

Clerk's Report for April 2021 Virtual meeting.

Train Cllr Buck on the CCTV to help me when needed or if Andrew Davies or myself are not available. Put together CCTV evidence of boy racers in the town for police action, which was well received. Also deal with other CCTV requests as they come in. Also helped police out of normal hours when required. Deal with all residents' questions and enquiries as and when received by all communications used including messenger.

Chase up payment for damaged camera with the transport companies Insurer. Now received.

Organise a collection of Sanitiser donated from the CoOp and Cllr Buck to collect and have a photo.

Contacted Mawley Hall for their help with planting wildflowers in the QEII area. Cllr French will follow up with the Head gardener. Many compliments on the flowers planted as bulbs and have come through.

Dealt with issues of parents not adhering to current guidelines in the play area. Worked with Chair, Shropshire council public health and Primary school. Requested the police have a presence at the park. Lot of social media and phone call conversations with parents. Help offered from some parents if required, but a lot of time spent sorting this out with social media, phone calls and paperwork.

Sent out specifications for lighting project at QEII area. Talking to and arranging meetings with companies tendering for projects we are looking at. Attend some site meetings, gaining quotes and putting together a spreadsheet with nominated Councillors for projects. Should be ready for May meeting.

Posted Election notices and attended training with other Clerks weekly. Lots going on and useful advice shared. Assisted councillors with filling in their nomination papers when needed.

Submitted planning comments from the meeting and dealt with concerns from residents in Simon Evans close with parking concerns.

Contacted by Shropshire council about our volunteer groups during Covid so updated their contact details.

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: 21/00797/FUL (validated: 16/03/2021)

Address: Siskin House , 1 Larks Rise, Cleobury Mortimer, DY14 8JJ

Proposal: Erection of a detached garage

Applicant: Mr And Mrs A Smith

Agreed that we do not comment due to the applicant being a member of the Town Council.

Reference: 21/00718/FUL (validated: 01/03/2021)

Address: 17 Mortimer Terrace , Lower Street, Cleobury Mortimer, DY14 8AJ

Proposal: Erection of an extension to the rear of the property

Applicant: Mr And Mrs M Greaves

Agreed to No Objection.

Notified of Jane Abbott, housing officer for Bromford is leaving, so expressed thanks for help and future best wishes.

A few calls about damaged tyres with the same Pothole, reported and phoned and gave advice on how to claim.

From concerns raised about the Tenbury Road development causing issues about the footpath and road damage from site vehicles, I have reported to Graham Downes at Shropshire Council Highways and an officer has been out and taken details.

Notified of a letter sent to residents on the Tenbury road about the surfacing of the road and pavement by Jessups, but the Town Council or Shropshire council were not notified. Passed on a copy of the letter to Shropshire council and met with SC Highways on site to look at issues. Photos and questions sent.

Contacted Jessups again to gain information on housing for the council regarding Local connection and to get a contact for the future. Passed onto WM Housing Group and Citizen Housing who are calling me back, hopefully.

Dealt with complaints surrounding the Primary school and social distancing.

Attended a meeting with Cllrs Brown and Cllr Buck to look at the annual Parish meeting and from that contacted relevant parties to give an annual update. Waiting to see who will be giving reports.

Assisted on complaints about an ice cream van outside the school selling ice creams. Followed up with Shropshire Council.

Attended weekly Clerks networking meetings to work with other Clerks in Shropshire to offer advice of what we do which many now seem to be adopting and our ways of working are helping other councils.

Attended the following training in March:- Sourcing external grants, Shropshire Elections, Community Events planning, Chairmanship skills, Food Insecurity.

Gave feedback on Winter Highways online for the Town council.

Attended more Zoom meetings of, Conservation Area, RCC, Action Log meeting to go through and update. Put together and sent out the meaning of Purdah to councillors due to questions received.

Assisted Stonewater to look at local connections for properties vacant in consultation with the Chair.

Horticultural Society will be weeding around the Lime trees now that they have been done. Contractors left one section due to finding a bird's nest and will complete when safe to do so.

If there is an election for the town this year, the Clarion will make space available for all candidates to address the electorate.

Contacted by parents at the weekend the remains of an old swing sticking out of the ground in the Play area. Took photos and could not fix it straight away. Contacted Wicksteed with photos to attend to the urgent issue.

Continue to help with the Foodbank and control Rota with Volunteers. Attend a Foodbank network meeting to work with other Food Banks working together.

Gained instructions from councillors to represent the Town Councils objection of 21/00180/FUL - Redthorne Farm Barns at the Virtual Southern Planning Committee meeting due to take place on 13 April 2021.

M Sheehan (Town Clerk)

Cleobury Mortimer Town Council