

# CLEOBURY MORTIMER PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of the Ordinary meeting of Cleobury Mortimer Parish Council held at the Market Hall on Monday 4<sup>th</sup> July 2011 at 7.00 p.m.

**Democratic 15 Minutes Public Time:** From 7.00pm 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 K Woodfield, Cllr B Davies. Cllr K Reynolds.

**Clerk:** Mr M Sheehan

**Public:** 25 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. He then took the names as follows of people wishing to speak:

Mike Lewis, Sue Arrowsmith, Don Griffiths, Carl Genese, Jane Brown and Jenny McCrorie.

Sue Arrowsmith said at the May meeting there was an important issue with regards to Blue Square and the PCT funding. The PCT do their funding and govern practices based on population and provide general practice services. It is unlikely will award another contract. The funding from the PCT is for the rent which the developer sets not the doctors. We will be the lease holders and therefore it is our decision on developer.

Mike Lewis said that he had researched Blue Square and they had several companies listed and the latest was Blue Square Assets Cleobury Mortimer Ltd at 111 Hagley road and all other had gone into Liquidation. He was happy to work with Parish Council to find out more.

Mr Genese brought up the issue of the Disabled parking bays not being put back. The Clerk read out the reply from Highways to his questions which covered this.

Dear Glyn,

I have been asked to find out by local people that when the lines have been put back on the road after the resurfacing, a few things were different.

e.g.

1/ The unbroken white line outside the Lloyds TSB Bank where the dropped kerb is, is missing. This causes a problem when car parks in front of the dropped kerb and mobility scooters cannot get through.

2/ Outside the Parish Hall and the Chemists there are less disabled spaces as before. I know we are in the middle of the parking review, but people are saying it was there before so why wasn't it put back for now.

3/ We have had a few accidents on Ronhill Bank over the years and a bad one recently as cars come up the hill from the river quite fast, because it is steep. Is there anything that can be done to slow them down? Perhaps speed bumps?

4/ Any news on the traffic mirror at the bottom of the Hurst?

## **REPLY**

Hi Matt

Firstly, the mirror for the Hurst is on order and should be erected within the next few weeks.

Secondly, I would not put any kind of humps on Ronhill bank as it is much too steep and DfT advises against this on loss of control grounds, also there would be a requirement to provide highway standard street lights along the length treated. Winter maintenance would also be an issue.

### **Minute's cont.**

Thirdly, we did not replace the advisory disabled bay "wheelchair "markings outside the chemists as we We're not certain that this is where they would end up if the proposal to introduce limited waiting moves forward (removing redundant markings makes a mess of new surfaces) also we were not sure if 2 bays Were still needed at the hall so only replaced the one, for the previous reason .If the second bay is thought still to be needed we would consider replacing it.

Lastly, we can replace the keep clear H bar at the bank, if this creates an issue. It may have been overlooked by our contractors.

The Clerk said all was in hand.

Don Griffiths asked the Parish Council about the Parish Halls request for funding towards a caretaker.

A formal letter of request and business plan was requested from the Parish Council. Jane Brown explained the need for a new Notice board for the Church and requested advice about funding.

The Clerk was instructed to issue a donation request form to be returned with three quotations

Jenny McCrorie questioned the minutes of May where Cllr Butler proposed to sell the land.

The Chairman said it was agreed in principle to make land available, but need offer to make decision.

## ORDER OF BUSINESS

### **0.7.0 Apologies for absence**

**Cllr G Butler** Reason; Away on Holliday.

Given to Clerk at last meeting.

**Cllr J Griffiths** Reason: Working

Given to Clerk by telephone.

### **0.7.1 Declaration of Interests**

**Cllr S Thorogood** Personal Interest in Item **0.7.15**

### **0.7.2 To adopt the minutes of the Meetings held on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2011**

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

**RESOLVED.**

### **0.7.3 Matters Arising From the Minutes**

Hedges and visibility up the Hurst.

Clerk explained new mirror will be fitted for exit onto main road and all overgrown hedges are being sorted with a personal visit with Highways of knocking on doors.

### **0.7.4 Councillor's report and Items for future Agenda**

### **0.7.5 Correspondence & Reports**

The Clerk read out some of the more interesting items from a list with explanations and solutions.

Internal Audit completed and sent to External Auditor.

Letter received to look at accounts.

Cleobury Youth application for grant.

Complaints about overgrown hedges

Streetlight energy transfer to save money.

Letter ref Cemetery problems.

### **0.7.6 Planning Applications**

At this point **Cllr K Reynolds and Cllr B Davies** Declared a personal interest.

**Minute's cont.**

Reference: 11/02966/TCA (validated: 30/06/2011)

Address: The Bungalow, Pinkham, Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire, DY14 8QF

Proposal: To carry out various works to trees within the Cleobury Mortimer Conservation Area.

This item was discussed. Proposed by Cllr G Hainsworth and seconded by Cllr M Reiner No objection. Voted 5 for and 2 Abstained. **RESOLVED.**

**0.7.7 Financial Matters and Accounts for Payment**

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04.7.0 Employees salaries	1033.88
04.7.1 HMRC PAYE Tax and NI	240.36
04.7.2 Market Hall Use of Toilets	100.00
04.7.3 Shropshire Payroll Admin	75.00
04.7.4 MFG Solicitors (Professional fees)	1180.00
04.7.5 Clerk Mileage (2 X Bishops Castle, 1x Shrewsbury)	71.20

Cllr B Davies proposed all payments to be paid, seconded by Cllr G Hainsworth, Voted all in favour **RESOLVED.**

**0.7.8 Lacon Childe School (Cllr S Thorogood)**

Cllr Thorogood read out a letter of invitation from the Head teacher of the Lacon Childe School to look around the school and discuss working together to educate the children as to the running of the Parish Council.

It was decided that Cllr S Thorogood, Cllr K Woodfield and Cllr M Reiner make contact and meet with Mr Gilhooley.

Clerk to reply to letter.

**0.7.9 Election of councillors to Organisations (Clerk)**

The Clerk said this item had been passed over before and needed resolving.

After going through the list the following list was proposed as adopted by Cllr B Davies and seconded by Cllr M Reiner, voted all in favour. **RESOLVED.**

ORGANISATION

Year 2011/2012

Cyril Edgar Berrington Trust	Cllr K. Reynolds
Childe School Endowment Fund	Cllr M. Reiner
Parish Hall Committee	Cllr D Brown
CM Playing-Fields Group	Cllr K Reynolds & Cllr G Hainsworth
SALC Representatives	Cllr Mrs B. Davies & Cllr M Reiner.
Police Consultative Group	Cllr Mrs D. Brown, Cllr K Woodfield
Friends of Cleobury Mortimer Library	Cllr M. Reiner
South Shropshire Sports and Leisure Committee	Cllr J. Griffiths
Health Representative	Cllr Mrs B. Davies & Cllr Mrs D. Brown
South Shropshire Access Group	Cllr Mrs B. Davies.
Snow Warden	Cllr M. Reiner
Power Warden	Cllr Mrs B. Davies., Mr M Sheehan (Clerk)
Street Light Warden	Cllr S Thorogood, Mr M Sheehan (Clerk)
Emergency Warden	Cllr Mrs B. Davies & Cllr G. Butler.
Highways Liaison Officer	Cllr S Thorogood, Mr M Sheehan (Clerk)
Cemetery	Cllr M. Reiner, Cllr D Brown
Traffic Group	Cllrs G Hainsworth & Cllr Mrs B. Davies
Risk Assessment	Cllrs G Hainsworth, Mr M Sheehan (Clerk)
Cleobury Country Ltd	Cllr S Thorogood, Cllr K Woodfield
Flag Man	Mr George Print
Publicity Officer	Cllr S Thorogood, Mr M Sheehan (Clerk)
Financial Internal Control	Cllr Mrs D Brown, Cllr S Thorogood, Cllr G Hainsworth, Mr M Sheehan (Clerk, RFO)
Working Group to Liaise with PCC	Cllr G Butler, Cllr M Reiner, Cllr K Reynolds
CM Youth Forum	Cllr G Butler, Cllr K Woodfield
Cleobury Mortimer Joint Committee	Cllr Mrs D Brown

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**0.7.10 Manor House (Cllr B Davies)**

As Cllr Butler was absent it was agreed to put on a future Agenda to get an update.

**0.7.11 Toilets Update (Cllr S Thorogood)**

Cllr Reynolds is waiting for the plans.

**0.7.12 Cemetery Update (Clerk)**

The Clerk made the following points.

The new path now complete which saved about two to three thousand pounds.

Getting quotes to finish path and Tidy up Trees and Cemetery in general.

**0.7.13 Cleobury Fringe (Cllr G Hainsworth)**

Cllr G Hainsworth gave an update of the Fringe and requested funding of £1,000 to help with this year's events.

After a brief discussion Cllr S Thorogood proposed to donate £1,000 subject to a formal letter and a copy of the accounts for last year. Seconded by Cllr M Reiner, voted all in favour, **RESOLVED.**

**0.7.14 Housing Association Lettings (Cllr B Davies)**

After a discussion about the problems of local residents having problems getting houses, it was agreed for Cllr B Davies to work with the Clerk to obtain answers.

**0.7.15 Process for Muller Land (Cllr S Thorogood)**

Cllr Thorogood said, we are talking about a public meeting. We are waiting from Matrix to come back to us with a figure for the abnormal costs. The offer is for £170,000. The council has resolved to make that land available. The issue the council has is that if those abnormal costs are more than that we feel we have an issue.

What we have asked them to do is go away and have a look and come back to us. We feel we could not do this as part of being a responsible parish council - if we agreed to go ahead we would not know what those abnormal costs are. I could not sit here as chairman and leave us in a position to find money. I think we need to take a sensible approach to this situation.

The abnormal costs cover things like services and access (make mention of a firing range). We said we were not builders. We said we wanted them to come back with a price for the abnormal costs and we are waiting for that note to come back.

I'm hoping that all the things that need to be done to get that process moving forward can be done quickly.

There are other issues with other offers and public meetings. But as far as I'm concerned we need to make a decision on what is fair and proper and what the people want. I'm fairly sure the general public wants a medical centre. If the council has the power to provide that it should do everything it can to do that but not get in a position where the council owes lots of money. I have been told by Matrix this will not happen.

We want to be as open as possible with everyone in the town. It has been going on for a long time, we know about PCT funding and we do not want to be in a position to jeopardise that.

Cllr Hainsworth asked, when will get an answer from Matrix?

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Cllr Thorogood replied, we just need that note. Then we can go armed with it to the public. We have a duty to tell the public what they are getting on that land. If we cannot do that there is a problem and Matrix accepts that.

I hope this is an attempt by the council to bring people closer by listening to what they have to say.

The Clerk said, I have sent off to Matrix, Bovis and Blue Square saying that I needed answers/proposals ASAP. I said it was very urgent and I have copies of the emails I sent. Also I have talked with Sue Arrowsmith myself today. The timescale for the PCT is quite important. Because we are looking at probably October. By November they need to look at finances again, and I have also been in touch with Shropshire Councils legal department.

We need to inform the public and have a public meeting as far as having a poll goes and we would have to pay to have a poll. The public meeting will be run by an independent body not the parish council.

If, when they have the public meeting, 10 electors want a poll the exact questions that will be in that poll will be put down. Any poll will be run by Shropshire Council and we would have to pay £1,000 for the public to have a poll.

As councillors you get to ask the public what they want. This is my advice - arrange a public meeting. The best time would be the beginning of September. Have a list of speakers, and councillors can be there and can speak.

You can make a decision tonight if you want but it is very unwise.

By having a public meeting it still gives you 3-4 weeks to have a poll if you want one and get back to finalise details.

The Clerk detailed four options - make a decision tonight (unwise), make a decision following public meeting, make a decision following a poll, make a decision following public meeting and poll.

Cllr Davies said it should be in the school or somewhere big.

Cllr Thorogood said, if we have a note back from Matrix and feel that's fair and reasonable, bearing in mind what has been resolved in past few weeks... Are we in a position to make a decision without a public meeting?

Cllr Hainsworth said, at the moment the only viable one is going to be Matrix. We already have a resolution from this council saying the land will be made available. We would not need a public meeting if abnormal costs are reasonable.

Cllr Thorogood said we can call an extraordinary meeting within three days if we get that figure. Council has power as it has already resolved to make that decision. I think that's fair.

Cllr Davies said, I thought we had decided to have a public meeting. We need to put it to the people.

The Clerk said that the first week in September has been suggested and at least you are setting deadlines for people to get back.

Cllr Thorogood then offered to stay and talk to members of the public once meeting was closed.

Cllr Brown said, if you set a date people will know and can spread the word.

**Minute's cont.**

The Clerk suggested the first week of September as people would be back from Holidays and it would give plenty of time before the PCT meet again.

Cllr Thorogood suggested holding a public meeting on a date between September 6 and 9, and suggests Tuesday could be a good day.

Cllr D Brown proposed and Cllr Woodfield seconds. Voted all in favour. **RESOLVED.**  
Clerk to arrange date.

**0.7.16 Planning sub Committee (Clerk)**

Due to no meeting for August the clerk needed a subcommittee to look at planning issues and financial issues like bills to pay.

Cllr S Thorogood proposed a planning and Finance Sub Committee with the authority of the Parish Council to make decisions until the next Parish Council meeting 5<sup>th</sup> September of Cllr B Davies, Cllr K Reynolds, Cllr, G Butler, Cllr S Thorogood. Seconded by Cllr M Reiner, Voted all in favour **RESOLVED.**

**MEETING DECLARED CLOSED BY THE CHAIRMAN AT 8.15 pm**

SIGNED ..... (CHAIRMAN) DATE .....