



# CLEOBURY MORTIMER PARISH COUNCIL

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**Parish Council meeting held on Monday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2016 at 7pm in the Market Hall, Cleobury Mortimer.**

**Present:**

Cllr S Thorogood (Chairman), Cllr D Brown (Vice Chairman), Cllr G Hainsworth, Cllr T Kirkby, Cllr B Davies, Cllr P French. Cllr M Reiner.

**Clerk:** M Sheehan

**RFO:** Dorothy McBride

Public: 7

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the February meeting and introduced Mr Pete Banford.

**Guest Speaker – Mr. Pete Banford** (Southern Shropshire LEADER Programme Manager – Shropshire Outdoor Partnerships).

Mr Banford explained the following.

LEADER is a locally delivered European funding programme for rural development. The word 'LEADER' is a French acronym which roughly translates as 'Liaison among Actors in Rural Economic Development'. The programme is part of Rural Development Programme (RDP) funding under Pillar 2 of the Common Agricultural Policy, which provides support for economic, social and environmental development in the countryside. Defra is the Managing Authority for the Rural Development Programme in England.

A LEADER Local Action Group (LAG) is made up of local public, private and civil society representatives that have delegated powers to bring forward and fund projects in line with their Local Development Strategy (LDS) and RDP objectives. The LDS describes what the LAG aims to achieve based on locally identified priorities and actions. LEADER groups address their local priorities in an innovative, inclusive and locally specific way through planning and implementing their LDS.

As a result of the rural population cap of 150,000 for a LEADER area and the rural population figures for Shropshire two applications were made to DEFRA for LEADER funding, the Southern Shropshire LEADER application was successful but unfortunately the application for the north of the county was not. £2.032 million has been allocated to the south of the county with the first call for projects due to take place in January 2016.

The proposed overall purpose for the LEADER programme in the southern part of the county is:

**To improve the economic wellbeing of the area and its people through sustainable development, drawing on the area's environmental and cultural assets and qualities.**

The LEADER Local Development Strategy will seek to implement the national LEADER priorities in the ways most appropriate to the needs of the area:

- Increasing **farm productivity** in ways which enhance natural capital;
- Developing sustainable **micro and small enterprises and farm diversification**;
- Building **rural tourism** making the most of Shropshire's assets;
- Improving **rural services** to support business growth and development;
- Enhancing the **natural, cultural and heritage** attractions of the area;
- Increasing **woodland and forest productivity** in ways which enhance natural capital.

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The Chairman thanked Mr Banford for his time and asked for any questions.

The Clerk asked if it could be used to apply for funding for the Parish Council towards the Grounds person.

Mr Banford explained that funding for equipment could be considered.

## **0.01.0 Democratic 15 minute Public Time**

The Chairman asked if anyone wished to speak.

Mr Duley explained about the Walter Pullen exhibition is going really well with the displays including the Market Hall and suggested putting together a leaflet with help from the Parish Council and a grant.

Councillors agreed it would be a good idea for Mr Duley to work on.

### **0.01.1 Apologies for absence**

**Cllr J Martin** Reason; University.

**Cllr Hayward** Reason; Holiday

**Resolved to** accept the apologies

### **0.01.2 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 Kirkby** **0.01.7** **Finance:** Reimbursements

**Cllr Thorogood** **0.01.8** **Finance:** Reimbursements

**Cllr Davies** **0.01.15** **Maintenance - Grounds person**

**Cllr Brown** **0.01.15** **Maintenance - Grounds person**

### **0.01.2 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Monday 4<sup>th</sup> January 2016**

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes, and duly signed by the Chairman.

### **0.01.4 Matters arising from the minutes**

Clerks Report up to date distributed at meeting

#### **General items**

Christmas lights now all packed away, still receiving good comments.

Need dates and times to propose for a meeting with Lacon and Parish Council to look at partnership working.

New fence around Rugby pitch proposed by Lacon causing concerns.

Applications received for Maintenance / Grounds Person. Agenda item.

Attended Market Town Clerks meeting at Shirehall. Proved very informative and worthwhile explaining Shropshire Council's future finances with Financial Strategy briefing. Raised points of extra work for local councils and being volunteer councillors. Also raised that it is looking like double taxing, supported by other clerks.

James Walton explained that as well as 23 million proposed cuts 2016/17 also looking at 11.3 mil 2017/18.

Ringway losing money after underpriced contract up to March 2018. SC looking at splitting up next time to smaller contracts. Also looking to have local councils to take on some work, which we are already ahead on.

Sent out our Grass cutting tenders and obtained four quotes. Agenda item.

Requested to look at taking on maintenance of play areas, Larks Rise, Hartman Close and Whitcombs Orchard. Agenda item.

Asked questions requested by council about Skate Park area and received answers. Agenda item.

Attended parking meeting with Cllr Kirkby and Cllr French at Primary School over road safety concerns and looking at the possibility of changing the entrance to the school to the rear, also a suggestion by the Primary School of a fence on playing field for child safety and Dog fouling issues, which would affect the Cricket pitch.

Letters sent to Head office Lloyds bank and have received a reply. Meeting with new area manager agreed to take place when appointed.

Response to big conversation available on line.

Attended Budget and Precept meeting with councillors and RFO.

Thank you to Cllrs French, Kirkby and Brown for amount of voluntary work attending meetings and recent involvement helping in many issues.

#### **Highways/ Streetlights Issues**

Concentrating efforts on Talbot Car Park for new streetlights and resurfacing.

Reported pot holes around town and loose kerb by Sports and Social Club.

Exploring all avenues for support for Puffin crossing in High Street.

Requested dropped kerbs bottom of Mortimer Gardens and opposite entrance to Library.

Working with Highways to locate a handrail in Bull Alley.

Have now new larger We Don't Buy Crime signs which Highways will be fitting for us on approach roads.



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B4363 from o/s Railway Cottages to jct with B4201 closure now extended to 5<sup>th</sup> February.

## **Police/ Crime / Parking Enforcement**

Visit from Rural, Cyber crime unit to organise working together and attendance at Farmers Markets, with a meeting again 11<sup>th</sup> February to discuss further, also looking at helping to address the speeding issues. CCTV Visits completed to look at systems in Oswestry, Shrewsbury and Highley. Three companies now quoting. Agenda item.

Crime Reduction Group meeting 8<sup>th</sup> February 11am Market Hall.

## **Correspondence / Dates to note**

**Lime Pleaching week commencing 15<sup>th</sup> February 2016**

**Invitation to Chairs & Clerks to meet with Malcolm Pate Head Shropshire Council, 10<sup>th</sup> February 2016 Shirehall 9am – 11am.**

**The Road Safety event Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> March 2016, 5.30pm – 7.30pm at Shirehall, Shrewsbury  
Road closure received, Childe Road, 03/05/2016 (09:30 to 14:45) Carriageway Re-surfacing**

### **0.01.5 Councillor's reports and items for future agendas**

Cllr Kirkby informed the council that he was still looking into the Lanyards and ID cards as most companies are only interested in minimum orders of 100. Can take the photos off the website for ID badges but some are not on there.

Cllr Reiner reported a pot hole in Ronhill Lane and also he has been asked about the possibility to continue the pavement from Curdale to Vaughan road. Clerk to look into with Highways.

Cllr Brown raised the issue of the council website not having all the councillors photos and information on and asked that those not already done to put together a resume and supply a photo.

Another issue was the state of the road by Mawley turning to the farm.

Cllr Davies raised two issues of the Bus shelters needed cleaning and the state of the Bridgnorth road.

Cllr French is looking into the prices for a new notice board.

Secondly wanted to propose that it is the Queen's birthday in June and we should send a card.

**RESOLVED** to send a birthday card.

### **0.01.6 Unitary Report (Cllr G Butler / Cllr M Shineton)**

Cllr Shineton confirmed that total resurfacing of the main road from New Bridge to Mawley was to be done in April 2016. If anyone wanted some hardcore to contact Highways.

The second phase of the youth project has taken place in the Cleobury park and there is to be some more litter picking and controlled burning and a fun day with Rich Morley.

Looking at Ambulance times and any information about this to contact her.

Attended a bus meeting in Ludlow as the 2L is very poor. Any information on issues and problems to feed through.

The First responders are looking for an application for funding support.

Cllr Butler explained the reshuffle of cabinet with new leader. The Place plan is not to complete this year.

Funding for the Library has a business plan for three years working with Cleobury Country, perhaps need to be in place plan and Budget. Because of what Shropshire Council are faced with collecting around 40 million and it is topped up to 100 million and it is the top up which will be withdrawn over a five year period, taking back 60 million support grant to support Urban areas, worst case losing 30% of Highways budget and Parish and Town councils will have to look at what they can do for themselves.

Kerbside Cardboard collection may be coming back.

Shropshire Council has agreed to put up their Budget by 3.99% for the next 5 years.

### **0.01.7 Finance: – RFO D McBride**

#### **a) Account to be paid:**

Shropshire Council - Wages

Cheques for payment –

CMK - £180 Cherry Picker Xmas Lights

Information Commissioners Office - £35 Annual subscription

M Sheehan - £70 Mileage Reimbursements

T Kirkby - £44.40 Mileage Reimbursement

S Thorogood - £58.84 Reimbursements Xmas Lights

West Mercia Energy - £178.23 Toilets electricity



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Market Hall - £8.00 Room Hire  
South Shropshire Youth Forum - £755 – S137  
BT - £28.20 Office phone  
Npower - £1112.84 Street lighting electric

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

It was also discussed and proposed that for day visits away by Councillors and Volunteers from the community on Parish business, an allowance of £5 be made available per person towards refreshments.

**RESOLVED.**

**b) Payments Received:**

P French - £144.50 Xmas Lights donation

The Chairman thanked Cllr French for his kind donation to the community lights.

**c) Capital Receipt applications**

**To approve Cemetery software package.**

The Chairman confirmed all information had been carefully looked at by the Cemetery administrator and RFO, keeping the council aware and proposed to go with their recommendation. **RESOLVED** to go with GIS Solutions.

**To approve Archery Club application - £1,585.50**

One point was raised about any fundraising and confirmed no as it was to re launch club with new equipment.

**RESOLVED** to approve grant application.

**d) Budget & Precept – Cllr Brown**

To approve Budget & Precept for 2016-2017  
Financial Quarterly review of accounts.

The RFO explained the breakdown of the Budget plan and if it was increased from £96,500 to £110,000 it would mean an increase of £9 for a year on a band D property.

There was a discussion on the need to upgrade and change some streetlights and keep services going for the community. With more services being cut from Shropshire Council there is a need to be in a position to provide a service.

It was proposed to set the Budget at £110,000 for 2016-2017. **RESOLVED.** Cllr Davies voted against this proposal.

**0.01.08 Skate Park Land Update – Cllr Thorogood**

The Chairman confirmed that answers had been satisfactorily answered by Shropshire Council and proposed that the Parish Council continue to take on the ownership of the Skate park and surrounding area for the benefit of the community. **RESOLVED.**

**0.01.09 Transfer of Play Areas – Cllr Thorogood**

The Clerk had received confirmation that if the Parish Council took on the areas listed it would be on a 99 year lease.

It was proposed not to take on the play areas Leasehold and would re consider if Freehold. **RESOLVED.**

**0.01.10 Grass cutting tenders 2016 – 2017 – Cllr Thorogood**

As the quotes sent were too detailed and complicated, it was agreed that Cllr Thorogood, Cllr French, Cllr Kirkby and the clerk form a working group to look through and bring back recommendations to the Council for the March meeting.

**0.01.11 Annual Parish meeting - Clerk**

Confirm date and proposals for Guest speaker. Meeting set for Monday 11<sup>th</sup> April.

Cllr Davies offered to give a report on the Bus trips she runs to different towns and destinations.

The Clerk asked the Council for proposals for guest speaker to give plenty of time to organise and suggested possibly James Walton from Shropshire Council finance department, to come and explain Shropshire Councils position on Budgets. Clerk to arrange. **RESOLVED.**

**0.01.12 CCTV – Cllr Brown, Cllr Kirkby**

Cllr Brown confirmed that the group of councillors and volunteers from the Crime group had visited three sites to look at different systems and knew the quality of ours was poor and being monitored at Shrewsbury is out of the way.



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Cllr Kirkby explained that Oswestry and Highley were privately owned and Highley had a flexible system and invited the public in to look at system. Ours at Shrewsbury was no good at all and look at what Oswestry has confirmed that Shrewsbury was shocking and we really need to control it ourselves, just to record not monitor, but the decision needs to be made to move forward with upgrade.

Proposed to take control of CCTV system from Shropshire Council. **RESOLVED.**

**0.01.13 Census Records – Cllr Thorogood**

The Chairman updated the Council that it was agreed to have 10 Census Record of Neen Savage, Cleobury Mortimer Town, Cleobury Mortimer East and West Liberties, Cleobury Mortimer Doddington Liberty, Burwarton, Aston Botterell, Neen Sollars and Milson, Ditton Priors, Cleobury North and Neenton, Wheathill and Loughton.

The Council went through a remaining list and proposed to also buy the following eight: Bayton, Mamble, Coreley, Farlow and Silvington, Hopton Wafers, Kinlet, Stottesdon 1841 – 1871, Stottesdon 1881 – 1911.

**RESOLVED.**

**0.01.14 Confirm date of the next Parish Council meeting**

*Next P.C. meeting 7th MARCH 2016*

Agreed

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

**Cllr Brown and Cllr Davies left the meeting due to interests in next item.**

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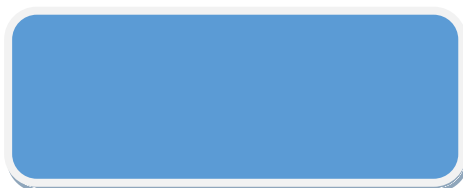
Under section 100a (4) of the Local Government Act 1972, the public and accredited representatives of newspapers be excluded from the meeting for the following item on the grounds that it involves the likely disclosure of exempt information as defined in Part 1 of Schedule 12a of the Act by virtue of the paragraph specified against the item.

**0.01.15 Maintenance - Grounds person – Cllr Kirkby, Cllr French**

**Cheques written:**

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**Signed: Chairman**



**Date: 7<sup>th</sup> MARCH 2016**