

CLEOBURY MORTIMER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Cleobury Mortimer Parish Council held at the Market Hall on Monday 6th June 2011 at 6.00 p.m.

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.

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

Clerk: Mr M Sheehan

Public: 5 public.

Cllr S Thorogood welcomed everyone to the meeting of the Parish Council and asked if any of the Public present would like to speak for the first 15 minutes. Taking into account that questions may be asked and noted for a reply at a later time if not given straight away.

Mrs Griffiths said that the acoustics in the hall was terrible.

The Chairman Cllr S Thorogood said that it was being looked at by the Market Hall Committee, as the Parish Council meetings were always downstairs and now we are seeking to encourage more public interest it will always be upstairs.

Mrs Griffiths said that there was poor communication about the Medical Centre and was disturbed that those in authority were not acting with integrity. We have been down this road before with the Market Hall and they did not communicate with the Public and it all went wrong with the bulletin but Don Griffiths saved the town from humiliation taking the reigns' and the Clarion was a propaganda magazine. The Public have been misled and disgruntled by Gwilym and the Cleobury Newsletter.

Cllr S Thorogood said that it is her opinion as everyone has a right to have, but have not had any other comments to that effect.

The Clerk said that the Parish Council are being as open as allowed within the legal restraints set down in law. We are more open with a website and notices on the Notice board and also a Bulletin is in the process of being done. Also because he should be taking time off, having just buried his Uncle and Father a few days earlier, the importance of the Medical Centre issues among others, people need to know and things need to be kept up to date, so need to keep working.

Cllr S Thorogood explained that what is being done is open book and a lot of what was below the line is not any more.

AGENDA 06 (2011) ORDER OF BUSINESS

06.0 Apologies for absence

Cllr K Reynolds, No Reason given.

Cllr K Woodfield Reason, Working late.

Clerk said he was Informed by telephone.

06.1 Declaration of Interests

Cllr S Thorogood Item 06.8 **Medical Centre Update (Cllr G Butler)**

Cllr J Griffiths Item 06.6 **PLANNING REFERENCE: 11/02152/LBC**

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06.2 To adopt the minutes of the Meeting held on the 11th May 2011

Due to the recent bereavements' suffered by the Clerk, it was proposed by Cllr G Hainsworth to defer this item 0.6.2 and the next item, 0.6.3 to a future Parish Council Meeting. Seconded by Cllr B Davies. Voted all in favour **RESOLVED**.

06.3 Matters Arising From the Minutes

DEFERRED. See Item 06.2.

06.4 Councillor's report and Items for future Agenda

Cllr G Butler said that there had been a serious accident down the bank at Ronhill and we need some kind of calming there, perhaps speed Bumps.

The Clerk said he would contact Highways to see what could be done.

Cllr G Hainsworth said that we need to see what could be done about the Manor House, which is a major Listed building.

Cllr B Davies said that Shropshire Council can do things.

Cllr G Butler said that the council had been in touch with the owner and has tried to change covenant from Nursing to residential but the Bank wants 30% up front which he does not have. Perhaps it should be an Agenda item for next meeting.

Clerk noted for July meeting.

Cllr G Hainsworth asked what was happening with the CCTV.

Cllr G Butler said that he would have more information for the next meeting.

Clerk noted for July Agenda.

Cllr G Hainsworth said that the street had been re surfaced but there were holes in places where it did not stick.

Cllr B Davies said that it was due to Horse muck on the road.

Clerk to chase up with Highways.

Cllr G Hainsworth said that he would like the Fringe to be on the next Agenda.

Clerk noted for July meeting.

Cllr M Reiner said that the ivy on the walls in Childe Road and the Hurst needed cutting back.

The Clerk said that he was meeting with Highways and would have an update for the next meeting.

Cllr B Davies said that we need to get in touch with the housing association because of the problems local people are having.

The Clerk asked Cllr B Davies to call at the office and we could chase thing up.

Cllr J Griffiths asked what was happening with the vehicle activated speed signs.

The Clerk noted to chase up.

06.5 Correspondence & Reports

The Clerk said he had received a letter from a lady about a tear in her jeans caused by a bench and as it did not belong to us he was passing it on to Shropshire Council.

06.6 Planning Applications

PLANNING REFERENCE: 11/01965/FUL

DEVELOPMENT

Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 for the demolition of redundant Building and change of use to create smoking area and Beer garden (Retrospective)

PROPOSED:

LOCATION:

The Stable Tavern, 1 Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire DY14 8BQ

OS REFERENCE:

367286 – 275762

Cllr B Davies said that the Parish Council should support it as it was derelict before and a rubbish dumping ground. We should be grateful it has been transformed.

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Cllr G Butler said that there were two issues which need to be separated; it is a planning issue and not a Licencing issue.

Cllr B Davies proposed No Objection, seconded by Cllr M Reiner. Voted all in Favour
RESOLVED.

PLANNING REFERENCE: 11/02152/LBC
DEVELOPMENT PROPOSED: Alterations in association with conversion of former butcher's cold store in to tea rooms including single Storey extension to rear affecting a Grade II Listed Building
LOCATION: 15 Church Street, Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster DY14 8BX
OS REFERENCE: 367350 – 275769

As Cllr J Griffiths declared a personal and prejudicial interest he left the room.
Cllr G Butler declared an Interest due to the planning being for a Tea Room.
There was a brief discussion and Cllr B Davies proposed No Objection, seconded by Cllr M Reiner. Voted 6 in favour 1 Abstained.
Cllr J Griffiths was asked back and re-joined the meeting.

06.7 <u>Financial Matters and Accounts for Payment.</u>		£
04.7.0	Employees salaries	1033.88
04.7.1	HMRC PAYE Tax and NI	240.36
04.7.2	Market Hall Annual Rent & Use of Toilets	1600.00
04.7.3	R.M. Price (Grass Cutting Churchyard & Cemetery)	570.00
04.7.4	G.A Davies (Catering AGM)	25.00

Cllr G Butler proposed that the payments are correct and to be paid, seconded by Cllr G Hainsworth. Voted all in favour.**RESOLVED.**

06.8 Medical Centre Update (Cllr G Butler)

Cllr G Butler said that we need to set up a working group, not to make any decisions, but to bring back to the Parish Council. We need to agree abnormal costs that Matrix gets a Quantity Surveyor plus they are talking about further abnormal costs like a crossing.

Cllr J Griffiths said that Matrix have had long enough.

Cllr G Butler said that Bovis do not want to do a deal with the Jag site and because Cllr Reynolds proposed, voted and resolved their offer; it cannot be looked at again for six months.

Cllr J Griffiths said what about Blue Square?

Cllr G Butler said they have not made an offer yet and we stand to lose one million pounds of funding.

Also he has heard that the land that has not been sold to Blue Square is not happy with rumours. Also I need to say that that Matrix have offered the £170,000 less abnormal costs, we should give them until 30th June to get the abnormal costs.

Cllr B Davies and Cllr J Griffiths said that we seem to be going around in circles.

Cllr G Butler said we need to give 14 days' notice for a public meeting.

Cllr S Thorogood said Matrix has tried to push us into a corner to sign things and the worst case could actually be a cost to us. We don't want to lose the PCT funding, but it needs to go to a public meeting.

Cllr B Davies said that if was going to cost us then other parishes that benefit should also be involved.

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Cllr G Butler said that in March this parish council agreed to provide a site on the Vaughan road site.

Cllr M Reiner said we should accept the best offer.

Cllr G Butler said we could lose one million pounds from the PCT.

It was then discussed to get a working group together to meet with Matrix to move things on.

Cllr G Hainsworth proposed all of the parish councillors if available to have a meeting 15th June 2011 3pm with our solicitor and 4pm with Matrix. This was seconded by Cllr B Davies. Voted all in favour. **RESOLVED.**

Cllr G Butler said he would see if he could get the surveyor from Shropshire Council to attend.

Cllr D Brown asked that the Clerk inform her as soon as possible when organised.

Cllr J Griffiths asked what the deadline on the PCT funding was.

Cllr G Butler said he was not sure but there is always a chance it could be withdrawn.

Cllr G Butler asked the Clerk to find out about voting by proxy in case a councillor cannot make a meeting.

Noted by the Clerk.

06.9 Cemetery Issues (Cllr M Reiner, Clerk)

The Clerk explained that the Cemetery path was done and was a very good job which has raised a lot of good comments. But it still needed a lot of work to make it a nice place to sit. He visits his mother's grave in Worcester and it is such a nice peaceful place to sit, which is very well kept. Also he had received a letter from a neighbour that had a branch fall in his garden.

After looking around the Cemetery there was a large tree that needs capping and a lot of trees need a good tidying up. Also the path needs finishing off now the other side and we need to be thinking way ahead by trying to expand the cemetery.

Cllr G Butler said that planning may be required for the big tree.

Cllr D Brown said that she had gone to look for graves with relatives and the new path made it look very respectful. But the unkept grave lets it down. She said her dad is a volunteer who cuts unkept graves and perhaps we could start something like that here.

Cllr G Butler said maybe the youth group or Horticultural society could be approached.

Cllr G Butler said perhaps we could have a working group to be put on the next meeting Agenda.

06.10 Parish Hall Caretaker (Cllr S Thorogood)

Cllr S Thorogood said that we need to help if we can but we would need a proposal from the Parish Hall.

Cllr B Davies said the Parish Hall always run on its own, there has been a lot of chairman's and have always had to work hard to make it pay. Old buildings always require work also the cottages.

Cllr G Butler said we could possibly get a caretaker to cover both the Market Hall and Parish Hall and could manage both as one.

Cllr S Thorogood said that is only if the Market Hall caretaker agrees.

Cllr G Butler proposed suspending the meeting to allow the chairman of the Parish Hall to speak, seconded by Cllr D Brown. Voted all in favour. **RESOLVED.**

Mr Griffiths said that the Parish Hall needed a separate caretaker. In the last 8 years his wife has raised a six figure sum for the Hall. He then went through a list of duties required for the hall. We just paid £350 for a week to have things done.

Cllr G Butler asked how many hours a week would be required.

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Cllr B Davies said that one of the cottages was always a caretaker's cottage.

Cllr D Brown asked if both cottages were occupied.

Mr G Carter said that the money collected is always ploughed back in.

Cllr G Butler asked that if we paid half would the Parish Hall pay half.

Mr Carter mentioned PAYE and contracts.

Cllr G Butler suggested putting a proposal together to put to the parish council at the next meeting.

Mr Griffiths said he would get it done.

Cllr S Thorogood proposed moving back to the meeting. Seconded by Cllr G Hainsworth.

Voted all in favour. **RESOLVED.**

06.11 Accounts (Clerk)

The Clerk explained that the accounts were away with the internal auditor being checked but when completed they needed agreeing by the parish council before sending off to the external auditor.

Cllr G Butler proposed a sub committee consisting of Cllr S Thorogood, Cllr G Hainsworth and Cllr D Brown, seconded by Cllr B Davies. Voted all in favour. **RESOLVED.**

MEETING CLOSED AT 7.40 pm

SIGNED (CHAIRMAN) DATE