



Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Thursday 17th March 2022 at 7pm in the Cleobury Country Centre, Cleobury Mortimer.

Present:

Cllr Debbie Brown (Chair), Cllr John Greaves, Cllr Geoff Hainsworth, Cllr Neil Tysall, Cllr Alex Smith, Cllr Patrick Buck and Cllr Paul French.

Locum Clerk: Mrs D McBride.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

03.01.22E Democratic 15 minutes Public Time

There were two members of the public present.

Mr P Blackburn gave a brief overview of the recent progress of the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). Following the recent Call for Sites, two pieces of land were put forward and have been assessed by the planning consultant. Only one site could provide the housing requirements, public open space and cemetery expansion land. This site is also preferred by planning officers and was favoured in the public Big Cleobury Survey. The Steering Group has met and reviewed all information and made a unanimous decision to recommend the Ludlow Road site to the Town Council. The Chair thanked Mr Blackburn for his efforts with the NDP.

Mr K Smith thanked Mr Blackburn for his update this evening and felt that the project should provide the best outcome for the community. Mr Smith had no objection to the Mawley Hall planning application but asked Council to be mindful of the need to continue working with the estate to ensure a good community relationship.

03.02.22E Apologies for absence

Cllr Guy James – unwell.

M Sheehan – on sick leave.

03.03.22E Declaration of interests

Cllr Hainsworth and Cllr Greaves declared their interests in Agenda item 03.04.22E as they are members of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group.

03.04.22E Council considered the following proposals from the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group and resolved to approve both items as stated.

1. To agree, following the ‘Call for Sites’ and site allocation assessments that the preferred site for future development, based on community needs, is allocated to the Ludlow Road site. (Proposed DB, seconded NT).

2. To instruct the NDP Steering Group to commence a ‘Regulation 14’ public consultation on the Neighbourhood Development Plan. (Proposed DB, seconded NT).

03.05.22E Planning Matters

a) New Planning Applications:

1. Reference: 22/00699/OUT (validated: 01/03/2022)

Address: Proposed Dwelling SW Of Upper Dudnill Farm, Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire

Proposal: Outline application (access for consideration) for the erection of one dwelling for agricultural worker

Applicant: G & M Morris (Upper Dudnill Farm, Hollywaste, Shropshire, DY14 0DH)

Outcome: Council RESOLVED to have no objection to the proposals.

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2. Reference: 22/01025/CPE (validated: 02/03/2022) (For Information Only)
Address: Kennels, Lyndas Field, Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire, DY14 9DX
Proposal: Application for Lawful Development Certificate for the existing use of building for residential purposes in excess of 25 years
Applicant: Ms S Whitmore
Outcome: Council noted this was not a formal consultation and had no objections to the legal process which is underway.

3. Reference: 22/00893/COU (validated: 23/02/2022)
Address: Mawley Hall, Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8PN
Proposal: Occasional use of Mawley Hall and Estate as short term fully serviced accommodation
Applicant: Mawley Hall LLP (C/o Agent)
Outcome: Council resolved to have no objection to the proposals. Council further agreed to continue to work with Mawley Hall estate, building relationships and ensure they are integrated as part of our community. There has been a number of energy efficient measures and environmental improvements undertaken at Mawley and as such they will be invited to attend our Green Living Event on 7th May and the Annual Parish Meeting on 27th May to showcase these measures.

03.06.22E To confirm the date of the next Town Council meeting.

The next Town Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd May 2022.

The Chair read out the following statement:

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 they involve 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.

At 7.25pm there was a short break and the meeting reconvened at 7.27pm.

03.07.22E Employment Matters - Employment Working Group.

The Job Advertisement and Job Description for the new Maintenance Supervisor role had been updated to reflect the number of hours and contact details. The closing date for applications will be Friday 22nd April. Council approved the revised documents and agreed to advertise the job through our website, social media, Council Notice Board, in the Clarion and through the Cleobury Country Centre.

Council further agreed to purchase new workwear for our maintenance team and Hi-Viz tabards for councillors and volunteers.

Following the recent vandalism at the public toilets, Council agreed that they should continue to be locked early each day and remain closed at weekends. This is just a temporary measure for a few weeks until the vandalism has been investigated.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.47pm.

Signed:.....*D Brown*.....Chair

6th June 2022
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