

Clerk's Report for March 2021 Virtual meeting.

Still chasing monies owed for damaged camera as the last contact had left, which makes three now and explains why we have not received anything. Have discussed with another new Manager who will forward to accounts for payment. Will continue to monitor and chase for payment.

Put together letter for Charlotte Bentley of the Shropshire Star commenting how we work well together to keep the community informed and promote projects.

Put together a letter for a resident to confirm local connection for housing after consulting the chair.

Received request for help from a teenager looking for work or volunteering as struggling due to Covid. Discussed with chair and found a good outcome.

Dealt with any issues over Social media in consultation with the Chair that arise and needs a comment.

Continue to be available for those in need with our coordinators from CoCo and list of volunteers. Used three times so far.

Posted and advertised the Vacancy for Co Option of a councillor. Arranged interviews with Cllr Brown and Cllr Tysall.

Agenda item

Dealt with Newbridge corner being advertised wrongly on signs. Put signs down and contacted Shropshire council and contractors to make sure there was no confusion. Kept chasing them to put up correct signs and also kept the resident at Newbridge fully informed.

Chased the proposed footbridge at the Glen caravan park with Shropshire council and have now got a contact to follow through. Will be arranging a Zoom meeting with all concerned parties.

Put together March Clarion report and shared with councillors before sending to the Editor of the Clarion.

Put all planning comments on Planning portal and chased planning enforcement issues.

Looking at Planning applications over email as agreed at March council meeting **03.02E.20- Delegated Powers**, with the following Planning applications looked at over email and comments submitted: -

Reference: 21/00180/FUL (validated: 27/01/2021)

Address: Redthorne Farm Barns, Redthorne Hill, Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire **Proposal:** The Laying of a hardcore track and creation of a new access from an unregistered road into the field for the purposes of agriculture.

Applicant: Mr T Poyner

RESOLVED to Object to the application. The full report can be viewed on the planning portal.

Dealt with many issues over the month for residents who contact me for advice and to report issues. This has increased probably due to the lockdown and pressures on some in the community.

Issues with some cameras which I have had sorted by our contractors. They will be sending through a maintenance contract for us to agree, which we have not had for 5 years but we have received the support at no cost.

Working with Cllr Brown sorting out the Foodbank every Friday, while also organising volunteers and collection of donations when required. Collection from Ludlow Foodbank of excess items and dealing with donations.

Had phone call conversation with a resident Ben who continually picks up others Dog mess to sort out a way forward and address this issue working together. **Agenda item**

Put together and sent out Draft minutes from February meeting. Sort out Agenda for March meeting making sure all items need to be on there and all relevant paperwork is sent to councillors.

Cllr Butler has supplied and initiated contact to follow up the extension of the Conservation area. Will be following it up with Kit Smith to bring back to Council at some point.

Contacted another local resident with concerns over work taking out hedgerows and trees and received a full explanation for councillors.

Received instructions for councillors on the May elections. Will be attending a Zoom training session for this. Have paperwork to complete so that I can have packs sent for councillors.

Moving over from 123 webmail to Gmail gradually but seems to be more emails to deal with so slow going.

Still have regular visits from the police for a catch up and to see if they can help with any issues. Have met the new PCSO Stephen, who will be organising a day marking pushbikes and giving advice when safe to do so.

Putting together an annual report for the CCTV use over the last year, which will give us a good view of how our system is helping the community. Still having to check footage a couple of times a week, which also helps to see if we have any issues with the system. I will not need to do this when we have a maintenance contract.

Addressed concerns over an empty house in Ronhill to Unitary councillors who are best placed to follow up with Shropshire Council.

Chased planning enforcement for Curdale and now addressing with Shropshire Highways. Continue to monitor.

Answered Social media discussions on the Manor House as it is privately owned, and we are trying our best to sort it out, but we have no powers except to raise concerns. All we can do is pass on prospective buyers, including Mawley Hall, which we have done, and keep pushing to get it sold.

Dealt with planning issues as required with owners to help and given advice and contact details when needed.

Worked on Policies due for annual renewal, changing as necessary working with the RFO and Policy group to get ready for meeting. **Agenda item.**

Attended Zoom meeting with Cllr Brown and Roger Belham to discuss the 2021 Census, also arranged for him to attend the March meeting.

No longer arranging meetings for Neighbourhood steering group as they now have purchased Zoom.

Purchased another Chromebook for another councillor. Five in total now have Chromebooks with the Two Dot has purchased.

Put together the meeting dates for 2021-2022 and with the knowledge of the lockdown and Zoom meetings have suggested the Parish meeting Date in April instead of May as usual. **Agenda item.**

Giving advice and working with councillors that are dealing with projects to help move them forward while making sure that the legal process is observed.

Contacted by resident who wants to pay for and have scalping's put down by bench in QEII area. **Agenda item.**

Keep reporting Potholes to Shropshire council and also on Fix my street app. Advise all to do the same.

Keep in touch with local youths and their parents to help with their wellbeing and other issues raised.

Chasing costs for remaining streetlights that need changing to LED. Hope to have for April meeting.

Work on other confidential and sensitive items that cannot be made public due to GDPR and confidentiality.

Agreed with contractor that pollarding of Lime trees will now be done the Thursday and Fridays of the first two weeks of March.

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Cleobury Mortimer Town Council