike and Debbie.

They had presentations from Viola discussing UN adopted roads and if anyone knows of any UN adopted roads that waste is not being collected to let Clerk know.

They talked about Recycling and kerbside collection of plastics, which has already started in the north of the county and is working.

Matrix medical talked but it was nothing we don't already know.

Also we have used the £2500 earmarked for projects so have transferred some money from the bigger pot to fill the gap.

Cllr G Butler said that he has talked to Bridget Carey about the new houses in Childe Road and there were 285 applications for 12 houses and all went as per the Policy. So pleased our intervention worked.

On 10th May there is a meeting about future allocations of land at 4pm in the Cleobury Mortimer Sports and Social Club.

I have to urge the Parish Council that we have to respond to documents. There is a lot more owns on the Chairman and Parish Clerk and a lot more responsibility.

Cllr G Hainsworth said that we need a Parish Plan.

Cllr G Butler said that there will have to be allowances for the Chairman with more work involved.

Cllr K Reynolds said that Justin had given us advice to chase the Muller land.

Cllr G Butler said he was waiting to find out why the land hasn't been transferred and there is no reason why it hasn't been enforced.

The Clerk explained about a request received by e-mail to put posters up in Cleobury Mortimer by the Conservative party.

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After some discussion it was agreed by everyone to let them go ahead and let any other party have the same as long as they are taken down after.

04.6 Planning Applications

None

04.7 Financial Matters and Accounts for Payment

Cllr K Reynolds proposed, Seconded by Cllr D Brown, voted all in favour **RESOLVED.**

04.8 Risk Assessment (Cllr G Hainsworth)

Cllr G Hainsworth said that after the councillor training it showed that we are lacking in our Risk Assessments. We should have checks on the electrical equipment at the Clerks home as well as a risk assessment as he works from home. There is so much more we need to look at.

Cllr G Butler said that Cleobury Mortimer is getting bigger and we need to be more aware.

Cllr B Davies said that years ago there was energy planning

Cllr K Reynolds said that Risk Assessments can be a big thing.

After a little discussion the council moved on.

04.9 Community Skips (Cllr G Butler)

Cllr G Butler said that the community skip went through cabinet last week to be withdrawn because of the Landfill Tax with cost implications in excess of £12,000.

He went on to explain that there is a grant of £3,000 to take over community skips and he had a meeting with Tom Brettell and Shropshire Furniture Scheme.

We have to be careful skip going to landfill in case of hazardous waste, and we could be heavily fined.

Cllr B Davies said that she was not happy that we lost the skip.

Cllr G Butler said that in all fly tipping cases 95% was commercial waste which was not allowed in the skip anyway and when withdrawn from other areas have not been an issue.

Cllr G Butler said that is now up to the Parish council to provide an alternative.

Cllr K Reynolds asked about cost.

Cllr G Butler said that the skip should cost £100-£180 month.

Cllr D Brown said that through a newsletter we should let people know about recycling.

Cllr G Butler said that we need a better service.

There were some more discussions and it was decided to get some quotes for a week day and a Saturday for manned skips

Clerk to find out.

Cllr B Davies proposed that we write a letter to show our disappointment. Seconded by Cllr M Reiner Voted In Favour 3 Against 4 **RESOLVED.**

04.10 Parish Notice Board (Clerk)

The Clerk said that he had given everyone the information that was required to make a decision on 3 questions because the notice board had been put up without the Parish Councils approval.

He would therefore request that the Parish Council discuss and make resolutions on the following issues.

- **HAPPY WITH LOCATION? IF NOT WHERE?**
- **WHO SHOULD HAVE DECISION OF NOTICES DISPLAYED?**
- **WHO ARE THE KEYHOLDERS?**

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He explained that he had discussed it with Cllr K Reynolds and cleared the air and also had a phone call from Mrs Griffiths about the Notice board and was happy with the outcome of that.

Cllr G Hainsworth said that we had discussed where to put the notice board and the Market Hall was discussed.

Cllr K Reynolds said that the Market Hall had notices all round.

Cllr D Brown said that on Rock notice board it says Parish Notice Board and we should have our name on ours.

There was a brief discussion about who to get to do the sign writing.

The three questions were answered as follows.

1/ ***All Happy with Location***

2/ ***Chairman and Clerk together***

3/ ***Chairman and Clerk***

Voted All in Favour RESOLVED.

04.11 Childe Road Streetlight (Clerk)

The Clerk explained that he had noticed that the streetlight that was taken down by Bromford half way up Childe Road had been replaced but not in the same place. He had questioned the site manager who said that they had put it by the house at the entrance of the new car park.

He therefore was concerned and wanted to know what the Parish Council wanted him to do about it.

After a brief discussion it was decided by the Council to leave it for now.

04.12 Cemetery (Fees, Grass Cutting, AYE) (Clerk)

The Clerk first explained that the Cemetery fees had not been increased for a long time and we had fallen behind other cemeteries.

Cllr D Brown said that we should do a comparison with other cemeteries.

Clerk to get information.

Next the Clerk explained that now the rubbish mound had been taken away from the Cemetery, there was a problem with where to put the grass cuttings and excess from the graves, but if we are getting a skip we needed a short time solution. Can we put it in a place by the old shed for now?

The councillors agreed.

The Clerk then discussed PAYE for the employee looking after the Cemetery and what needed to be done now to bring the council up to date.

04.13 Quality Status, Public speaking (Clerk)

The Clerk explained that as we are going for Quality status we needed to sort out on the Agenda about Public speaking that it needed to be on the Agenda to avoid confusion. He handed out an example from SALC.

Cllr D Brown also said that the meetings also tend to go on late

Cllr G Butler proposed also starting at 7.00pm Seconded by Cllr D Brown.

Voted on both together

Voted 5 in Favour 1 Against 1 Abstained. RESOLVED.

04.14 Flag Man (Cllr M Reiner)

Cllr M Reiner explained that he had been the flag man for a long time and because of commitments could no longer do the job.

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Cllr K Reynolds thanked him for all the work over the years. He said that perhaps we should ask the British Legion; also Graham Phillips was interested so the Clerk should ask him.

At this point Cllr B Davies made her apologies and left the meeting.

04.15 Parish Plan (Cllr G Hainsworth)

Cllr G Hainsworth said that we should be all working together and get a Parish plan, and explained that it is something else we need to look at.

Cllr D Brown said that we should ask Tom Brettell for help

At this point Cllr M Reiner left the meeting.

04.16 Parish Website (Cllr G Hainsworth)

Cllr G Hainsworth said that our website is out of date and needs a lot of work.

The Clerk explained that he had problems getting in touch with the person doing the site and had to keep leaving messages, also the person has changed who is doing the site.

With chasing everything else it is difficult and needs time.

He also said that he has been told we could get a free website from the County and link the site. At least we would have help.

Cllr D Brown said that the period of time was coming to an end.

The Clerk will look into it.

The Clerk also pointed out that when Cleobury Country moves out of the Market Hall they will take the Broadband with them, so that issue needs to be addressed.

To be raised at the next Market Hall meeting.

04.17 Festival Update (Cllr K Reynolds)

Cllr D Brown gave an update from last meeting that everything was going well and the calendar was being updated with more events.

Cllr G Hainsworth said that they need the information from Cllr K Reynolds about the Pub events and Bowls.

It was also said that the Market Hall and the Parish Hall can be used and there is a Craft fair booked at the Parish Hall.

Cllr D Brown mentioned the food and cider fair at Nash all day and evening.

Cllr G Hainsworth mentioned that the bunting would cost £226 and Sunshine Radio for the day would cost £900 to £1,000.

Cllr D Brown said that there needs subcommittee to deal with things.

Cllr J Griffiths said that the Cricket would not want any funding.

Cllr K Reynolds said that a date should be set and subcommittee set up.

Cllr G Hainsworth said he would do it. Also Cllr K Reynolds and Cllr D Brown.

Cllr G Butler proposed the subcommittee and this was seconded by Cllr J Griffiths.

Voted All in Favour **RESOLVED.**

Meeting for subcommittee set for Friday 23rd April 2010.

MEETING CLOSED AT 10.05 pm

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN) DATE

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Minutes of the EXTRAORDINARY MEETING of the CLEOBURY MORTIMER PARISH COUNCIL held at the Market Hall on Monday 28th APRIL 2010 at 7.00pm.

PRESENT: Cllr K. Reynolds (Chairman), B. Davies, M Reiner, K Woodfield
G Hainsworth, J Griffiths, G Butler.

Clerk: Mr M Sheehan

Parishioners: None Present

4E.1 Apologies for Absence

Cllr D Brown Reason: Working

4E.2 Declaration of Interests

Cllr J Griffiths Item 4E.3 CCTV Prejudicial

Cllr G Butler item 4E.3 CCTV Prejudicial

4E.3 CCTV (Cllr G Butler)

Cllr G Butler said that the funding was £40,000 to install the CCTV system, and the computer hardware should be located in the Market Hall in the Clerks room.

All those costs were covered but we cannot put the cameras on poles so they have to go on properties in the main street, Post Office, Kings Arms, Market Hall for example.

The implications for this is that the servicing and maintenance will be done by Shropshire Council but the cost of the electricity which will be less than £3 a week, £150 a year will need to be met by the Parish Council.

Cllr K Reynolds said what about the Talbot Square.

Cllr G Butler said that we could always add to them after.

Cllr G Hainsworth said that we have been told that the ducting was put in the main street when the enhancement was done.

Cllr M Reiner said that it would be good for the community.

Cllr G Butler and Cllr J Griffiths left the room so it could be discussed and voted on.

Cllr B Davies said that she was concerned because one should be put in the Talbot square.

Cllr M Reiner said that it could be added on.

Cllr B Davies said that it will move the trouble off the main streets to the back streets.

Cllr G Hainsworth said that provisions were made for the power supply and it doesn't include the Talbot Square but it can be looked at later

Cllr K Woodfield said that we have to start somewhere.

Cllr G Hainsworth proposed that it was accepted and seconded by Cllr M Reiner.

Cllr B Davies said that she wanted an amendment that it would be reviewed in 6 months. This was seconded by Cllr K Woodfield.

Cllr M Reiner said that we should approve what we came to do.

Cllr K Reynolds said that we could approve now and look at again in 6 months.

Cllr B Davies proposed and was seconded by Cllr K Woodfield voted 2 for and 3 against. Then the original proposal was put that we agree the payment of the electricity and can review in 6 months.

This was proposed by Cllr G Hainsworth and seconded by Cllr M Reiner **Voted 3 for and 2 Against RESOLVED.**

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Cllr G Butler and Cllr J Griffiths was brought back into the room.

Cllr K Reynolds informed Cllr G Butler of the decision.

4E.4 Market Square community fund (Cllr G Butler)

Cllr G Butler said that he had been talking to Tom Brettell and had come up with a solution but for funding we need to start the application before 15th June.

He said that Tom Brettell can do this in principal as long as he has an outline of what we can do. He would also go to the Market Hall trustees. It is suggested that the path down past the church to the Wells is done the same as the front of the Market Hall to match.

The idea is to build a small platform wall around the grassed area so as not to disturb the ground. It will be a platform for the band to play on.

A rough cost for the work would be £30,000 and if we can get a community grant for £25,000 then the remainder could be split between the LJC and the Parish Council.

What we would be doing is investing £2,500 with a prospect of £27,000 spent.

We also need confirmation in principal to use Stuart Mumford as he was the Architect for the Memorial.

Cllr B Davies said that it would not be like the Memorial as we had control.

Cllr G Butler said that Tom would work with us helping to find the funds.

Cllr B Davies said we should vote who we should use.

Cllr G Butler said that going back to the Memorial Gardens that the only one interested was a local Architect but can go out for tender. Also that the ethos of the LJC was to use within the area and it can be seen as an addition to the Memorial Gardens, so it would make sense to use same Architect.

Cllr K Reynolds said that he was still not happy working on consecrated ground.

Cllr M Reiner said that we could just take the grass off.

Cllr J Griffiths said that we could use decking if strong enough.

Cllr G Butler said that we would have to maintain that but can ask Architect to look at all options.

Cllr B Davies said it would help the Church for Christmas.

Cllr K Woodfield said that it is a good idea but in keeping with the Church.

Cllr G Butler said that this may be the last chance to get a grant.

Cllr B Davies said that we spent all money on Library and this could be what people want.

Cllr G Butler said that we could control at first but once completed it can be used with the Market Hall which would be an asset.

Cllr G Butler proposed to go ahead and was seconded by Cllr G Hainsworth.

Cllr K Reynolds proposed an Amendment that we don't touch consecrated ground which was seconded by Cllr J Griffiths. **Voted 2 For and 5 Against.**

Cllr G Butler proposed original proposal again Seconded by Cllr G Hainsworth.

Voted 5 For and 2 Against, RESOLVED.

4E.5 Recycling Update (Cllr G Butler)

Cllr G Butler said that we are moving forward with Tom Brettell finding £3,000 grant to help and the Horticultural Society, Shropshire Furniture Scheme and Scrap metal dealers sorted.

Cllr B Davies pointed out that some people don't have a green bin.

Cllr G Butler said that we need to decide where to have the skips for 2 hours and when.

Cllr B Davies said that it could be at the school for 2 hours after the school closed.

Cllr K Reynolds asked how long is the funding available.

Cllr G Butler said that with the Horticultural Society it could be self funding and we need to look at similar locations like Craven Arms and Bridgenorth.

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Cllr B Davies said that she objects to the use of the pull in outside the Cemetery.

Cllr M Reiner agreed that the Cemetery would be a disaster.

Cllr B Davies said that By the Sports and Social club would be best place.

Cllr J Griffiths asked if the recycle units will be staying there.

Cllr G Butler said that the plastics one will go as it will be a doorstep collection.

What we need is 1 skip for Landfill, 1 skip for Grass cuttings, and wood, 1 Metal collector and the Shropshire Furniture Scheme.

Cllr K Woodfield said that the School would be better as Talbot Square would be a nightmare.

Cllr B Davies said that she would prefer by Sports and Social Club.

Cllr G Butler said that we could send out fliers to everyone but can we agree in principal to start things moving.

Cllr G Butler Proposed Seconded by Cllr B Davies **Voted 4 in Favour, 1 Against, 2 Abstained RESOLVED.**

MEETING CLOSED AT 8.00 pm

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN) DATE