



Minutes of the Extraordinary Town Council meeting held on Wednesday 16th November 2022 at 7pm in the Cleobury Country Centre, Cleobury Mortimer.

Present:

Cllr Debbie Brown (Chair), Cllr Neil Tysall, Cllr John Greaves, Cllr Geoff Hainsworth, Cllr Guy James, Cllr Sally Burns, Cllr Patrick Buck and Cllr Paul French.
Locum Clerk: Mrs D McBride.

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

11.01.22E Democratic 30 minutes Public Time

There were 16 members of the public present. A number of questions and comments were raised. Cllr Greaves explained that there are now three documents as part of the Neighbourhood Development Plan: the Basic Conditions Statement, the Consultation Statement and the draft Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP). The main amendment is that the proposed land for the Cemetery extension can only be used for cremated remains and not full burials. The Town Council is currently undergoing a scoping exercise of the current Cemetery capacity and may need to look to purchase land elsewhere for future burials. The NDP Steering Group are working with Shropshire Council to try and ensure that affordable housing is for local people. Homepoint is currently updating their policy. After this meeting any amendments will go to the Planning Consultant who will upgrade the documents and progress them to the Regulation 15 stage which means they are submitted for formal examination by Shropshire Council and then onto an independent external examiner. If they are all happy with the documents there will then be a Referendum, organised by Shropshire Council. If the NDP is supported by a majority at the Referendum it will become law and all planning applications will have to comply with the NDP. The public can also continue to comment on any planning applications as they have the right to do currently. Mr Blackburn stated the NDP Steering Group has to follow the legal process involving landowners and statutory agencies and we have to respect all parties views, opinions and decisions. He vouched for the integrity of the work undertaken for the wider community benefit and stated that all landowners have acted with integrity and lawfully and have been generous with the community. The Tenbury Road site for housing was not on the original plan and when put forward it was not deemed suitable by the Steering Group, Town Council or Shropshire Council mainly due to the highway concerns. The land is not showing on Shropshire Council's planning website but land off Ludlow Road and both sides of Catherton Road are identified as being suitable for development. All the infrastructure requirements are included in the NDP – schools, doctors, parking and utility services and are under review by Shropshire Council as Cleobury Mortimer is a key centre. It is recognised that the school is over-subscribed, the medical centre is under pressure and there can be congestion down the High Street. However, there is room for the schools to grow and there are empty rooms at the Medical Centre. It was noted that some years ago there had been a suggestion to move the schools to a site off the Catherton Road but the schools have not progressed this or commented on the NDP. The housing will be a mix of social and private housing. 20% will be social housing – currently it has been reported that there are 64 local people on the housing waiting list. Housing will include 1- and 2-bed properties including bungalows as well as larger properties to ensure an appropriate housing mix. In the NDP it is proposed there will be a link to the QEII Park and other open spaces including play facilities.

The Chair thanked Mr Blackburn, on behalf of the Council, for all his hard work with the NDP.

11.02.22E Apologies for absence

Cllr Alex Smith – family commitment.

11.03.22E Declaration of interests

Cllr Hainsworth, Cllr Greaves and Cllr James declared interests in Agenda item 11.04.22E and 11.05.22E as they are current members of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group. Cllr Buck was a past member of the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group.

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- 11.04.22E Council confirmed that the following documents from the Neighbourhood Development Plan Steering Group have been reviewed:**
1. Basic conditions statement Cleobury Mortimer NDP
 2. Consultation Statement Cleobury Mortimer NDP
 3. Submission draft Cleobury Mortimer NDP
- The only amendment is for the comments from this summer's public consultation to be inserted into the Consultation document.
- 11.05.22E** Motion proposed by Cllr Greaves and seconded by Cllr Hainsworth.
Cleobury Mortimer Town Council is satisfied that the Neighbourhood Development Plan documents referred to in Agenda Item 11.04.22E, and any amendments made, will meet the needs of the town and should be submitted to Shropshire Council Planning Authority.
RESOLVED (6 votes in favour, 2 abstained).
- The documents will be publicly available once the Planning Consultant has made the amendments above and submitted the documents to Shropshire Council Planning Authority. This will be publicized and copies will be available in the Library and accessible on the Town Council's website.
- 11.06.22E To confirm the date of the next Town Council meeting.**
The next Town Council meeting will be held on Monday 5th December 2022.

The Chair thanked everyone for attending and closed the meeting at 7.35pm.

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

5th December 2022
Date.....