

Minutes of Parish Council meeting held on Monday 5<sup>th</sup> December 2016 at 7pm in the Market Hall, Cleobury Mortimer.

#### Present:

Cllr S Thorogood (Chairman), Cllr D Brown, Cllr G Hainsworth, Cllr M Reiner, Cllr T Kirkby, Cllr P French.

Clerk: Mr M Sheehan RFO: Mrs D McBride

Public: 19

#### 12.0.16 Democratic 15-minute Public Time

This provides an opportunity for members of the public to raise questions about and comment on items on the agenda. Time for this session is limited to 15 minutes (3 minutes per person).

Mr Stuart Price raised the following items, disabled parking Cleobury with very few spaces, especially that of the Talbot car park. The car park is very uneven and makes it very difficult for me to help my wife out of the car especially with no disabled spaces marked.

I am on the Making it Real board and we need a Cleobury hub like they have in church Stretton, Craven Arms, we are working with Lisa prince and Katja from Co Co. There is a meeting at 11:30am 6th January in the library.

## 12.1.16 Apologies for absence

Cllr B Davies Reason – Not Well
Cllr Reiner Reason - Sister not well

Resolved to accept the Apologies.

12.2.16 Declaration of interests:

## Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Members are reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate, whether or not the interest is entered in the register of member's interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer.

#### Cllr Thorogood item 12.8.16 Financial Matters

12.3.16 To approve the Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting Monday 7th November 2016.

**RESOLVED** to approve the minutes, and duly signed by the Chairman.

### 12.4.16 Matters arising from the minutes

Clerk's Report distributed at meeting. The Clerk read out the following report.

## Clerk's Basic Report for December 2016 meeting

### > General items

Look at quotes for illuminated speed signs with Cllr Brown.

Co-Option Notice renewed and posted and following another vacancy. Has been extended.

Christmas lights collection boxes still coming in and being counted also donation received from St Elizabeth's Catholic Church of £40.

Put a thank you in the Clarion for the people that helped with the Christmas lights and also all volunteers. Cleobury celebration for June 10<sup>th</sup> next year is going well with group taking shape and teams working hard, Mr Pete Blackburn has now taken control as a community volunteer coordinator. Agenda item

WW1 meeting still going ahead and working hard having had another meeting today.

Started to look at Town and Quality status. Rev Justin Parker will help to move forward if needed. Agenda item.

Actively Looking for grants for various projects.

Roger has put in mole traps in the cemetery and caught two so far.

Had blocked toilets with newspaper, Roger sorted this out.



After Christmas, we will have a meeting with Colin from CMK to sort out what we want as a Christmas lights infrastructure in Cleobury Mortimer. Also, some Christmas lights improvements to buy, this will be to upgrade the old lights and possibly looking at lower street.

Had a meeting with a chartered forester and arborist about doing a report for insurance purposes of all our areas with trees. This is something that will need to be done every 6 to 7 years. His report may give us jobs that we will have to put out to tender, but it is needed to cover our risk obligations for insurance purposes. Agenda item.

Received a gift and card from local resident.

Now using some speech recognition software to help speed up paperwork.

Corrected LJC notes sent out from last meeting as misleading. Councillors notified.

Have registered interest in keeping Phone box at Curdale to give us more time.

Employees Timesheets available for Councillors to view.

Letter received from Mr B Smith regarding parish support for Shropshire Council services survey.

#### **Highways/ Streetlights Issues**

Tree pleaching has been done to a good standard which helped the putting up Christmas lights.

The new timer has been fitted to the lamppost by Mumford's which runs the street Christmas lights.

All streetlights that have been reported with problems have been sorted out.

Arranging a meeting at our streetlight engineers to set up a working schedule to change all the concrete streetlights to LED. At this meeting I will also be getting the price to fit the feeder pillar on the high Street as one of three quotes needed. I will also be looking at other ways we need to be working together.

I have been constantly chasing to find out about the zebra crossing by the Co-op and refurbishment of the Talbot car park and have now sent an email to Chris Edwards for an answer.

Chased hedge to be cut back at Bull Alley.

Meeting with Mr John McFadden Western Power and Cllr French to discuss Feeder Pillar.

Sorted paperwork for Shropshire Council regarding Christmas lights. Have more paperwork to submit. All gulley's and drains in High Street cleaned by Highways.

## > Police/ Crime / Parking Enforcement

Next Crime meeting 9th December 11am Market Hall, have arranged for MP Philip Dunne as a guest. Filed a report to Crime Commissioner on how money was spent on CCTV.

Visit by local Police, new PCSO whose name is Liam has been in to see me and introduce himself. Had concerning news of Mr Campion getting rid of Rural and Cyber-crime unit. Have emailed for confirmation but will be bringing to the attention of the Crime Reduction Group and MP Phillip Dunne. Worked weekend to help police deliver leaflets as a volunteer.

Graham Oliver from Police and Crime Commissioner has requested a meeting, to be arranged.

#### Dates to note

Next Crime Group meeting is Friday Dec 9th at 11am at Market Hall. 2L Bus meeting 29<sup>th</sup> December, 10am at the Sports & Social Club Elections next May 2017 for Parish Councillors.

#### 12.5.16 Councillors' reports and items for future agendas

Cllr Kirkby confirmed he had met with Stuart and Christine Price regarding the setting up of the hub and would commit to being a spokesperson and look at going forward.

Cllr Brown suggested speaking to her that she is part of four other groups.

Cllr Hainsworth reported he had attended a transport meeting and one option was a community bus service. Cllr Brown suggested a future agenda item housing needs survey.

### 12.6.16 Unitary Council Reports (Cllr G Butler / Cllr M Shineton)

Cllr Butler reported that the transport meeting minutes have been drafted Bert they need to be looked at before being issued very positive meeting. He mentioned an autumn statement to do with finance, Shrewsbury North relief road which will be good news for business rates and waiting for a financial settlement from the government in the January report. LJC open meeting on Wednesday please come along.

## 12.7.16 Planning Matters:



#### **Planning References:**

#### None

**Decisions** 

Reference: 16/04181/LBC (validated: 16/09/2016)

Address: Lloyds Bank Plc, 39 High Street, Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14

8DH

Proposal: Alterations in association with installation of new Wi-Fi units and cabling affecting a

Grade II Listed Building Decision: Grant Permission

Reference: 16/04171/FUL (validated: 16/09/2016)

Address: Brockenhurst, Tenbury Road, Cleobury Mortimer, DY14 8RB

Proposal: Erection of steel clad extension following demolition of existing conservatory

**Decision: Grant Permission** 

Reference: 16/01333/FUL (validated: 08/04/2016)

Address: Fletchers Farm, Mawley Oak, Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14

9BA

Proposal: Erection of 2 no. agricultural buildings to be used as an implement shed and a

workshop/tractor shed Decision: Grant Permission

#### 12.8.16 Financial Matters

### a) Accounts to be paid:

Shropshire Council - Wages

## Cheques for payment: -

Mr G Print - £50 Flag man

Lewis Arborcare - tree pleaching - £1650.00

SLCC - membership - £177.00

S Thorogood - re-imbursement for refreshments - £82.65

Market Hall – room hire - £40.00

CMK Electrical – hang Christmas lights - £1704.00

West Mercia Energy - toilet electricity - £59.47

D McBride - re-imbursement for lights - £85.44

Viking - toilets and office supplies - £92.09

John Beard – tools and ironmongery supplies - £107.96

Previous payments made:

Came & Co - insurance for CCTV - £44.65

Shropshire Council - fee for original CCTV system - £1.00

Cleveland containers - container for Playing Field - £1,944

## RESOLVED that the accounts are accepted and all payments are made.

#### b) Income Received

Christmas lights donations - £ 67.52 Cemetery receipts - £1,300.00

#### c) **Grant Applications**

Section 137 - Cleobury Country - £150.00 for library activities

**RESOLVED** that the donation of £150 be granted.

Capital Receipt – Sports & Social Club - £15,000 for second phase refurbishment

19.22pm RESOLVED to Suspend Standing Orders.



Mr Goold explained that the accountant still has the letter with all their accounts also that in a full year they have doubled the turnover and on course to repeat last year,

Mr Turpin but had to replace cooling equipment, showers, LED lights and glass washer of the net cost was £7612. There is an accountability of what is spent also schedule of works supplied.

## 19.28pm RESOLVED to reinstate Standing Orders.

**RESOLVED** to release the £15,000 to the Sports and Social club.

The RFO produced a report from the Finance meeting and gave all councillors a copy. To report any issues to RFO before the next Parish Council meeting.

### d) Finance Meeting Report

i) Recommend increasing Petty Cash allowance for single items up to £50.00 also hospitality for Council business up to a maximum of £10 per person.

#### **RESOLVED** to increase.

ii) Recommend close Playing Field bank account and charity as now managed directly by Parish Council.

**RESOLVED** to close the account and the Parish Council to manage.

## 12.11.16 Town Status – Cllr Thorogood

Cllr Hainsworth expressed support for it.

Cllr Brown confirmed that a Public consultation was required first.

Cllr French raised the following points. See no difference, don't have to have Mayor and Vice Mayor, Cost involved and can see no advantage so would be against it.

Cllr Thorogood disagreed as we should be looking forward.

Cllr Kirkby confirmed that during conversations people always refer to it as a town.

#### 19.35pm RESOLVED to Suspend Standing Orders.

Cllr Butler raised the following points. An interesting debate, good to have public consultation, a Mayor has only same powers as a Chairman so change in name only.

Mr Parker confirmed that if approved it would be change in name only, Tenbury Wells is as large as Cleobury and is a town. As a town, you can be much more authoritative, with more status doing more than a parish council. Mayor is Chair with rights to have celebrations. Cost has been offered to cover and we have been known as a town since the 13<sup>th</sup> Century.

### 19.39pm RESOLVED to reinstate Standing Orders

Chairman confirmed a public consultation and to set up a working party of Cllrs, French, Kirkby and Hainsworth with assistance from Mr Parker.

## 12.12.16 Disabled Bay Vaughan Road - Cllr Thorogood

The Chairman explained that there would be a three-month consultation and would need to talk to Glyn Shaw first. There is also the disabled bay in the Talbot car park, Cllr Kirkby at Cllr Brown to meet with Glyn Shaw to discuss further. Cllr Hainsworth confirmed Talbot car park is a disgrace.

## 19.43pm RESOLVED to Suspend Standing Orders.

Mr Price confirmed that the surface is very uneven and the barriers of concern.

Cllr Butler could see no logical reason why the money cannot come out of the CIL.

The Clerk confirmed he had been chasing this all the way up the chain.

Cllr Butler would look into it working with the Clerk to move this forward.

## 19.45pm RESOLVED to reinstate Standing Orders

### 12.13.16 Christmas Sled - Cllr Thorogood

What is to be done

After a short discussion, it was agreed for the clerk to look at getting the Sled up to scratch with volunteers.

## 12.14.16 Community Speed Watch – Cllr Kirkby

Cllr Kirkby is looking into this that will have information for a future agenda.

## 12.15.16 Trees under Parish Council ownership – Cllr Thorogood

Future Health & Safety checks for Insurance purposes.



The clerk has obtained one quote for this and explained that this would need to be done for insurance purposes and every so many years this would bring up work to be done which could then be put out to tender. Agreed to put up next agenda to allow for more quotes to be received.

12.16.16 Cleobury Community Celebration - Cllr Brown

 Agree transfer of funds from the Fringe to Parish Council ringfenced for Community Celebration.

**RESOLVED** to transfer funds as stated and received a cheque.

II. Confirm community working group organisation, covered by Parish Council.

**RESOLVED** to formally recognise the following people as a working group on behalf of the Parish Council. Mr P Blackburn Volunteer coordinator, A Goold, S Todd, C Carter, Cllr P French, C Hadwell, D McBride, Cllr D Brown, M Greaves, M Sheehan Clerk, J Chandler.

12.17.16 Confirm Christmas Shutdown - Clerk

Same as Shropshire Council Friday December 23rd 2016 to Tuesday 3rd January 2017

RESOLVED.

12.18.16 To confirm date of the next Parish Council meeting

The next Parish Council meeting will be held on Monday 9th JANUARY 2017.

Agreed

The Chairman read out the following requesting the public and press be excluded for the next item. RESOLVED.

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 it involves 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.

12.19.16 Employees - Cllr Brown

## Meeting Closed at 8.15pm

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Signed:	Chairman
Cllr Brown	

Date: 9<sup>th</sup> January 2017