



Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 5th August 2024 at 6.30pm in the Cleobury Country Centre, Cleobury Mortimer.

Present:

Cllr Neil Tysall (Chair), Cllr Geoff Hainsworth, Cllr Guy James, Cllr Sally Burns, Cllr David Abbatiello, Cllr Tina Hobin (in-part), Town Clerk Mrs D McBride and Deputy Town Clerk Mrs A Shaw.

Cllr Neil Tysall welcomed everyone to the August meeting.

08.01.24 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Ken Walsh (unwell),

08.02.24 Declaration of interests.

There were no declarations of interest made.

08.03.24 Public Participation Session.

There was one member of public and two Unitary Councillors present.

- Mr Smith asked about the status of the Neighbourhood Development Plan (NDP) and when would it be considered in regard to planning applications. Cllr James confirmed the NDP has been approved by Shropshire Council and will form part of the Local Plan once it is signed off. Cllr Butler commented that the Local Plan should be adopted in April 2025, despite a recent change of Government and planning policy. The Local Plan will then be in place until 2038. In the meantime, the Town Council can ask Planning Officers to be mindful of our NDP when determining planning applications. Cllr Butler noted that some planning policy changes may mean doubling the house-building figures in the next Local Plan to satisfy new Government targets.
- Cllr Harris asked Council for their views on the proposed lining of the parking bays following the installation of the EV charging points in the Car Parks. Council agreed that all EV points should be correctly lined and all disabled parking bays should also be repainted. The EV charging points also need to be on the national database so that they can be found and used.
- Mr Smith asked if we can ensure the promised public session with Severn Trent is arranged so that they can inform the community of their plans.

08.04.24 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Monday 1st July 2024.

Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 1st July 2024, duly signed by the Chair.

08.05.24 Matters arising from the Minutes / Update since last Council meeting.

- a) Council noted receipt of the Town Clerk/Deputy Town Clerk's Office Report.
- b) Committee Reports:
 1. Finance Committee
 - Cllr Hainsworth reported on the recent Meeting. Receipts and Payments were reviewed against budget and year-end forecast. There was a detailed review of earmarked reserves. A new bank account with Unity Trust Bank will be opened.
 2. Health, Safety and Environmental Committee
 - Cllr James reported on a meeting with Anchors Away following concerns raised by a member of the public that there was no separation between pedestrians and vehicles on either the New House Farm Industrial Estate nor on Tenbury Road where it provides access to the estate. The matter is largely a private one on the estate but the Town Council is happy to assist where it can. For many years, the Town Council has been requesting improvements to the Tenbury Road from Shropshire Council. Cllr Butler commented that the desire to extend the pavement on the Tenbury Road needs to be in the Place Plan. It was noted that there should be a pavement between Whitcomb's Orchard and Stanbury Place. This has been previously taken up with the Planning Officer. Council agreed to discuss these matters at the next Council meeting with a view to add projects to the Place Plan.
- c) Councillor Updates:
 - Cllr Hainsworth noted that the vehicle activated sign on Station Road is partially obscured by an overgrown hedge. The Clerk is chasing this matter up.

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08.06.24 Unitary Councillors' Reports.

Unitary Cllrs Simon Harris and Gwilym Butler had sent their written Summer report. They were asked whether Shropshire Council can achieve net zero by 2030 when net emissions have increased by 12% due to indirect emissions (through increases in contracted care workers and reduced levels of domestic recycling). Cllr Burns asked what measures will be put into place to address potential fly-tipping once charging for green waste comes into effect. Cllr Butler responded that it is hoped that residents will compost more green waste if they do not subscribe to the green waste collections. Residents will be fined if they put green waste in the black bins. Cllr Hainsworth questioned the Highway performance figures especially when some potholes have not been repaired in months (on A4117 near Weston Farm) and many repairs are sub-standard. Cllr Harris stated this was county data and if it is incorrect, to let him know.

Cllr Butler asked if the Town Council would continue to support the Childe School Endowment Fund and pay for postage and room hire. This was agreed.

Cllr Butler asked if the Town Council could trim back the brambles overhanging the path near the Viols. This was agreed noting that Cllr Butler will report the overgrown hedge to Shropshire Council for cutting.

Cllr Harris has asked Shropshire Council to provide Wellbeing support information to all local councils so that we can share this locally and help signpost people for support. Cllr Butler is still chasing the Conservation Team to undertake the annual review of the Manor House.

08.07.24 Financial Matters.

a) Council RESOLVED to approve the following invoices for payment:

Prysmian – Street Light replacements (LED) - £588.00

Cleobury Country – Meeting Room Hire - £30.00

Idverde – Tree work in Cemetery and Churchyard - £10,890.00

SALC – Training Courses - £105.00

Morris Bufton – Strimmer Cord - £10.24

Mrs D McBride – reimbursements – Container Lock & Keys - £68.15

Market Hall Trust – Room Hire (Police/CCTV/Childe Endowment Trust) - £125.00

Mortimer Environmental – Bat Survey and Report (Cemetery) - £1,656.00

Twit Twoo – Festival Falconry - £180.00

Payments for approved invoices received after the Agenda was published:

R Price – Grass Cutting and Spraying (July) - £2,022.20.

b) Council RESOLVED to approve the S.137 grant application for £1,500 from South Shropshire Youth Forum, in principle, subject to the other PCC Grant being achieved.

c) Council noted receipt of the following income:

Cemetery Receipts – £2,555.00

Bank Interest - £217.51

Cleobury Gardeners – Donation towards lime tree pleaching - £450.00

d) Council RESOLVED to approve the following Debit Card payments made:

T G Hardwicks – Playing Field turf - £85.47

Amazon – Office Supplies - £23.68

e) Council considered the quotes for benches in the QEII Park and RESOLVED to purchase four benches and anchor kits from NBB (suppliers of furniture made from recycled materials).

08.08.24 Planning Matters.

a) New Planning Applications:

1. Reference: 24/01958/LBC (validated: 01/07/2024)

Address: 3 Lacon Court, Childe Road, Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire, DY14 8PB.

Proposal: Change of boiler, removal of flue to front and make good brickwork, replace front door, removal and installation of extraction outlets, changes to stud walls, raising of floor level and replacement floor.

Applicant: Ms Jessica Davey (3 Lacon Court, Childe Road, Cleobury Mortimer, DY14 8PB).

Outcome: No comments were required as Shropshire Council has granted permission today.

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2. Reference: 24/02559/FUL (validated: 15/07/2024)
Address: The Leasowes, Tenbury Road, Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire, DY14 0AB.
Proposal: Replacement of existing dwelling with new self-build dwelling unit.
Applicant: Mr Michael Pocknell (Maes Court, Knighton on Teme, Tenbury, WR15 8LY).
Outcome: Council RESOLVED to have no objection to the proposal providing conditions are set to ensure the existing dwelling is demolished and material removed from site, also that the mobile unit is removed from site.
 3. Reference: 24/02645/TCA (validated: 12/07/2024)
Address: 8 Simon Evans Close, Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8AX.
Proposal: Crown reduction of 1no. Beech by approx. 2-3m within Cleobury Mortimer Conservation Area.
Applicant: Mrs Dawn Lloyd.
Outcome: Council RESOLVED to have no objection to the proposals subject to the work being undertaken out with the bird-nesting season.
 4. Reference: 24/02195/FUL (validated: 18/07/2024)
Address: Caravan Park, Lodge Coppice, Mawley Oak, Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster.
Proposal: Change of use of land for siting of static holiday caravans and ancillary development.
Applicant: Bank Farm Properties & Leisure Ltd.
Outcome: Council RESOLVED to have no objection to the proposals.

b) Planning Decisions (For Information Only):

1. Reference: 24/02055/HRM (validated:)
Address: Lacon House, Childe Road, Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire, DY14 8PB.
Proposal: To remove two 15m lengths of hedgerow
Decision: Withdrawn.

08.09.24 Councillors' appointments to Committees and Working Groups

Council reviewed and updated the councillors' appointments to Committees and Working Groups.

08.10.24 Date of the next Town Council meeting.

The next Town Council meeting will be held on Monday 2nd September 2024.

EXCLUSION OF PUBLIC AND PRESS under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 S1(2)

The public and press shall be excluded from the following items on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted under items 11 and 12.

At 8.34pm there was a short break for members of the public to leave the meeting.

The Meeting reconvened at 8.36pm.

08.11.24 Maintenance Contracts – Cllr James

Cllr James reported on the Grounds Maintenance Working Group meeting. Current grass-cutting and grounds maintenance contracts were reviewed against the current specification. Work has commenced to prepare the specification for tender for the next contract period.

08.12.24 Staff safety and security – Cllr Burns

Measures to improve staff safety and security were discussed. Proposals for any significant changes will be subject to formal consultation.

The Meeting closed at 9.14pm.

Signed:.....Chair

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