

CLEOBURY MORTIMER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the MEETING of the CLEOBURY MORTIMER PARISH COUNCIL held at the Market Hall on Monday 6th December 2010 at 7.00 p.m.

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

Clerk: Mr M Sheehan

Public: Cllr M Shingleton. Miss H Roberts.

Cllr K Reynolds invited Miss Helen Roberts from the Methodist Church to make a presentation to the Parish Council.

Miss Roberts said that there was repair work required to the Church and had already approached the Local Joint Committee, where it was also suggested to approach the Parish Council.

She said that it would become a base for the youth Project where their things could be secured and also gets a pool table, as at present using the Parish Hall.

She proposed to put together a summary of 3 years rent free as projects develop and they would have priority. There have been discussions with Mark from the youth club and it is in its early stages.

Cllr M Reiner asked when it was likely to start.

Miss Roberts said that they had been using since September but it was for the long term.

Cllr D Brown said that at the presentation for the LJC the attendance figures are getting better.

Miss Roberts said that all plans were done and because of location they get very few users but for the Youth it was Ideal. They have secured £2,500 from LJC and raised £800 so the shortfall was £1,800.

The Clerk said that it was on the Agenda and could be proposed and voted on later.

The Chairman thanked Miss Roberts and moved on to the meeting.

AGENDA 12 (2010) ORDER OF BUSINESS

12.0 Apologies for absence

Cllr K Woodfield, Cllr B Davies.

12.1 Declaration of Interests

Cllr J Griffiths and Cllr G Hainsworth

Declared an Interest in Item **12.23 Market Hall.**

Cllr G Butler declared an Interest in Item

12.6 Planning Applications PLANNING REFERENCE: 10/04932/FUL

12.2 To adopt the minutes of the Meetings held on the 1st November 2010

Proposed by Cllr M Reiner, Seconded by Cllr G Hainsworth. Voted all in favour

RESOLVED.

12.3 Matters Arising From the Minutes

Cllr D Brown said that the Clerk has missed out that she had said that there had been 7 burglaries this year. The Clerk would rectify the Draft minutes.

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Cllr G Hainsworth said that at the last meeting he had declared an Interest and left the room when the Market Hall was being discussed but Cllr J Griffiths did not and remained. The Clerk said that at that time there was confusion about who were going to the Market Hall meetings and some confusion which needed sorting out and at that point Cllr J Griffiths had not been to the meetings and the Clerk was unaware until later when Cllr J Griffiths said he was "Trustee" and the Clerk had advised him not to attend any meetings until issues were resolved. But as he had not taken the advice and went to the last meeting then he would be treated the same as Cllr G Hainsworth in future.

Cllr J Griffiths asked the Clerk if the Weighbridge had been sorted out.

The Clerk said that a letter had gone out to the person involved and explained that Muller Ltd should be kept informed and their daily work should not be disrupted.

Cllr S Thorogood asked if Mr Hulmes complaint had been followed up.

The Clerk said that the Police were made aware and the Police Officer involved would be getting in touch with him.

12.4 Parish Matters

Cllr J Griffiths said that he still had concerns about the Zebra crossing not being well lit.

The Clerk said that he would arrange a meeting with Highways to discuss the issue.

Cllr J Griffiths said that the trees had been cut back opposite the Parish Hall but by the corner they were just trimmed back a little and the ivy was still on the wall too.

The Clerk explained that he had given all the details of the contractors to the owners on the corner and had explained the concerns of the Parish Council. The Hereford Diocese had done all to help but as the corner belonged to someone else it was left to them, but they did indicate that they were getting it cut down.

Cllr K Reynolds said that it does look half done, and we would have to have another word with them.

The Clerk said that he would go with the Chairman.

Cllr D Brown explained that she had a problem getting back to Cleobury due to the gritting issues with Worcestershire Council and had informed the Clerk.

The Clerk said that he had phoned the Worcestershire Hub and made an Official complaint on behalf of the Parish Council, the same as the previous year.

Cllr K Reynolds said that the Royal wedding will be coming up and we should look at providing commemoration mugs for the Children of the Parish. 500 -600 mugs.

The Clerk said he would look at some quotes and put it on the Jan 2011 Agenda.

It was said that the road to Dippers Bank needed gritting.

The Clerk said that he would take it up with Highways but they are doing all to help.

Cllr K Reynolds said that we always have long Agendas at all the items don't get done like the Wells.

The Clerk said that it was very unfair to say that as we get a lot done, and the Wells took up a lot of time when it first stopped.

Cllr G Hainsworth said that the Environment Agency was contacted last time.

The Clerk said that last time they would not get involved due to the cost involved so this time may be worse.

Cllr K Reynolds suggested getting in touch with Severn Trent.

Cllr G Butler said that we should have a working group to look at it and proposed Cllr K Reynolds, Cllr G Hainsworth and Cllr S Thorogood. To sort out the Wells. Seconded by Cllr M Reiner. Voted all in favour **RESOLVED.**

Cllr K Reynolds asked about making Childe Road one way.

Cllr G Butler said that it was in the consultation document but these things take time.

Cllr M Reiner said that the Grit bins are nearly empty.

The Clerk said that he would chase it up.

Cllr G Butler said that he has had some complaints that some people were taking the grit for private use.

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Cllr M Reiner said that Ronhill Lane and Ronhill Crescent was a sheet of ice. He also said that he has had complaints about a red BMW parked on the pavement in Ronhill Crescent causing an obstruction.

The Clerk said that he would sort it out.

Cllr D Brown said that the Police needed to keep on top of people parking on the Double Yellow lines in High Street as it was still causing a problem. Also a street light in the Hurst and also Childe road needed repairs.

Clerk said he would look to check which ones.

Cllr G Hainsworth said that he had reports that a person slipped over on the pavement by Cleobury Cafe and the High Street was deadly.

The Clerk said that Highways were gritting the pavements in the main street and had also requested that they do the pavements by the old people's bungalows in St Mary Place and Mortimer Gardens, which they had done and I had thanked them.

Cllr G Butler said that he had a vote of thanks for the new Mortimer Hill Sign and also the new Grit bin at Lower In hedge by Yeldside Gardens.

12.5 Correspondence & Reports

All covered earlier.

12.6 Planning Applications

PLANNING REFERENCE: 10/04738/FUL

DEVELOPMENT

PROPOSED:

Change of use of land to form extension to existing touring caravan park comprising of 35 serviced touring Caravan pitches, new access from the highway, provision Of car parking and extension of the existing internal access Road.

LOCATION: Lodge Coppice, Prizeley, Shropshire, DY14 8PX

OS REFERENCE: 369711 – 275517

Cllr S Thorogood said he was concerned about the entrance and accessibility.

Cllr G Butler asked if Highways made any comments as he and Madge had looked at a similar one in Milson the last week.

It was proposed by Cllr G Butler that there was no objection subject to sufficient splay of entrance. This was seconded by Cllr D Brown. Voted all in favour. **RESOLVED.**

Cllr G Hainsworth and Cllr S Thorogood would also make a site visit.

PLANNING REFERENCE: 10/04983/FUL

DEVELOPMENT

PROPOSED

Erection of Conservatory.

LOCATION: Bromley Cottage, Tenbury Road, Cleobury Mortimer Shropshire, DY14 0AA.

OS REFERENCE: 365754 – 274641

After a brief discussion Cllr M Reiner proposed no objection. Seconded by Cllr K Reynolds. Voted all in favour. **RESOLVED.**

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PLANNING REFERENCE: 10/04882/FUL
DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED Erection of a three bedroom detached dwelling with associated timber double garage.

LOCATION: Proposed Dwelling North of Brookside, Eagle Lane
Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire.

OS REFERENCE: 367280 – 275636

Cllr G Butler said that this was a flood plain and we don't know the outcome of Electra house.

After a brief discussion Cllr G Hainsworth proposed no objection. Seconded by Cllr G Butler. Voted all in favour. **RESOLVED.**

At this point Cllr G Butler declared an interest and left the room.

PLANNING REFERENCE: 10/04932/FUL
DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED Installation of a retractable, fabric awning to the existing shop front.

LOCATION: 28 High Street, Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire, DY14 8DQ

OS REFERENCE: 367312 – 275749

Cllr S Thorogood raised a concern with the height of the aluminium box for the canopy. Cllr G Hainsworth proposed no objection which was seconded by Cllr D Brown. Voted all in favour. **RESOLVED.**

12.7 Financial Matters and Accounts for Payment.

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11.7.0 Clerks Salary	653.94
11.7.1 Cemetery Admin, Salary	93.27
11.7.2 HMRC PAYE Tax and NI	115.34
11.7.3 ALC (Cllr Training)	20.00
11.7.4 SLCC (Membership Fees)	118.00
11.7.5 Market Hall (Room Hire meeting)	12.00
11.7.6 Market Hall (Room Hire Parish Plan meeting)	27.50
11.7.7 M&M Timber	148.93
11.7.8 Cllr B.Davies (Mileage Expenses)	36.00
11.7.9 Enterprise (Pedestrian Sign)	235.00

The Clerk raised concerns about items 11.7.5 and 11.7.6 that they should be discussed below the line. Also that item 11.7.7 from M&M was for a bench which after many phone calls could not be accounted for and had also requested proof of delivery a couple of times which has still not been forthcoming. Therefore it should not be paid.

Cllr D Brown proposed that the payments except those 3 explained by the Clerk be paid. This was seconded by Cllr S Thorogood. Voted all in favour. **RESOLVED.**

12.8 Skips Update (Cllr B Davies)

Cllr B Davies said that she was still concerned that we should provide a skip.

Cllr K Reynolds said that he had a price for a manned skip for £180.

Cllr G Butler said that if we keep putting rubbish in landfill it would put the prices up. Also a solution was being looked at of providing a permanent waste centre on land up the Tenbury road, but if we start to provide skips we would be going backwards and it may stop the Tenbury road site before it is started.

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Also if a skip is situated you need permission from Shropshire Council.

Cllr K Reynolds said that there was some fly tipping at the back of the Furlongs on land owned by Cox's Homes.

Cllr G Butler said that funding from the Market Towns initiative was being looked at and if we started skips it would be a backward step.

Cllr S Thorogood said that we have not had any written complaints or a petition for a skip. The option of a skip every few months was discussed and then Cllr K Reynolds said that he would get written confirmation of what people want and bring it back to the Parish Council.

12.9 Precept (Cllr S Thorogood)

Cllr S Thorogood explained the meeting with the Clerk and Cllr G Hainsworth in which all details was looked at and it took 5 hours to go through.

Cllr K Reynolds said that he proposed that it be reduced to £20,000.

The Clerk said that with what we will have to take over in the future like Toilets and Car Parks it would be a mistake to drop it by £10,000 now and in a couple of years ask for people to pay a lot more. We should keep it near the same and drop it in a couple of years if we can.

Cllr G Butler went through all of the items and questioned the draft figures that had been put down.

After a brief discussion Cllr G Butler proposed an Amendment that the Precept is set at £33,000 which was seconded by Cllr S Thorogood.

Cllr K Reynolds asked for the names to be recorded with the vote.

Voted for; Cllr G Butler, Cllr S Thorogood, Cllr D Brown, Cllr G Hainsworth, Cllr J Griffiths.

Voted against ; Cllr K Reynolds, Cllr M Reiner.

5 for and 2 against RESOLVED.

12.10 LJC Report (Cllr D Brown)

Cllr D Brown said that she just wanted to remind everyone of the next LJC meeting is Thursday 17th February 7pm at the Lacon Childe School.

12.11 Public Toilets Update (Cllr G Butler)

Cllr G Butler said that subject to the 106 agreement ,the money for the new toilets was ring fenced and Shropshire Council don't feel as if it is ok to spend on the new toilets, but hope it could be put into the Cleobury Economy.

12.12 Churchyard Trees (Cllr G Butler & Cllr S Thorogood)

Cllr S Thorogood said that Ken the Clerk and he had looked at the trees in the Churchyard and gone over the report back from a previous meeting of things that require a general tidy up.

Cllr G Butler said that we should get 3 quotes and then try and get some match funding.

12.13 Bus Shelters Update (Cllr S Thorogood)

Cllr S Thorogood said that he and Cllr D Brown have been working on this he has one quote already and two others are on the way. Also we can get funding of 75% back from Shropshire Council so he needed the Parish Council to agree to let him apply for the funding. Also letters are ready to send to residents it will affect.

Cllr G Butler proposed that Cllr S Thorogood apply for the funding. Seconded by Cllr G Hainsworth. Voted all in favour. **RESOLVED.**

12.14 Vehicle Activated Signs (Cllr G Butler)

Cllr G Butler said that this was going forward with a sign at the top end of Cleobury but thought that we may have been having one at the bottom of Cleobury.

The Clerk said that at the meeting it was discussed but we were told, that for the time being only one would be located above the Cemetery, as there was no suitable site at the bottom of Cleobury.

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12.15 Bank Account (Cllr S Thorogood)

Cllr S Thorogood said that when we were looking at the precept and the Bank accounts, it was clear that we need to look at splitting our money by also using another bank in light of what has happened to banks. Especially as we would only be able to claim up to £35,000 if a bank collapsed.

It was suggested to look at what was on offer.

12.16 Bench Churchyard (Cllr K Reynolds)

Cllr K Reynolds said that the bench in the churchyard opposite the Wells was broken and needed replacing.

After a brief discussion it was proposed by Cllr M Reiner to replace it. Seconded by Cllr K Reynolds. Voted all in favour. **RESOLVED.**

Cllr K Reynolds will order and get fitted as soon as possible.

12.17 Market Towns Initiative (Cllr G Butler)

Cllr G Butler said that we are looking at sorting out the Churchyard, Wells and maybe a platform for the Band. Also a Recycling Centre on the Business Park up the Tenbury road being discussed. The Three Horseshoes cross roads may be a concern.

The way forward is a Parish Plan meeting on January 20th 2011 and toolkit 13th January to see what ideas will come up.

There is £500,000 in the pot for the Market Town Initiative and need a proposal to apply.

Cllr K Reynolds proposed and was Seconded by Cllr G Butler. Voted all in favour.

RESOLVED.

12.18 Christmas Payments (Clerk)

The Clerk explained that because of the Christmas break and also the Bank closing times it is usual to get the wages done before Christmas instead of waiting until the New Year, so needed the ok of the Parish Council to get it sorted out earlier.

Proposed ok by Cllr D Brown and Seconded by Cllr K Reynolds. Voted all in favour

RESOLVED.

12.19 Internal Auditor (Clerk)

The Clerk explained that the present Internal Auditor had said there was a conflict of interest to do our audit and also the way it was required was too complicated.

He had quotes from 3 other Internal Auditors who were also Qualified Clerks, who also agreed that our present system was much too complicated.

After a brief discussion it was proposed ,by Cllr G Butler that the Clerks suggestion of Diane Malley the town Clerk from Bishops Castle be appointed. Seconded by Cllr S Thorogood. Voted all in favour **RESOLVED.**

12.20 Methodist Hall (Cllr G Butler)

As the Parish Council had heard everything before then Cllr G Butler proposed the donation of £1,800 for the shortfall with the agreement of the Youth using it for the next three years. Seconded by Cllr D Brown. Voted all in favour. **RESOLVED.**

Cllr G Hainsworth asked Cllr G Butler what was happening with the CCTV as he meant to ask earlier.

Cllr G Butler said that one person who was locating a camera waned answers from some questions, which have now been answered and Mrs Hems has now signed the remaining agreement so now the Planning application will be put in for consent.

Should be up by the end of the first quarter of 2011.

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At this point Cllr K Reynolds proposed that the public and press be excluded for the next items. Seconded by Cllr S Thorogood. 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.

MEETING CLOSED AT 09.30 pm

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN) DATE

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