

CLEOBURY MORTIMER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the MEETING of the CLEOBURY MORTIMER PARISH COUNCIL held at the Market Hall on Monday 7th February 2011 at 6.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr K Reynolds, Cllr M Reiner, Cllr G Hainsworth, Cllr S Thorogood, Cllr D Brown, Cllr J Griffiths. Cllr B Davies.

Clerk: Mr M Sheehan

Public: Cllr M Shingleton, Kate Adams, 2 Parishioners.

Democratic 15 Minutes Public Time: From 6.00pm residents are invited to give their views and question the Parish Council on issues on this agenda, or raise issues for future consideration at the discretion of the Chairman, before the start of the Parish Council meeting. Members of the public may not take part in the Parish Council meeting itself.

The Chairman asked if the Public had anything to bring to the attention of the Council.

A Gentleman mentioned that the path going up castle hill was dark and needed more lighting, and asked if the council could look at possibly putting another street light.

The Chairman said that it was noted and would be put on a future agenda.

SPEAKER: KATE ADAMS Toilets

The Chairman introduced Kate Adams to update the Parish Council on the situation with the Public toilets. Kate explained that the Parish council needed to decide to take over the public toilets or they will be closed after 31st March 2011. However there was some funding available to help with running costs for the first year. The Clerk said that after a discussion with Steve Brown the council could apply for a percentage of the running costs but needed to make a decision to take over toilets and decide whether to have new toilets built or renovate the old ones. Kate said that a lot of the councils have already decided and were quite a way down the road to taking over their toilets, so a decision was needed as soon as possible. The clerk pointed out that the item was on the agenda to make a resolution. The chairman thanked Kate for her information.

AGENDA 02 (2011) ORDER OF BUSINESS

The chairman declared the meeting open.

02.0 Apologies for absence

Cllr G Butler, Cllr K Woodfield

02.1 Declaration of Interests

Cllr S Thorogood Item 02.7.5 Financial Matters, Personal.

02.2 To adopt the minutes of the Meetings held on the 6th December 2010

Cllr J Griffiths pointed out that the minutes had showed he was at the meeting and he was not.

Cllr M Reiner proposed that the minutes are correct with Cllr J Griffiths name taken off.

This was seconded by Cllr S Thorogood. Voted all in favour **RESOLVED.**

02.3 Matters Arising From the Minutes

None

02.4 Councillor's report and Items for future Agenda

Cllr D Brown said that the next LJC meeting is on the 17th February, 7pm at the Lacon Childe School. Some of the agenda items were read out including postal deliveries, also there was another good round of grant applications, but they don't know what the budget will be for next year.

Cllr B Davies said that at the ALC meeting they felt that they had been superseded by the LJC but would still want to have meetings but would have them as training sessions, instead of going to Shire hall.

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02.5 Correspondence & Reports

The Clerk said that a Letter from St Marys needs a formal reply but he has telephoned the day it was received and talked to the sender.

Also he had received an e-mail from the Charity Commission re Market Hall Accounts and Annual report. This will be sent in the next few days.

02.6 Planning Applications

PLANNING REFERENCE: 10/05384/COU

DEVELOPMENT Change of use from commercial to residential use.

PROPOSED:

LOCATION: The Old Wheelhouse, 22 Eagle Lane, Cleobury
Mortimer, Shropshire, DY14 8DFX

OS REFERENCE: **367309 – 275693**

After a brief discussion a reply of No Objection was proposed by Cllr K Reynolds. This was seconded by Cllr S Thorogood. Voted all in favour **RESOLVED.**

PLANNING REFERENCE: 10/05274/FUL

DEVELOPMENT Conversion of former public house to provide 4 residential.
PROPOSED dwellings to include the formation of first floor accommodation
With Juliet balconies and erection of a sunroom; erection of
Detached 4-bay garage; erection of 5-bay stable block;
Installation of new access gates

LOCATION: Horse and Jockey Inn, Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire,
DY14 9DX.

OS REFERENCE: **371966 – 275201**

After a brief discussion a reply of No Objection was proposed by Cllr B Davies. This was seconded by Cllr D Brown. Voted all in favour **RESOLVED.**

02.7 Financial Matters and Accounts for Payment.

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02.7.1 Employees wages	947.21
02.7.2 HMRC PAYE Tax and NI	256.14
02.7.3 ALC Training 26.1.11	40.00
02.7.4 ALC Training 6.1.11	75.00
02.7.5 Cllr S Thorogood (Mileage Expenses)	52.80
02.7.6 N Power (Street Lighting)	1,154.66
02.7.7 IWM Business Svcs	102.00
02.7.8 Market Hall (Meeting 17.11.2010)	12.00
02.7.9 Market Hall (Meeting 18.11.2010)	27.50

Cllr M Reiner wanted to discuss an item to be paid so the Clerk pointed out that as it was personal it will have to be moved into closed session. The chairman proposed that payments were moved below the line, which was seconded by Cllr D Brown. Voted all in favour. **RESOLVED.**

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02.8 Royal Wedding Mugs Update (Cllr K Reynolds)

Cllr K Reynolds has all details received from the clerk who had contacted four companies to get quotes. He went on to give some prices and said that one of the companies had supplied Mrs Griffiths in the past. Cllr S Thorogood said that if there was a company with a good track record of quality and competitively priced we should consider this above the rest.

Cllr D Brown questioned what system for collection would be used

Cllr K Reynolds said they could be collected from the Market Hall and has 500.

Cllr D Brown said that 500 may be under estimating but it would be a start.

Cllr J Griffiths said that perhaps the school could give us an idea of how many children

Cllr B Davies said that some parish children go to other schools.

Cllr S Thorogood said that they could be collected from the Market Hall and checked against the Electoral Roll.

The Clerk said that the Parish Council could have their name on the mugs if required.

Cllr B Davies proposed getting 500, seconded by Cllr M Reiner. Voted all in favour

RESOLVED.

02.9 Bus Shelters Update (Cllr S Thorogood, Cllr D Brown)

Cllr S Thorogood said that the bus shelters were on order through Matt Johnson at Shropshire council as they have the facility to place an official order and manage the project with us.

02.10 Toilets Update (Cllr G Butler, Clerk)

The Clerk had made the councillors aware of the following points from Cllr G Butler before the meeting. He also and said that he was up to date with the issue of funding after talking to Steve Brown.

Issue regarding ring fenced funding as archives state was for Affordable housing and funding gap (Matt has copy) Heather Kidd's quote in 2007 was not correct.

PC needs to decide on the following options

- 1. Press ahead for new toilets, may not be deliverable as funds may not be forthcoming; precept cost £9k per annum***
- 2. Takeover existing toilets repaired to a good level and request some grant funding towards the cost of running and press for as much of the £180 k to be ring fenced for other purposes. Still have cost of running circa £9k per annum***
- 3. Ask for grant funding to run toilets at market hall and place pay meter on them at their cost. Precept cost circa £4k per annum***
- 4. Do any combination of the above***

May wish to have a task group to meet with officers to come to final conclusion?

Cllr K Reynolds said that he and Cllr S Thorogood had been to look at the new toilets in Tenbury Wells.

Both Cllrs B Davies and S Thorogood said that the Market Hall was not a good option for the toilets.

Cllr K Reynolds suspended the meeting and asked Cllr M Shingleton for the position on the ring fenced money.

Cllr M Shingleton said that the money was frozen as is all funding at the moment but is still ring fenced.

Cllr K Reynolds re started the meeting.

Cllr B Davies said that if we let the new toilets go we could end up with nothing.

Everything is being passed down to the Parishes and it is not fair.

Cllr S Thorogood said that we have no choice but to take on the toilets, rather than end up with no toilets at all in Cleobury.

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Cllr B Davies proposed request new toilets to be built, seconded by Cllr S Thorogood, Voted 6 for 1 Abstained.

Cllr S Thorogood proposed takeover care of toilets until new toilets available, seconded by Cllr M Reiner. Voted all in favor. **RESOLVED.**

02.11 Street lighting (Cllr G Butler, Clerk)

The Clerk had made the councillors aware of the following points from Cllr G Butler before the meeting.

This is a spend to save opportunity and will cut down our electricity costs in the long run with prices constantly rising. The switch off is a pilot with crime assessed prior to switch off and during to compare. ** Please note police have confirmed most burglaries are done in daylight **

Cleobury is currently one of three carbon efficient towns in Shropshire and it would create good PR

Please remember it is only a trial on the switch off but the change to l.e.d bulbs will save us money in the long term.

Cllr B Davies said that she had concerns about switching off the lights.

Cllr D Brown said that on the Cleobury 'Neighborhood Watch' site there are a lot of comments about street lighting and it needs public consultation.

Cllr G Hainsworth proposed to go ahead with pilot, seconded by Cllr K Reynolds. Voted 6 for and 1 Against. **RESOLVED.**

02.12 Skips Update (Cllr B Davies)

The Clerk had made the councillors aware of the following points from Cllr G Butler before the meeting.

Please be aware of the following.

- 1. Land fill tax rises sharply in April, therefore the ongoing costs of disposal will rise, which is not in our precept.***
- 2. If you wish to site the Skip on Shropshire Council property permission is unlikely to be granted. As it is against the policy on recycling.***
- 3. Please ensure you have the correct public liability insurance wherever it is sited***
- 4. It is illegal to take commercial waste and would have to be independently monitored to ensure compliance.***

Cllr B Davies said that she had got over 700 signatures for a skip, but not here to show. If we had one skip a month it must be cheaper than fly tipping, and for four hours should be put in.

Cllr G Hainsworth said that it was going against national policy and county policy.

Cllr D Brown said that we should think of the environment and landfill.

Cllr K Reynolds proposed a skip once a month subject to checks made by the Clerk because of Clerks concerns. Seconded by Cllr B Davies.

Cllr K Reynolds requested the names be recorded.

Voted for Cllr K Reynolds, Cllr M Reiner, Cllr B Davies

Voted against Cllr S Thorogood, Cllr G Hainsworth, Cllr J Griffiths

Abstained Cllr D Brown.

Casting vote by Chairman. In favour **.RESOLVED.**

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02.13 Wells Update (Cllr S Thorogood, Cllr G Hainsworth)

Cllr S Thorogood said initial investigations had been carried out working with local volunteers on site. Ben Smith kindly contacted Gemma Chapman from Shropshire Council Geological Department on behalf of the Parish Council. After lifting all the drain covers from the road and past the Wells It was established that the spring running into the road drain closest to the Wells did not and never had, run into the Wells. However it could be diverted into the Wells under the direction of Gemma Chapman and subject to funding from the Parish Council. In an attempt to cover every angle we arranged for a Water Dowser to visit site to try and find the original flow of water. The Water Dowser did detect a large area of water in the Churchyard which could be the original source but it may not be finding its way into the Wells due to the water table levels. Ongoing investigations continue.

02.14 CCTV Update (Cllr G Butler, Clerk)

The Clerk had made the councillors aware of the following points from Cllr G Butler before the meeting.

Final approval given by property owner and I am led to believe the planning application is with central validation and should come through shortly

02.15 Churchyard Trees Update (Cllr S Thorogood)

Cllr S Thorogood said he had all quotes and proposed move below the line to discuss. The Chairman moved on to next item.

02.16 Grass Cutting (Clerk)

The Clerk said that everyone had seen the quote and it was agreed to keep for three years if satisfied.

Cllr K Reynolds proposed use same contractor for second year. Seconded by Cllr D Brown. Voted all in favour. **RESOLVED.**

02.17 Lime Trees (Cllr S Thorogood)

Cllr S Thorogood said that looking at the letter from the Horticultural Society, that they would be the best qualified to look after the trees and the quote was competitive as another quote received was significantly more expensive.

Cllr B Davies said it would be better to cut them down for parking spaces.

Cllr G Hainsworth said that the trees are part of Cleobury heritage.

Cllr S Thorogood proposed that the Parish Council let the Horticultural Society look after the trees and the Parish Council pay their contractor the £850 plus VAT. Seconded by Cllr G Hainsworth. Voted 5 for and 2 Abstained. **RESOLVED.**

02.18 Vehicle Activated Signs (Clerk)

As this was agreed in previous meeting it just need Chairman's signature on a form to be returned.

Cllr B Davies proposed that the public be excluded. Seconded by Cllr K Reynolds. Voted all in favour. **RESOLVED.**

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Under section 100a (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12a of the Act by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.

- 02.15 Churchyard Trees Update (Cllr S Thorogood)**
- 02.19 Market Hall Update (Cllr S Thorogood)**

- 02.20 Bank Account Update (Clerk & Cllr S Thorogood)**

- 02.21 Employee/Training Update (Clerk)**

- 02.22 Mullers Update (Cllr D Brown)**

The meeting was declared closed by the chairman.

MEETING CLOSED AT 09.05 pm

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN) DATE