



<u>Committee and Date</u> Cleobury and Rural Local Joint Committee  25 <sup>th</sup> March 2010  7 pm	<u>Item</u>  <b>4A</b>  Public <u>Paper</u>
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## CLEOBURY AND RURAL LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE

NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 3<sup>rd</sup> FEBRUARY 2010 AT 7.00 PM  
KINLET VILLAGE HALL, KINLET, BEWDLEY, WORCS, DY14 3BE

### PRESENT:

#### Members of the Committee:

Madge Shineton <b>(Chairman)</b>	Shropshire Council
Deborah Brown	Cleobury Mortimer Parish Council
Linda Clayton	Hopton Wafers Parish Council
Bill Foster	Wheathill Parish Council
David Haywood	Kinlet 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 <b>(Vice Chairman)</b>	Neen Savage Parish Council

#### Shropshire Council Officers:

Steve Brown	Head of Environmental Maintenance (South)
Ron Buzzacott	Head of Technical Services – Environmental Maintenance
Andy Jones	Property Services
Steve Price	Lead Officer
Dominic Wallis	Support Officer
Tom Brettell	Community Regeneration Officer
Linda Jeavons	Committee Officer

#### West Mercia Police:

Bob Matthews	West Mercia Police
Ann O’Leary	West Mercia Police
Sarah Smithson	West Mercia Police

#### Also in attendance:

Richard Morley	Cleobury Youth Forum
Sandra Edwards	Cleobury Youth Forum
Don Grant (Sub)	Wheathill Parish Council

There were approximately 25 members of the public at the meeting. All attendees sat in groups and were joined by Councillors and Officers.

**23. WELCOME AND APOLOGIES**

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and all Members of the Committee, Officers and guests were introduced.

Apologies for absence were received from Paul Andrews (Shropshire Council); Gwilym Butler (Shropshire Council); Brian Howells (Burford Parish Council); Chris Dimond (Cleobury Country); Val Simpson (Lacon Childe Governor); and Neil Burns.

**24. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

The following declarations of interest were made:

**Prejudicial Interests**

<b>Name</b>	<b>Item</b>	<b>Nature of Interest</b>
*Chris Jones	Item 5 – Applications for Funding (Community Chest) – Neen Sollars and Milson Victory Hall	Member of Village Hall Committee.
*Mark Link	Item 5 – Applications for Funding – Farlow and Oretton Village Hall	Member of Village Hall Committee
**Madge Shineton	Item 5 – Applications for Funding - Four Parishes Heritage Group	Member of the Four Parishes Heritage Group

\*Left the room and took no part in the consideration of, or voting on, this matter.

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**25. DECISION NOTES**

**RESOLVED** : that the decision notes of the last meeting held on 12<sup>th</sup> October 2009, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

**Matters Arising Thereon:**

25.1 (Minute No. 15.1) – To note:

- the appointment of Val Simpson as representative of Lacon Childe School; and
- that a nomination from the Youth Forum was still awaited.

25.2 (Minute No. 15.2) – Matrix Medical

**RESOLVED**: that a representative from Matrix Medical be invited to the next meeting to discuss progress of the new medical centre proposed for Cleobury Mortimer.

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## 25.3 (Minute No. 20)

Future of Recycling

It was noted that kerbside recycling collections were to be rolled out in the near future and as such there was no intention to provide new bring site facilities. In terms of Tetra pack disposal – this is governed by Tetra in response to a national scheme funded by carton manufacturers, not Shropshire Council, and currently Shropshire has its full allocation of bring sites for this purpose.

**RESOLVED: that a representative from Veolia be invited to attend the next meeting to discuss.**

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**Parish Councils to provide a list of tracks/unadopted roads in their areas for the next meeting.**

All Parish Councils

Issues and Questions Log (No. 3)

It was noted that planning permission for the permanent siting of bins and boxes at the curtilage of a property would be looked at on a case-by-case basis.

**26. PRESENTATIONS**

Ron Buzzacott, Head of Technical Services (Shropshire Council), and Steve Brown, Head of Environmental Maintenance (South) were in attendance to answer questions on speeding, flooding and gritting.

**26.1 Speeding**

Ron Buzzacott gave an overview of the work Shropshire Council is doing to develop a speed management strategy for Shropshire. A question and answer session followed, and, in conjunction with the Police, responded as follows:

In response to concerns from a Member of Farlow Parish Council that signage for a proposed speed limit in the parish would not be appropriately located, Ron Buzzacott confirmed that the views of all parties/consultees would be considered before any final decisions were made. RB to follow-up and respond to Farlow Parish Council direct.

RB

In response to questions, RB explained that the average speeds were used to determine the appropriate speed limit and the location of schools was taken into account during the process. The objective being to get speeds down and where speeds remained above enforcement thresholds, consideration would be given to implementing additional measures. A full consultation process was undertaken before any speed limits were implemented.

In response to concerns about the lack of enforcement, Sgt. Bob Matthews reminded all that the safety of Police Officers was paramount and no enforcement would take place on the highways which would place any Police Officer at risk. Traffic departments were also reducing in size and so resources to enforce were diminishing.

Major roads have other issues which impede on Police time, ie motorbikes, so prioritisation of resources is necessary. However, more collisions would attract more enforcement and the Police would endeavour to have an increased presence in hotspot areas.

In response to concerns about the ineffectiveness of the vehicle activated signs, and a suggestion that the LJC should perhaps fund a sign to be rotated around the area, RB explained that Shropshire Council was currently consulting on a new Vehicle Activated Signs Policy for Shropshire. Signs can be rotated around the area and can be jointly funded.

RB to forward a list of vehicle activated signs in the area to Linda Jeavons. **RB**

The meeting was made aware of the "Shropshire Safer Roads Partnership", a partnership involving local public sector agencies who undertake to raise awareness of the dangers of speeding and other highway safety issues.

## 26.2 Gritting

Steve Brown spoke on the work done by Shropshire Council to keep roads clear in the severe weather conditions. In response to questions and comments he informed the meeting as follows:

Shropshire Council has a Winter Maintenance Policy which is currently under review. Local farmers, contractors and Town and Parish Councils can work in partnership to carry out gritting and snow ploughing in the local area. If Town and Parish Councils are interested in joining the scheme or want more information, please contact Steve Brown **SB**

In answer to concerns from Cleobury Mortimer Parish Council about the lack of gritting of the A4117, which continues through into a neighbouring Authority, SB confirmed that pragmatic and reciprocal arrangements do exist with neighbouring authorities to cover cross-border issues. SB to check agreement with neighbouring Authority. **SB**

The Lengthsman Scheme is a joint initiative whereby Town and Parish Councils can enter into an agreement with Shropshire Council to carry out minor works in the local community. A delegated budget is available and can be used to employ local contractors. If any Town or Parish Council is interested in joining this Scheme, they should contact Paul Smart, Programme and Contracts Manager, Development Services, Shropshire Council (0345 678 9000).

The general consensus of opinion was that Shropshire Council had done a good job in keeping the roads clear during these severe conditions and should be congratulated.

### 26.3 Flooding

RB gave an overview of the roles and responsibilities of Shropshire Council arising out of the Pitt Review following the 2007 floods. A three-tiered approach would be adopted - Strategic Board, Operational Board and Flood Forums. Nine Flood Forums aligning with the EA Policy Unit areas to be set up (Local Flood Forum covering this area to be set up approx Sep/Oct time; dates to be emailed to all Members when known).

LJ

In response to questions, he explained:

- Riparian owners should maintain up to the centre of the watercourse unless it is known to be owned by someone else.
- Riparian owners are responsible for debris in rivers.
- Parish grants were available for cleaning of watercourses.

The meeting noted the following information circulated at the meeting:

- Information update - "The responsibilities for drainage of partners within Flood and Water Management", circulated by RB;
- Correspondence from the Environment Agency on issues raised relating to flooding;
- Issue Collection Form – responses received to issues raised relating to speeding, gritting, flooding and refuse collection from unadopted roads.
- "Guidance for drainage and flooding" leaflet
- "living on the edge – a guide to the rights and responsibilities of riverside occupation" – issued by the Environment Agency.

LJ

Please contact Linda Jeavons for copies of the above (01746) 713105 or email [linda.jeavons@shropshire.gov.uk](mailto:linda.jeavons@shropshire.gov.uk).

The Chairman informed the meeting that the Environment Agency had offered to come out on site to meet with residents and other partners, ie Shropshire Council, Parish Council, Severn Rivers Trust etc, to view any sites and agree a partnership approach to try and resolve any issues.

TB/MS

## 27. APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

The Lead Officer gave an overview of the scheme and it was decided as follows:

### 27.1 Community Chest Scheme

**RESOLVED: that the following Community Chest applications be approved:**

Applicant	Project	Decision
Cleobury Mortimer Rugby Club	Establishment of website	£220

Applicant	Project	Decision
Cleobury Bus Travel	For the organisation of monthly bus trips to locations not accessible on public transport.	£180
*Neen Sollars and Milson Victory Hall	Funding towards cost of new commercial microwave.	£225

\*Chris Jones left the room and took no part in the consideration of, or voting on, the above matter.

1 <sup>st</sup> Cleobury Mortimer Scouts	Funding towards costs of two-way radios for outdoor activities.	£250
Cleobury Mortimer Playing Fields	Funding towards the cost of new cradle swings on the playing fields.	£500
Neen Savage Village Hall	Funding towards the costs of new stacking chairs for the village hall and replacing table tops.	£433
Cleobury Mortimer WI	Funding towards the promotion of two events only. <b>AGREED: that this be a one-off grant.</b>	£50
Coreley Parish Council	Two new benches at key locations in parish.	£200
Cleobury Mortimer Scouts and Guides Association	Funding towards the creation of an outside store for gas cylinders.	£200
Hopton Wafers Pre School	Funding towards the operation of the group, ie toys, printer for admin, stair gate for kitchen, art equipment and room hire. <b>AGREED: that, following receipt of a detailed list of proposed expenditure, Tom Brettel be given delegated powers to progress this application.</b>	£300

27.2 Larger Projects**RESOLVED:**

**(i) that the following applications be approved:**

Applicant	Project	Decision
Cleobury Mortimer Bowls Club	Urgent refurbishment and repair works on clubhouse, in particular the roof	£2,500
**Four Parishes Heritage Group	To undertake topographical and geophysical surveys	£1,900
Hopton Wafers Village Hall	To improve play equipment and safety of play area	£2,500
Cleobury Mortimer Sports and Social Club	Funding towards the brick cladding and refurbishment of wooden extension	£2,500
*Farlow and Oretton Village Hall	To replace and refurbish the existing toilet facilities	£2,500

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**(ii) that a virement of £3,381 from the Priorities Budget to the Larger Projects Budget to cover the above grants, be approved.**

27.3 Priorities Budget

**(i) Applicant - Cleobury Country Ltd  
Project – Countryside Explorer Bus**

It was noted that this item had been withdrawn.

**(ii) Applicant - Cleobury Youth Partnership  
Project - Youth Provision**

**RESOLVED: that £5,000 be granted to Cleobury Youth Partnership, subject to the level of rent expenditure being reduced and the money used to provide transportation to bring in young people from the parishes.**

**28. PRESENTATIONS – Toilets**

Steve Brown and Andy Jones gave an update on the proposed new toilets in Cleobury Mortimer, which was followed by a question and answer session.

**29. COMMUNITY WORKING OFFICER – UPDATE**

Tom Brettell gave an update on the following:

- CCTV Town Centre Enhancement Scheme for Cleobury Mortimer – a company has been appointed by Shropshire Council, cameras will be monitored and should be in-situ by end of spring.
- Lacon Childe School – extension should be finished by 16<sup>th</sup> May 2010.

**30. PUBLIC QUESTIONS TIME AND IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

**Cleobury Festival** – Cleobury Mortimer Parish Council is thinking of reintroducing the Cleobury Festival and would like to involve all the Parishes within the remit of this LJC. Debbie Brown (Cleobury Mortimer Parish Council) asked for expressions of interest, ideas and offers of help by the end of August.

DB

**Talbot Car Park – Skip** – Concerned that skip will not be available in the future. SB to respond.

SB

*(Response from SB – “The future of the community skip service is under review, with all elected Members being consulted. A report will be presented to Development Services Scrutiny Committee on the 9<sup>th</sup> March 2010 and Cabinet on 17<sup>th</sup> March 2010”)*

**Road Maintenance –**

- Concerns were expressed about the number of potholes.

SB explained that Shropshire Council was aware of the problem which had been exacerbated with the gritting and cold weather.

- A comment was made about the maintenance of roads in general and the poor quality of workmanship.

SB explained that the contract for road maintenance was up for review; further information would follow.

**Kinlet Pit** – The Chairman informed the meeting that there is a probability that this area will be incorporated into a historical walk – scoping meeting to be arranged.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**

Waste and Recycling – Shropshire Council Waste Services and Veolia

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Medical Centre – Cleobury Mortimer (Matrix Medical)

TB

**31. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS AND DEADLINES**

(a) To note future meeting dates, times and venues:

Thurs, 25<sup>th</sup> March 2010      Cleobury Mortimer      7.00 pm  
Sports and Social Club

(b) To note that the application deadline for grants to be considered at the next meeting is 15<sup>th</sup> February 2010.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting ended at 9.25 pm

Chairman: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_