

Cleobury Mortimer Parish Council

Minutes of the ORDINARY MEETING of the CLEOBURY MORTIMER PARISH COUNCIL held at the Market Hall on Monday 3rd June 2013 at 7pm in the Market Hall, Cleobury Mortimer.

Present:

Cllr S Thorogood (Chairman), D Brown (Vice Chairman), B Davies, M Reiner, J Martin, D Harley.

Clerk: Mr M Sheehan

Public: 3

0.6.0 Democratic 15 minute Public Time

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if anyone wished to speak.

Mr G Cowell explained that as a councillor previously with Cllr G Carter had tried to sort out the corner past the Blount for better visibility, as it is a blind corner. Vehicles narrowly miss each other and scrape the trees and there is the possibility of a serious accident.

Cllr Brown said that a meeting could be arranged on site with highways. Clerk to arrange.

Mr Cowell also said that the road crossing by the wells was dangerous and a mirror for pedestrians could be a solution.

There was a brief discussion noting other places to look at in the town, New Road, Curdale Close exit onto main road.

The Chairman thanked Mr Cowell for bringing his concerns and a meeting would be arranged on site.

There being no one else wishing to speak the Chairman opened the meeting and welcomed Cllr Dave Harley to the Parish Council.

0.6.1 Apologies for absence

Cllr G Hainsworth Reason; Holiday

RESOLVED to accept these apologies.

0.6.2 Declaration of interests: Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Members are reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate, whether or not the interest is entered in the register of members interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer.

NONE

0.6.3 To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council Meeting 13th May 2013

Proposed: - Cllr D Brown Seconded: - Cllr M Reiner that the minutes be agreed and approved.

RESOLVED to accept the minutes and duly signed by the Chairman.

0.6.4 Matters arising from the minutes Clerks Report up to date distributed at meeting

NONE

0.6.5 Councillor's reports and items for future agendas

Cllr M Reiner informed the council of Pot Holes, Ronhill Lane in front of bowling green, top of Hurst and the double white lines fading by the Bridge around the corner.

The Clerk had already reported but will chase.

Cllr D Brown informed the council of the streetlight outside her house in Furlongs Road not working.

Clerk to inform Prysman.

Cllr B Davies has received complaints about Cemetery grass and unkempt graves.

Agreed to discuss later on Agenda.

Cllr J Martin said he would like to invite the new Head Teacher for Lacon Childe School to the next parish Council meeting to introduce himself. This was seconded by the Chairman and it was agreed to invite him.

0.6.6 Unitary Report (Cllr G Butler / Cllr M Shingleton)

Both Councillor Shingleton and Cllr Butler had no reports to give.

0.6.7 Planning applications:

a) Planning permissions/refusals – weekly planning list from SC

b) Any others received after issue of the agenda

The Clerk informed the Council of the following application received after publication of the Agenda.

a) Planning Reference: Reference: 13/01823/LBC

Development: Proposal: Demolition of Coach House Grade II Listed Building.
Proposed Location: Address: The Hurst, Cleobury Mortimer
Applicant: Mr R Butler

Cllr D Brown said she could not understand why it had to be demolished.

7.25pm At this point Cllr Thorogood proposed suspending Standing Orders to allow Cllr Butler to explain. Seconded by Cllr Brown Voted all in favour **RESOLVED**.

Cllr Butler explained that there are a lot of covenants and the building is falling down so it is to make Car Parking spaces and have received full advice from Heritage and done everything by the correct method.

Cllr Davies was concerned it is part of the old Cleobury.

Cllr. Brown said that she would find it difficult to make a decision due to the heritage of the building and would like to refer back to the Conservation Officer.

Cllr Shingleton requested that it be minuted that she took no part in the discussion. So noted by the Clerk.

7.28pm At this point Cllr Thorogood proposed reinstating Standing Orders. Seconded by Cllr Brown Voted all in favour **RESOLVED**.

After A Short discussion Cllr Brown proposed that the application be referred back to Shropshire Council with the concerns that the Conservation Officer looks at it and supplies the Parish Council with his report, Seconded by Cllr Reiner Voted All in Favour **RESOLVED**.

0.6.8 Finance:

Account to be paid:

Shropshire Council - Wages

Cheques for payment –

J. McGrath Skips -£126 (Cemetery)

Payments Received:

Cemetery - £760

Donation Requests

Any others received after issue of the agenda

The Clerk made the Parish Council aware of the following:

Account to be paid:

M Sheehan - £96 Website Renewal Fee

D Malley - £105 Internal Audit

Market Hall- £350.29

Mr R Price- £24 Website

R.M.Price - £714 (May Grass Cutting)

Came & Co Insurance Renewal - £1,016.03 to be discussed later on Agenda.

Proposed by Cllr B Davies, seconded by Cllr D Brown, that the accounts are accepted and Payments are made. Voted all in favour RESOLVED.

0.6.9 Correspondence:

Urgent matters received after Agenda needing attention.

Cllr Thorogood had received the information regarding the donation required for the Parish Plan and informed the Council that a reduced amount was required from the Parish Council of £1,315, with the LJC donating £1,000.

Proposed by Cllr Thorogood that the sum of £1,315 be set aside for the Parish Plan, Seconded by Cllr D Brown, voted all in Favour **RESOLVED**.

Cllr Thorogood read out the following Email from Mr Duley regarding Dog Bags.

Hi Matt,

Sorry I wasn't able to attend your dog fouling initiative at the playing fields earlier in the week. Hope it went well with some media coverage. I note that free dog litter bags are no longer available at the Cleobury Country Centre as the County has ceased to provide. Would the Parish Council consider stepping in here and talking over the supply of free dog litter bags? Just an idea. I don't think it would be enormously expensive and would help to reinforce your 'pick-up your dog litter ' campaign.

I'm not certain you can buy dog litter bags in CM anymore. I dropped in the other day at the vets and they had none in stock.

Regards

Bill

After a short discussion it was proposed by Cllr Thorogood to buy one box and keep in Clerks office for parishioners of Cleobury. Seconded by Cllr Reiner voted all in favour **RESOLVED**.

Cllr Martin requested that he was interested in taking on the Big Tidy up request received from Street Scene. To be put on next Agenda.

0.6.10 Historic Core Project update – Clerk

Clear instruction required of Parish Council Involvement.

The Clerk informed the Council that this was a concern, as it was started by an ex Parish Councillor and after discussing with the Internal Auditor, there were some concerns over the VAT implications and the way the donations were obtained. Also the extra work involved. He requested that if we are to take over the project it needed to be agreed and minuted that we do and a new councillor be appointed to help or a working group set up.

Cllr Brown agreed to help. Proposed by Cllr Thorogood, seconded by Cllr Reiner that the Parish Council take over the project and Cllr Brown assists the Clerk, voted all in favour **RESOLVED**.

7.48pm At this point Cllr Brown proposed suspending Standing Orders to allow Cllr Shingleton to speak. Seconded by Cllr Reiner Voted all in favour **RESOLVED**.

Cllr Shingleton reported that there is still a problem with the Skate Park and Cleobury Park rubbish bins, with no one taking responsibility for the Park. Still looking to hand it over legally to South Shropshire Youth Forum from the School.

7.50pm At this point Cllr Thorogood proposed reinstating Standing Orders. Seconded by Cllr Brown Voted all in favour **RESOLVED**.

0.6.11 Election of Organisations

a) Cyril Edgar Berrington Trust

The Clerk informed the Council that he had phoned numerous times and is still waiting for a reply.

b) Friends of Cleobury Library

After a few phone calls the Clerk is still looking into it.

0.6.12 New Toilets Update - Cllr S Thorogood

The Clerk informed the Council that there were ongoing issues with the doors not locking properly and having to check at night, and other small items not happy with, but waiting for Harpers to get back, also was preparing a job description and employment application form to send out.

The Clerk also said that if we now have the new toilets do we still have to pay the Market Hall £100 a month.

After a short discussion Cllr Brown proposed stopping payment to the Market Hall, seconded by Cllr Davies, voted all in favour **RESOLVED**.

Cllr Thorogood explained that there was still an issue with access to the disabled toilets that had not been rectified. Clerk to chase up.

0.6.13 Market Hall Constitution – Cllr Thorogood

Cllr Thorogood explained that the Market Hall constitution currently does not include the likes of the Church representative to have a vote at meetings and would like to have it changed to incorporate this.

Cllr Brown had a personal view that the Parish Council should always have the majority vote as the Corporate trustee due to the history of the building, like the parish Hall the Parish Council is required to be in overall control.

Cllr Thorogood suggested there could be two trustees the Church and also a user of the Market Hall.

Cllr Harley pointed out that there were three councillors on the Committee of the Parish Hall.

It was proposed by Cllr Brown to look at getting other persons able to vote, seconded by Cllr Thorogood, voted all in favour **RESOLVED**.

0.6.14 Facebook / Twitter – Cllr Brown / Cllr Martin

More Public interest at meetings.

Cllr Brown suggested an availability to meet with Jack and the Clerk to set up Facebook and Twitter.

Cllr Martin suggested advertising with Face book and Twitter together.

Cllr Brown said there should be guidelines but it would be useful to advertise meetings and display Agendas.

The Clerk voiced concerns of trouble in the media.

Cllr Brown proposed setting them up, seconded by Cllr Martin voted all in favour **RESOLVED**.

Cllr Martin suggested photos on the website and Cllr Brown said it was agreed previously and was still waiting.

Cllr Martin to take photos after meeting.

0.6.15 Manor House – Cllr Davies

Cllr Thorogood read out the following Email received from Rachel Parry Shropshire Council.

Hi Matt,

Sorry for the delay in coming back to you. I have now heard from the agent dealing with The Manor House on behalf of the owner.

He has informed me of the following:

- A water tank burst in 2009 and caused damage (to what extent I am unsure)
- The above works have been subject to an insurance claim and this claim has been on-going, and still is. There are many issues with it by the sounds, which includes going to the Ombudsmen.
- The agent has confirmed they hope that in a couple of months they will be in a position to talk to myself regarding the specification of works

As you can see there is still cause for concern, and I will endeavour to continue to seek updates and push for a meeting as soon as is available. I am however pleased that I am in contact and that I continue to get updates, this obviously makes things a lot easier.

I hope that the above information is acceptable for you to pass on at the meeting, and as I say I will pass on further information as I get it.

Many thanks.

There followed a short discussion.

8.24pm At this point Cllr Davies proposed suspending Standing Orders to allow Cllr Shingleton to speak. Seconded by Cllr Brown Voted all in favour **RESOLVED**.

Cllr Shingleton stated that there were concerns over the Manor House and Ashley's Café and was talking to owners, but the only power Shropshire Council have is if it had to go in to make weather proof and at present the Manor House is weather proof. Ashley's Café has problems too.

The Manor House is contactable through an agent.

Cllr Thorogood suggested he could contact the owner but Cllr Shingleton said he would not be able to.

Cllr Butler said the Clerk should contact Colin Richards at Shropshire Council.

Clerk to email all with any information received.

8.30pm At this point Cllr Thorogood proposed reinstating Standing Orders. Seconded by Cllr Davies Voted all in favour **RESOLVED**.

0.6.16 Flag Man – Cllr Davies

Letter of thanks

Cllr Davies proposed that Mr Print be acknowledged for his work and a letter of thanks sent with a payment of £50 in December annually, seconded by Cllr Brown, voted all in favour **RESOLVED**.

0.6.17 Agree end of year Accounts – Clerk

Proposed by Cllr Thorogood that the End of year accounts be agreed, seconded by Cllr Reiner, voted all in favour **RESOLVED**.

0.6.18 Parish Hall Update – Cllr Thorogood

Cllr Thorogood explained that there was still an issue with the right of way to the rear and proposed that Mr Parker Solicitor for MFG, write a letter to ensure the pathway put back to allow access. Seconded Cllr Davies, voted 5 in favour 1 abstained **RESOLVED**.

It was discussed and agreed to put the Parish Hall and Market hall meeting on the next Agenda

0.6.19 Parish Council Insurance – Clerk

The Clerk explained that if the Parish Council agreed to a three year contract then the premium would be £965.23 instead of £1,016.03.

After a short discussion Cllr Thorogood proposed not to sign the agreement and take one year at £1,016.03 with next year looking at three quotes, seconded by Cllr Brown voted all in favour **RESOLVED**.

0.6.20 Cemetery - Clerk

Review Skip

The Clerk voiced concerns over the cost of the skip and the state of the unkempt graves, with the grass getting high. After investigating what other parishes do he suggested getting rid of the skip and putting two bays in the Cemetery to control the dirt and grass which could be composted, as the cost of the skip was helping the gravedigger. Also it was an eyesore for funerals. He also suggested getting in touch with families of unkempt graves to see if help is required to tidy them up, as he keeps his family graves tidy, as do others.

After a short discussion the Council suggested the skip stay for now and not to notify families.
Cllr Thorogood proposed that our grass cutter Mr Price, strim down all the unkempt graves, seconded by Cllr Reiner, voted all in favour **RESOLVED.**

Clerk to look at putting a piece in the Clarion.

0.6.21 Confirm date next Parish Council meeting - Clerk

a) *Next P.C. meeting 1st JULY 2013*

Discussed and agreed by councillors

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.25pm

Cheques written: Account to be paid:

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Signed: Chairman



Date 1st JULY 2013