

CLEOBURY MORTIMER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the CLEOBURY MORTIMER PARISH COUNCIL held at the Market Hall on Wednesday 2nd March 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

PRESENT: Cllr K Reynolds, Cllr M Reiner, Cllr G Hainsworth, Cllr S Thorogood, Cllr K Woodfield. Cllr B Davies.

Clerk: Mr M Sheehan

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ORDER OF BUSINESS

03.0 Apologies for absence

Cllr G Butler, Cllr J Griffiths, Cllr D Brown

03.1 Declaration of Interests

Cllr B Davies Personal Item 03.6

03.2 To adopt the minutes of the Meetings held on the 7th February 2010

The Chairman said that this item be moved to the next parish meeting to be adopted.

03.3 Matters Arising From the Minutes

None as Cllr K Reynolds moved minutes to next meeting.

03.4 Councillor's report and Items for future Agenda

None

03.5 Correspondence & Reports

None

03.6 Planning Applications

PLANNING REFERENCE: 11/00531/FUL

DEVELOPMENT

Erection of single storey extension to side and insertion.

PROPOSED:

of 3 roof lights to rear facing roof slope to serve loft Conversion.

LOCATION:

The Laurels, The Hurst, Cleobury Mortimer
Kidderminster, Shropshire.

OS REFERENCE:

367366 – 275978

After a brief discussion Cllr K Reynolds proposed no Objection which was seconded by Cllr K Woodfield. Voted 5 in favour 1 Abstained **RESOLVED.**

03.7 Financial Matters and Accounts for Payment.

Clerk said that payments for wages needed to be paid and would explain below the line because of the personal nature and Data protection Act.

Proposed it moved by Cllr S Thorogood and seconded by Cllr K Woodfield voted all in favour. **RESOLVED.**

03.8 New Toilets Update (Clerk)

The Clerk explained that we needed to make decisions very quickly about taking over the old toilets from Shropshire council or they will be closed at the end of March.

Steve Brown and Kate Adams have been in constant touch and e-mailed all the information we need for costing purposes.

All e-mails have been passed on and we are still actively pushing for the new toilets to be built, but in the meantime we would need the old toilets still maintained.

Cllr K Reynolds said that Cllr J Griffiths, Cllr M Reiner and himself would form a working group to move forward with it. This was proposed by Cllr S Thorogood and seconded by Cllr K Woodfield. Voted all in favour **RESOLVED.**

03.09 Parish Street lighting (Clerk)

The Clerk said that he was under pressure to sort out the two issues with the streetlights, one being the main streetlights with regard to the pilot scheme and the other two town have already signed up to be part of it, and second I sent Shropshire Council information so they could work out if they could provide our electricity instead of Npower who are very difficult to deal with.

Cllr G Hainsworth said that we have already agreed to carry on with the Pilot Scheme.

The Clerk said he would confirm in with Rachel Strivens and when he gets the figures for the Parish light he would bring it back to the Council for a decision.

03.10 Lime Trees (Cllr S Thorogood)

Cllr S Thorogood said that there was quite a difference now from the original cost of £850 per year to the latest letter which says it will cost £2,750 a year to look after the trees in the High Street.

Cllr K Reynolds said that he would like to see them all cut down and more car parking.

Cllr G Hainsworth said that it would spoil and wreck the High Street.

The Clerk said that they are part of Cleobury Mortimer that he remembers as a kid in Cleobury 50 years ago and it would be wrong to cut them down. Also the cost of creating parking would be thousands.

Cllr S Thorogood said that we had already agreed to a quote of £850 but the recent quote is too much to pay.

Cllr K Woodfield asked if we could get our own quotes.

Cllr S Thorogood said that we already had one quote which was also over £2,000.

There was a brief discussion about what to do if they were cut down and leaving the stumps in the ground.

One suggestion was to hollow out the middle and put flower beds and the Clerk said it would be better to put benches around the trunks.

Cllr K Reynolds said that there used to be flower beds around the trees.

Cllr M Reiner said that the County Council used to come and trim them.

Cllr S Thorogood said he would get back to the Horticultural Society and see what can be done.

03.11 Parish Council Land Update (Cllr K Reynolds, Cllr S Thorogood)

Cllr K Reynolds said that there is no offer on the table from anyone and we need to wait until there is.

Cllr M Reiner said that we need to wait for Bovis to get back to us.

Cllr S Thorogood said that we now have control over the land and have a duty to make sure we do what is best for the community in the long term.

Cllr K Reynolds said that he was elected and must do what is best for community.

The Clerk said that he was busy getting advice from various legal organisations to make sure that the Councillors act within the law, and we have Justin from MFG Solicitors who is also a resident in Cleobury and can guide us to make the correct decisions.

Cllr S Thorogood said we cannot just give the land to Matrix as it is not like giving it to a Charity; they are a Limited profit making company who have a duty to their shareholders to make as much profit as possible.

The Clerk said that he had talked to the PCT direct and also to Philip Dunn MP so everyone is kept informed.

Cllr M Reiner said that we cannot just give it away.

Cllr B Davies said that we have never said we will just give the land away.

The Clerk said that he would chase everything up through the Solicitor and would do everything to make sure that the councillors are kept up to date to work within the law to sort it out as soon as possible, which will involve more hours of work.

Cllr B Davies proposed to exclude the press and public for the next item which was seconded by Cllr K Reynolds, voted all in favour **RESOLVED**.

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.

03.12 Legal Issues (Cllr K Reynolds)

MEETING CLOSED AT 9.40pm

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN) DATE