



<u>Committee and Date</u>
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CLEOBURY MORTIMER – CLEE PARTIAL LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

**NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20 JULY 2009 AT 7.00 PM
LACON CHILDE SCHOOL, LOVE LANE, CLEOBURY MORTIMER, DY14 8PE**

PRESENT:

Members of the Committee:

Paul Andrews	Shropshire Council
Gwilym Butler	Shropshire Council
Madge Shingleton	Shropshire Council
Deborah Brown	Cleobury Mortimer Parish Council
David Haywood	Kinlet Parish Council
Brian Howells	Burford Parish Council
Chris Jones	Milson and Neen Sollars Parish Council
Mark Link	Farlow Parish Council
Theresa Mackrow	Coreley parish Council
Diane Newsham	Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council
Michael Tomkinson	Neen Savage Parish Council

Officers:

Steve Price	Lead Officer
Dominic Wallis	Support Officer
Lisa Bedford	Community Regeneration Officer
Linda Jeavons	Committee Officer

Also Present:

Bill Foster/Don Grant	Wheathill Parish Council
Geoffrey Smout/ Mark Mason	Boraston Parish Meeting
Nick Morris	Community Support Officer
Chris Dimond	Cleobury Country

There were approximately 34 members of the public at the meeting. All attendees sat in groups and were joined by Councillors and Officers.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

It was proposed and duly seconded and

RESOLVED: that Councillor Madge Shineton be elected Chairman until end of March 2010.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and invited the Committee Members and Officers to introduce themselves.

2. APOLOGIES

An apology for absence was received from Linda Clayton (Hopton Wafers Parish Council)

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

It was proposed and duly seconded and

RESOLVED: that Councillor Michael Tomkinson be appointed Vice Chairman until end of March 2010.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The Chairman gave an explanation on the requirements of Committee Members to declare interests.

No declarations were received.

5. PURPOSE OF LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEES

The Lead Officer gave a presentation on the purpose and remit of the Local Joint Committee.

In response to a query on the reasoning as to why Parish Meetings were not given the same rights/membership as Parish Councils, the meeting was informed that the question had been put to the Legal Department of Shropshire Council and a response was awaited.

Following the meeting a response was received as follows:

“The Local Government Act 1972 permits the discharge of functions by two or more local authorities jointly. A Local Authority is defined and includes (in relation to England) a County Council, District Council, London Borough Council or a Parish Council. A parish meeting is not a local authority to which the Act applies. The Parish of Boraston is included in the map defining the area of LJC 26 but there is no "Local Authority" in existence which is able to discharge its functions jointly with others.

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However, it may be of some comfort that the lack of a representative does not preclude residents of the Parish from bringing issues and requests for funding to the LJC as required.”

The Chairman emphasised that this was a forum for local people to have a voice in the decisions taken, an opportunity to raise any local issues of concern and influence ways in which money could be spent in the community. If Officers or Committee Members were unable to provide a satisfactory response to questions/queries raised at the meeting, then it would be taken back for the appropriate Officer or Member to respond or to attend a future meeting.

6. BUDGET ALLOCATION

Steve Price, Lead Officer, introduced his report on future budget arrangements.

The Committee received a presentation from Chris Dimond of Cleobury Country (copy of presentation appended to minutes).

All attendees were invited to ask questions and the following points were noted:

- The proposed Community Chest Scheme would offer grants of up to 50% of total project costs up to a maximum of £500 towards projects in the Local Joint Committee area.
- Any constituted group can apply for a grant.
- Because of the time span between meetings, concerns were expressed that some grants would not receive ratification in time for a specific project. It was noted that extra meetings could be called if it was felt necessary.
- Money can be used to enhance existing services but not to replace statutory services.
- If necessary, the budget allocation to be reviewed at a later date if it was felt that the money allocated to a certain area was found to be insufficient.
- There are other sources of funding available and help is available by contacting Lisa Bedford, Community Working Officer on 01746 713209.
- It was noted that any budgetary underspend could be rolled forward to the following financial year with the authority of the Director of Resources.

RESOLVED:

- (i) that a Community Chest Scheme with an annual budget of £5,000, providing small grants up to £500 be approved. These grants to be ratified by the Local Joint Committee subsequent to initial appraisal by Cleobury Country.
- (ii) that a grant scheme for larger projects over £500 be established with a total annual budget of £15,000 with grant applications usually not exceeding 70% of the total costs up to a maximum grant of £2,500.
- (iii) that the remainder of the budget (£16,000) be retained to spend on local priorities as developed by the Local Joint Committee.
- (iv) that, if necessary, the budget allocation be reviewed throughout the year.

7. APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Committee could co-opt members of local organisations to the LJC and asked for suggestions:

- Representative from Cleobury Country
- Youth Forum – (Youth Forum to appoint a young person)
- Governor of Lacon Childe School (Madge Shingleton to approach Governors on behalf of the Committee)

It was agreed that the Committee should be kept small and flexible and other bodies could be co-opted in the future.

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MS**8. COMMUNITY SAFETY**

Nick Morris, Community Support Officer, attended the meeting and agreed that there would be a police presence half hour before every meeting of the LJC to enable members of the public to ask questions of concern and community safety.

It was noted that the surrounding area was covered by three Policing Divisions. Nick Morris agreed to liaise with other Divisions if necessary.

9. NAME OF COMMITTEE

RESOLVED: that, subsequent to a debate, the Committee be known as the Cleobury & Rural Local Joint Committee.

10. PRIORITIES AND ISSUES

The Chairman invited attendees to discuss and identify three priorities and issues of concern for the Local Joint Committee to focus on for the next year.

Suggested Topics

- Local Economy – support for local businesses
- Youth Provision
- Affordable Housing
- e.on – Central Networks

It was agreed that before the next planning meeting Parish Councillors would consult with their respective Parish Councils to seek their views on how they thought the economy was affecting their area and whether they saw the economy as being a real issue.

ALL MEMBERS

11. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME AND IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

Issues raised included the following:

- Problem with HGVs in Neen Sollars mainly caused by SatNav errors. Would like to see better signage to divert HGVs. **SP**
 - Medical Centre in Cleobury Mortimer – concerns were expressed that Cleobury Mortimer would become a satellite centre. Gwilym Butler explained that Cleobury Mortimer Parish Council had some land available and the Medical Practice was in the process of tendering. An update was requested to inform the next meeting.
 - Concerns were raised that Veolia were refusing to collect waste from homes on private roads. **SP**
 - Problems with speeding – in particular, the A4417 Clee Hill to Doddington and the Ludlow to Bridgnorth. Concerned that until there was a fatality nothing would be done to address the issue. Speed limits were not enforced. **NM / SP**
- Nick Morris to relay these concerns back to the police and report back.
- Following a suggestion that the LJC could purchase a flashing speed limiter, it was decided that this was something that all Members could take back to their respective Parish Councils and debated at the next planning meeting.

- **Agenda Items for next meeting**

Affordable Housing / Provision for youth

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12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

12th October 2009, Doddington Village Hall, 7.00 pm

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending and contributing to the meeting.

The meeting ended at 9.10 pm

Chairman: _____

Date: _____