



Cleobury Mortimer Parish Council

Annual Report 2014/15



Chairman's Report

The Annual Report gives me an opportunity to reflect on the achievements of the Parish Council over the last twelve months.

It has been quite a year with the Parish Council having to make difficult decisions to enable our community to keep its amenities going forward, while Shropshire Council has to continue to make savings.

We have now taken possession of the new toilets on Childe Road and are in the process of taking on the Skate Park and surrounding area and the play area next to the Primary school. We have also been asked to look at taking on three other play areas in the town.

With this extra responsibility it was necessary to appoint an additional member of staff to undertake the maintenance of the toilet block and we welcomed the appointment of Mr. Derek Pead.

The Parish Council has also joined a scheme that enables local unemployed people to undertake voluntary work whilst on job search and we now have two volunteer workers from the Job Centre, as well as our two local volunteers of Mrs Sandra Ozals and Josh Coombs.

Capital Receipt money of £103,000 from the sale of the Parish Council land to Matrix for the new Medical Centre is still being granted to number of community led proposals.

In the last year, Toby Kirkby and Paul French have joined us as our newest co-opted Councillors. Both have settled in very well and are making a valued contribution to the team which is now at full strength.

Projects we are very actively promoting are the Community Crime Reduction Group, the WW1 Group and a parking issues group; all of which involve members of the community to address concerns, whilst working with other organisations and community groups.

As a final reflection on the last year, I would like to say how delighted I am with the progress that we have made, working with many more individuals and groups making Cleobury Mortimer a better place to live.

Sean Thorogood

Chairman, Cleobury Mortimer Parish Council

Skate Park and Cleobury Park Area

The Parish Council have recently agreed to take ownership of Cleobury Park and Skate Park. The site, located between the Caravan Park and the Rugby pitch, is to come under the ownership of the Parish Council who will be responsible for its maintenance and upkeep. Covering almost two acres, the park has a long circuit of path ways suitable for dog walking or budding runners, or simply to enjoy a relaxing walk amongst the trees away from all distractions. £3,000 from the Parish Councils Capital Receipt Fund has been allocated to Cleobury Mortimer Youth Partnership who have offered to oversee the upgrading of the skate park, replacing each wooden ramp top. This is a fantastic asset for the community. Go and see it for yourself and spread the word. Let's get people Using the area!



New Medical Centre



Medical Centre Complete

The new Medical Centre is complete and open to the public. The facility is as impressive on the inside as it is on the outside, and will provide the community with a great venue to deliver medical services for years to come. It is also the new home of the pharmacy, which has moved from its home in the High Street. Councillors attended the official opening of the Medical Centre on the 18th July 2014. Not only has the community gained a state of the art medical centre, but also £103,000 from the sale of the land for Community use.

Cleobury Crime Reduction Group

The Parish Council have worked alongside members of the public, the police, local businesses, and the schools to create the Cleobury Crime Reduction Group (CCRG). The group aims to highlight local issues, primarily antisocial behaviour, and work with other community groups to try and resolve the issue. Various local businesses are involved in the group, including representatives from the local public houses and shopkeepers in order to expand the network of people involved. If you wish to get involved in the group, please contact the Parish Clerk. We Need members!

CCTV Grant Success

The Parish Council have been successful in their application for a major grant to extend the town's CCTV system. £11,500 has been awarded to Cleobury Mortimer as part of a countywide application totally over £46,000 from the Police and Crime Commissioners Fund. This will allow us to considerably extend the current system, which has already been incredibly useful, providing much wider coverage across the town. The Parish Council will work with the necessary professionals to get the new CCTV up and running as soon as possible. This is a tremendous achievement. It highlights the Parish Council's commitment to increasing investment in Cleobury and adding value to the Council's statutory roles. Thanks to Matt Sheehan (Parish Clerk), Vicky Turner (Community Enablement Officer) and all Councillors who Helped to make this possible.

Smart Water Support

The Parish Council has also been successful in achieving a £1,600 SmartWater grant. This will be administered by the newly formed Cleobury Crime Reduction group, a committee of publicans, councillors, police officers and members of the public dedicated to reducing and preventing crime in the community. If you would like to become involved in this group, please contact the Parish Clerk. The next meeting will be advertised locally when confirmed.

Report from the Joint Working Group for Commemoration of World War 1

There have been more meetings to date between representatives of the Parish Council, the Cleobury Mortimer branch of the British Legion and St. Mary's church. The booklet with biographical information on the local men who died and whose names are commemorated on our memorial cross were passed out to School children of the Parish and elderly residents.

The group are currently looking to site a memorial plaque on the Market Hall to commemorate all local people who gave service in WW1.



New Public Toilets

Another big project and much needed addition to the town was the building of the new public toilets, which were officially taken over on April 19th 2013 and located in Childe Road next to the free car park.

Funding costs of over £100,000 were secured with the help of our unitary councillor Gwilym Butler.

We have used the last 12 months to make sure some initial problems and also parishioners concerns brought to us, were addressed, corrected promptly and we are now happy with the result.

These new toilets were an added but worthwhile cost to the town, which will support our many local businesses, relying on tourists, walkers and people passing through who stop in our beautiful town of Cleobury Mortimer.

So many more items and Community concerns are reported daily and dealt with through the parish office by the Clerk and at the Parish Council meetings every month. i.e Manor House, Cemetery, Wells, Dog mess & Litter, vandalism, parking, planning etc.

OPENING TIMES

MONDAY – FRIDAY 7:30am – 6:00pm

SATURDAY & SUNDAY 8:00am – 6:00pm

To report any vandalism or damage please contact the Clerk listed below or outside office hours contact the police on 101:

Parish Council Office, Market Hall – Open to the Public:

MONDAY 9:00am – 11:00am
THURSDAY 9:00am – 11:00am

Outside these times please contact the Clerk or Financial Officer as listed below:

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