



CLEOBURY MORTIMER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on MONDAY 2ND FEBRUARY, at 7pm in the Market Hall, Cleobury Mortimer.

Present:

Cllr S Thorogood (Chairman), Cllr M Reiner, Cllr P French, Cllr T Kirkby,
Cllr R Hayward, J Martin.
Clerk: Mr M Sheehan
RFO: Mrs D McBride
Public: 3

0.02.0 Democratic 15 minute Public Time

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and asked if anyone wished to speak.
Mr John Barnes explained his request to the Parish Council to produce a Census booklet of the Parish. He is currently transcribing census records, trying to put a publication together for the library and showed the councillors some examples which list as far as Wheathill and Stottesdon going back to 1861 with 70,000 entries, but the example with 8,000 entries.
He would do the research and put together the information but just asked that the Parish Council look at funding the publication.
The Chairman thanked Mr Barnes and requested he came back to the Parish Council with costs.
Mr Graham Simpson informed the meeting that the Library has free access to Ancestry website. He went on to say that with the cuts the friends of Cleobury Mortimer library are running events to reach out to get more residents and families to use the library.
We started last year with a bank balance of £123 and it is difficult to run events and keep a small balance, but with Shropshire Council cutting funding it is a struggle.
We have asked Tuffins for financial support with no reply as we have an event on Sunday afternoon for 36 children to attend a reading.

0.02.1 Apologies for absence

Cllr D Brown Reason; Unwell
Cllr B Davies Reason; Unwell
Cllr G Hainsworth Reason; Holiday.

RESOLVED to accept the apologies. Cllr Reiner abstained.

**0.02.2 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 member's interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer.

Cllr Thorogood 0.02.8 Finance: Reimbursements

0.02.3 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting 12th JANUARY 2015

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

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0.02.4 Matters arising from the minutes

Clerks read out the following report.

CLERKS REPORT January 2015 Condensed report.

➤ **General items**

Emptying the Skate Park bin as and when required.

Christmas lights in town taken down by Volunteers from Rugby Club, Alan Guest and Cllr Thorogood.

Meeting took place with Vicky Turner from Shropshire Council looking at grants available also to look at play areas, next meeting set for 3rd Feb. To organise Parking meeting and Crime meeting separately.



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Attended Market Towns Clerks meeting in Shrewsbury.

Attended by about 15 clerks, Chris Edwards's area commissioner. Clive Wright, Operations director and Kate Garner commissioning manager for youth. This was very interesting with two main points discussed. No council tax support grant as looking at all ways to save 40million over next year, even looked at charges on green bins. SAMDev should be sorted by middle July. And presently fighting reduction in planning law for section 106 reductions from 20 properties to 10. Discussed how place plan information needed to be communicated better and raised the point that local issues taken into consideration, like our waste recycling site.

Attending to all Legal issues with assets.

Quality Council Scheme chased up and. Information sent out.

Solicitor's information sent to Chris Edwards for Skate park area and play area Love lane.

Arranged Mark Blount to talk to councillors regarding option to take over remaining 3 play areas in Cleobury Mortimer, information received instead.

Received confirmation that New toilets transfer documents have been sealed by Shropshire Council and Completion of transfer has been requested and authorised.

Attended South Shropshire Housing Group training and informed Home point now back with Shropshire Council control.

Still chasing Bus Shelter Insurance with 2 emails and phone calls made.

Highways/ Streetlights Issues

All pot holes reported and streetlights dealt with when reported.

Talbot car park Disabled bays to be re painted in summer

Banners to go up at each end of town to advertise allotments.

Arranged for new Grit bin by Zebra crossing.

Arranged with Church Diesis to tend to trees and shrubs opposite Parish Hall.

Fly tipping past Blount reported and dog mess in street reported.

Contact Mr Pratt's agents with regard to roof tiles falling onto the pavement. Cllr Shingleton also dealing with this.

➤ **Cemetery/ Church gardens**

Will be talking to Vicky about next tidy up day in to be arranged in spring.

➤ **Police/ Crime / Parking Enforcement**

Regular visits from both organisations as usual. Parking booked three offenders on last visit

Still no update on our grant application for CCTV at present, informed this week decision in 2 weeks time.

Crime meeting t 27th Jan 4pm Shrewsbury, attended with Cllr Kirkby.

To arrange next Crime and Parking meeting, separately, hopefully in March with smart water attending.

Mr Graham Oliver the Crime commissioner's assistant, to visit and have a catch up. Also is helping to Chase CCTV grant.

Correspondence / Dates to note

➤ **Next WW1 meeting 10am Monday 2nd March 2015**

➤ **Email from Matt Hayes Lacon Childe School, looking at re location of footpath. Requested more information. Agenda item.**

➤ **Council Tax Support Grant Conference 9th Feb 2015 at 12 noon.**

➤ **Playing Field, Play Area**

Dog mess on Playing Field is still a concern, asked Kate at Street Scene for legality of covert fly tipping Cameras to be used for bad areas of dog fouling. Changes in Public Space Protection order need investigating.

0.02.5 Councillor's reports and items for future agendas

Cllr Kirkby - Crime meeting Shrewsbury

Cllr Kirby reported back from the meeting that the police are doing all they can with what they have and we may never get police on the beat again.

It was very interesting with police, crime commissioner, high Sherriff and a councillor talking followed by security companies showing items available. We looked at CCTV and had thoughts of fly tipping cameras being used for dog mess issues. Are restrictions at viewing images and Exeter council has run a successful campaign.



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Cllr Reiner has repaired Cemetery gate and managed to gain access to shed with Clerk and secured with new padlock.

Moles are an issue that needs addressing. Clerk to organise.

Cllr Hayward raised concerns of crime and parking issues Vaughan Road.

The Chairman confirmed a process of consultation was required and in hand, but can take a few months to go through.

The Clerk explained that a parking meeting had taken place with the Crime group meeting but next meetings will be separate. All parking considerations needed to be addressed together, so all problem areas can be addressed at the same time.

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

Cllr Butler said that no updates since last meeting but should have result of cabinet meeting 26th February concerning the 12 million black hole and Adult and Social care implications.

0.02.7 Planning applications:

a) Planning Reference: 15/00278/TCA

Address: 24 High Street, Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8BY

Proposal: To crown reduce by 4m on top and 3.5m on sides to 1No. Silver Birch, crown reduce by 5m 1No. mature Hazel and fell 1No. Western Red Cedar within Cleobury Mortimer Conservation Area

Applicant: Mr Mark Baldwin (Beaconsfield, 24 High Street, Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8BY)

RESOLVED No Objection

b) Planning Reference: 14/05486/FUL

Address: 3 Cottage Gardens, High Street, Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8DN

Proposal: Erection of single storey side extension

Applicant: Mr Cliff Bamford

RESOLVED No Objection

c) Planning permissions/refusals/ Appeals – weekly planning list from SC

None to report.

0.02.8 Finance: – RFO D McBride

a) Account to be paid:

Shropshire Council - Wages

Cheques for payment –

BT £116.72 (Office phone)

Shropshire Council £1.00 (Deed transfer New Toilets)

S Thorogood - £45.95 (Xmas Lights)

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Viking Direct £83.64 (Office and Toilets)

b) Payments Received:

Cemetery £100.00

RESOLVED that the accounts are accepted and all payments are made.

c) Budget & Precept:

Agree Precept 2015-2016

MOTION from the working Finance group “The Parish Council resolve to accept the working Groups Precept proposals for 2015-2016”

Note: Quarterly review completed by finance group.

RESOLVED to accept the motion and a precept request of £96,500 be submitted.

d) Grant Applications, enquiries

Friends of Cleobury Mortimer Library



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RESOLVED to agree a grant of £100.

e) Petty Cash

MOTION from the Finance working group "A petty cash float of £200 is set aside for items costing less than £10"

RESOLVED to accept the motion of a petty cash float of £200.

f) Accounts package

Update of system

MOTION from the Finance working group "The Parish Council resolve to update the accounting system, following recommendations by the RFO"

RESOLVED to accept the motion to update the accounting system.

0.02.10 Correspondence to note:

Thank you letter Sandra Ozals

0.02.11 Capital Receipt Update – RFO

No further update.

0.02.12 Newsletter – J Martin

Cllr Martin is putting together the next newsletter and asks that councillors make a contribution of writing a paragraph to be put in.

0.02.13 Dog Mess – Cllr Kirkby

Discussed earlier.

0.02.14 Lime Trees – Clerk

The Clerk explained that the Lime trees in the main street was due for pleaching again the Horticultural society had local donations and Shropshire Council has agreed to pay half of £1,900 remaining and requested as every year that we donate the other half.

RESOLVED to pay the other half of £950.

0.02.15 Manor House update – Cllr Thorogood

Cllr Thorogood confirmed that the owner was keeping in touch regularly with updates. English heritage wants it developed as one property keeping it as a Manor house. It could be also a hotel or spa. The stable block and down the side was being looked at for apartments. We will be kept informed.

19.55 RESOLVED to suspend standing orders.

Cllr Butler asked how many apartments was he looking at.

Cllr Thorogood explained about 12.

Cllr Butler raised concerns as changes to planning would mean that instead of a twenty house development having to pay money into the local community, since it is being reduced to 10 then the community could miss out on section 106 money if the developer first put in for ten with no monies payable, then the others after. He could not support the community getting no money.

20.05 RESOLVED to reinstate standing orders.

0.02.16 Skate Park Land Update / Play Areas – Clerk

Working group required to prepare proposals and agree documentation for final Proposal to be put to the Parish Council.

RESOLVED Cllr French, Cllr Martin and Cllr Kirkby be the working group but other councillors can take places if not available.

0.02.17 Cemetery Update – Cllr French

Update on tree locations.

Cllr French explained that it was arranged to get 7 mature trees for the Cemetery from Shropshire Council following a site visit and best information given. Subsequently a meeting of Theresa and Dot had raised more concerns about space and more questions that were requested. Cllr French was unhappy with the tone of the response from Shropshire Council, coming back with different planting distances from the first visit.

Agreed that the Clerk reply to Shropshire council and a further site visit with Dot and Theresa be made before the next meeting.

0.02.18 Councillor Reimbursements – Cllr Thorogood



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Cllr Thorogood confirmed that an email from Shropshire Council legal department said that more information would need to be submitted to the remuneration panel before it sits in April and some councillors will need to attend.

20.10 RESOLVED to suspend standing orders.

Cllr Butler said that if the Parish Council were to request remuneration it we could be the first in Shropshire and it may be setting precedence. It is a volunteer role and would have audit implications of scrutiny and may cost more to administrate.

To save printing costs could get an I pad for all councillors to go paperless or ask clerk to print anything needed.

20.30 RESOLVED to reinstate standing orders.

Cllr Thorogood explained that a decision was needed to move forward on this understanding all points of views expressed.

Cllr Kirkby felt his role as councillor was a privilege and pleasure with minimal cost to date.

RESOLVED to leave subject for two years before discussing again.

0.02.19 Annual Parish meeting - Clerk

To look at a change of date and proposals for Guest speaker.

Due to the Market Hall being already booked, suggested meeting be held on Monday 20th April 2015 instead of Wednesday 22nd April 2015. Also that due to the recent Rural Crime meeting was very good and our recent Crime group grants, that we have speakers from Smartwater and possibly the police and security firms.

After a brief discussion it was **RESOLVED to change the Parish AGM to Monday 20th April 2015 and have Rural Crime as the subject for guest speakers. Clerk to organise.**

0.02.20 Confirm date of the next Parish Council meeting

Next P.C. meeting 2nd MARCH 2015

Agreed

The Chairman read out the following requesting the public and press be excluded for the next item. 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.

0.02.21 Parish Hall Update –Clerk

Cheques written:

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Meeting Closed at 9.07pm

Signed: Chairman



Date: 02/03/2015