



CLEOBURY MORTIMER PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Monday 4th April 2016 at 7pm in the Market Hall, Cleobury Mortimer.

Present:

Cllr S Thorogood (Chairman) Cllr D Brown (Vice Chairman), Cllr G Hainsworth, Cllr B Davies, Cllr P French, Cllr M Reiner, Cllr R Hayward, Cllr J Martin.

Unitary Councillors, Cllr Butler, Cllr Shineton

Clerk: M Sheehan

Public: 2

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

04.0.16 Democratic 15 minute Public Time

Mr Matthew Hayes, Business manager for Lacon Childe School wanted to talk about working with Teme Leisure to obtain funding for Dance studio and fitness suite. Plans have been put together and the total cost will be £120,000. There are a number of funding streams with Teme Leisure putting in £40,000 and Lacon £20,000 to £30,000 so funding would be needed for the balance.

Cllr Brown said it could be looked at on next Agenda with relevant documentation.

Cllr Davies explained that she attended the meeting and her advice was to put in the relevant application forms.

Cllr Butler pointed out that ongoing costs would need looking at.

Cllr Thorogood said that the council would need an update on what is left in the Capital Receipt and Liaise with the school to put in an application.

The Clerk would forward information on other grants and funding available.

04.1.16 Apologies for absence

Cllr T Kirkby Reason - Holiday

Council **RESOLVED** to accept the apologies.

04.2.16 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 Brown declared a personal interest in Item 04.16.16 Employees

04.3.16 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Monday 7th March 2016

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

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04.4.16 Matters arising from the minutes

Clerks Report up to date distributed at meeting

General items

Arranged a meeting at play area with Mark Greaves and Sovereign play equipment to get an idea of changes and costs so we can apply for grants to re vamp the area.

Called in Maintenance team to look at New toilets doors and show us how to set timers as they never came last year.

Kept in touch with Derek and helped where we could. Roger still covering at New Toilets and the Market Hall.

Positive email received to re surface and mark Talbot car park and put 4 new streetlights. Ongoing

Working with Shropshire Council and our solicitor to move forward with the taking over of the Skate park area.

Request received for use of playing field and a Bouncy Castle. Put together an agreement. Agenda item.

National living wage affected one employee and has been amended accordingly

More complaints from residents by Cox site of rats. Passed on to Cllr Shineton.



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Vandalism at play area and Roger made site safe and repaired. Graffiti reported to me was dealt with Promptly by Roger.

Toilet blocked again and Roger unblocked it and repaired locking handle on Disabled door.

Received lots of good comments about the Cemetery.

➤ **Highways/ Streetlights Issues**

Highways keeping an eye on dip in road by Mawley farm but as we know their budgets are being cut.

A streetlight in Ronhill that may require a new column as on a pole and overhead feed is an issue.

Looking at checking all old concrete street lights and putting together a rolling plan to replace, with costs.

Issues at Childe Road concerning large vehicles. To arrange a meeting with Glyn Shaw and residents.

Medical Centre having problems with parked cars and vans blocking the entrance. Informed them Yellow Lines are ordered to be done.

➤ **Police/ Crime / Parking Enforcement**

Working with Rural, Cyber, crime unit who are now coming to the Parish AGM.

CCTV moving forward with letters to who never got job sent and ORP coming to finalise locations and the extra cameras we will be able to have within the Budget. Agenda item.

Looking at applying for a grant for 2 ANPR cameras either end of town.

Correspondence / Dates to note

Parish AGM Monday 11th April 7pm in the Market Hall

TRAINING

Wed 6th 5.30pm – 7.30pm *Current Finance and Preparing for Audit with Derek Kemp and Melodie Beavers, DCK Beavers Ltd Shirehall, Shrewsbury*

Tuesday 12th 2pm – 5pm *Clerks - the Knowledge Part 1 with Kim Bedford, FILCM Shirehall, Shrewsbury*

Wed 20th 5.30pm – 7.30pm *Fundamentals for Councillors with Kim Bedford, FILCM Shirehall, Shrewsbury*

Monday 18th April Crime Reduction Group Meeting Market Hall 11am

Annual Town and Parish Emergency Planning Briefing 1st June 2016 from 18:30-20:30pm at the Shirehall, Shrewsbury, SY2 6ND.

WESTERN POWER

66 High Street Tuesday 05.04.2016 until Friday 08.04.2016 Excavations in path for Service Alteration

Building plots adjacent to Sunnyways, Lion Lane Monday 27.06.2016 to Wednesday 29.06.2016 Excavations in Roadway (including a Road Close) to install New Electricity Supplies to 3 plots This job is provisionally booked for the above dates and are waiting on Permits

HIGHWAYS

Road closure received, Childe Road, 03/05/2016 (09:30 to 14:45) Carriageway Re-surfacing.

04.5.16 Councillor's reports and items for future agendas

Cllr Hainsworth raised the issue of the mess left putting in the new streetlights. A streetlight out in Tenbury road opposite Whitcombe Orchard is still not working.

The Clerk confirmed that Shropshire Council were chasing Ringway for main street lights, but may have to employ Eon to complete the job. The streetlight in Tenbury road will be chased up with our engineers.

Cllr Brown reminded the councillors of the leaflet in their pack of the joint Local Joint Committee meeting at the Severn centre in Highley on Tuesday 12th April at 7pm and urged them to attend to find out Shropshire Councils plans.

Cllr Davies explained that when grant applications are received and it affects other parishes, then they should be asked to contribute. Something noted on the application form.

At this point the Chairman proposed moving item **04.11.16 New ways of working with Shropshire Council Community Action Team** up the Agenda to discuss with the Unitary councillor joining the next item.

RESOLVED.



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

Cllr Butler confirmed that areas of Town councils are changing and urge councillors to attend the LJC meeting in Highley.

Shropshire is looking at having three pilot communities, subject to the council's agreement, and as Cleobury Mortimer is a very proactive council, would like to have Cleobury Mortimer as one. Looking at working with neighbouring parishes, transport, leisure facilities.

As an organisation Shropshire Council need to look at new ways of working with cost implications and capacity issues. By working with your neighbourhood officer they could look at grants, CIL funding and we can understand more of your needs. There would be no employment contract but some payment for their time. If the council commits to become a pilot it can be taken further.

Other points raised were the possibility of losing our community officers and this is a logical step to work together.

RESOLVED that the parish council move forward as a pilot scheme.

Cllr Shingleton notified of Health meetings 19th April Roxeter and Severn Centre on 20th April.

Garage in Lower street will stay as a garage for repairs only.

The Manor house needs to be tidied up. Cllr Thorogood and Cllr Brown were happy to meet with owner over the issue.

In Shropshire Star it had an article about proposals to cabinet that for £25,000pa Shropshire Council join Birmingham, Walsall, Solihull but not Marches and it would be like Advantage West midlands and will challenge vigorously.

Cllr Butler explained that they would receive millions of pound of funding and for £25,000 Shropshire Council could then fight for some of that funding.

Cllr Brown explained that her perception with those authorities is that it would be difficult for Shropshire Council to have a voice with the Power struggle going on.

Cllr Shingleton reported that Farlow had sent an email and they have a good cross section of councillors.

Cllr Butler read out the following email.

Dear Sir

Shropshire Councils proposal to become a non-constituent member of West Midlands Combined Authority was debated at Farlow Parish Councils last meeting. We are concerned that this is just a rerun of Advantage West Midlands out of which we gained very little. A little fish in a very big pond. This venture will cost Shropshire taxpayers £25,000 per annum. We would have thought our best interests will be served joining forces with Staffordshire, Herefordshire and Worcestershire. Ann Broomhall Chair Farlow Parish council.

With a reply as follows: -

Dear Ann

Thank you for your email.

I am very grateful for Farlow Parish Council considering whether Shropshire Council should join the West Midlands Combined Authority (WMCA) as a non-constituted member and I will share your thoughts with my Cabinet colleagues.

Devolution is a key policy of the government and Shropshire must negotiate its way through carefully to ensure that we maximise the benefits. At this stage, there is no other clear option to combine or work jointly with other authorities and benefit from devolved powers from the government and so the WMCA represents an opportunity to be at the table where discussions are taking place and at a level of investment which is considerably less than other authorities have already contributed.

Should Cabinet decide to join the WMCA as a non-constituted member, this would not stop us from working with other authorities to develop further deals and, indeed, we are already doing this.

I agree that we should tread carefully, but at the same time keep our options open.

Kind regards

Malcolm Pate

Leader, Shropshire Council



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04.7.16 Planning applications:

a) **Reference:** 16/01087/FUL (validated: 10/03/2016)

Address: Mawley Town Farm, Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8PJ

Proposal: Erection of a steel portal framed fodder storage building

Applicant: Mr Adrian Robinson)

Council looked at the plans and **RESOLVED** to have NO OBJECTION to the proposals.

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

04.8.16 Finance: – RFO D McBride

a) Account to be paid:

Shropshire Council - Wages

Cheques for payment –

Viking – toilet and office supplies - £151.78.

Shropshire Council – office rates - £425.92.

Forest & Garden Machinery – strimmer repairs - £124.92.

Morris Bufton & Co – lawnmower service & tools - £90.48.

SALC – Training fee - £20.00

Market Hall – Room hire - £8.00

MFG Solicitors – Land transfer Love Lane play area - £543

The Clerk informed the council of the following additions: -

Security wise – Toilets doors maintenance £100.80

T Kirkby – Reimbursements from Identibadge £36.83

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

b) Capital Receipt applications

Consider proposal from Lacon Childe to support new Fitness Studio.

Discussed earlier and to return with more information.

c) Audit

Note commencement of audit and confirm no conflicts of interests with Mazars.

RESOLVED no councillor has any interests.

04.09.16 Parking Enforcement – Cllr Hayward

Cllr Hayward was waiting for an answer to his question as to the length of time since a traffic enforcement officer had been in Cleobury and the problems of parking on the Zig Zags.

The Clerk had contacted parking and they admitted they had not been in Cleobury for a long time and they concentrate on reported areas so more complaints are needed.

It was also agreed on a day and best time to ask them to attend to catch offenders.

04.10.16 Christmas Lights – Cllr French

Cllr French informed the council that three things are needed to improve the infrastructure. Ensure displays cannot be pulled down, ensure fully up to date with current legislation and to load test all the brackets.

Prices to load test existing are £210 each with a total of £3,100 plus vat.

On the Tree side of the street to have new eyelets on walls, brackets in trees to Zig Zag to include all cabling is £980 plus vat, making an overall total of £4,100.

Cllr Davies asked if all the agreed grant was spent last year.

Cllr French confirmed that there was £3,770 left which leaves a shortfall.

After a short discussion about whether any funds were left from the Chamber of Trade and the possibility of collection boxes with letters sent to all local traders.



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RESOLVED to go ahead with the work needed and get the balance from collection boxes.

04.11.16 New ways of working with Shropshire Council Community Action Team
- Cllr Thorogood

Covered earlier

04.12.16 Pavement from Vaughan Rd – Curdale / Larks Rise – Cllr Reiner

Cllr Reiner raised the concerns of the parents with children trying to cross the road from Curdale and Larks Rise.

The Clerk had already made initial enquiries with Highways, who would come out for a site meeting to discuss the options. Clerk to arrange and notify Cllr Reiner to attend.

04.13.16 Playing Field, Events agreement - Cllr Brown, Clerk

The draft agreement was discussed and it was **RESOLVED** that Cllr P French, Cllr D Brown and Cllr J Martin meet with the Clerk to go through the document and agree its content, to bring back to the next meeting.

04.14.16 CCTV update – Cllr Brown, Cllr Kirkby

Cllr Brown confirmed that we are still waiting for Shropshire Council, but are keeping things moving.

04.15.16 Confirm date of the next Parish Council meeting

Next Parish Council. meeting will be held on Monday 9th May 2016

At 8.15pm 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.

04.16.16 Employees – Cllr Brown

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Cheques written:

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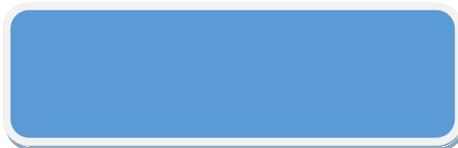
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Signed: Chairman



Date: 4th MAY 2016