



Committee and Date
Cleobury and Rural
Local Joint Committee

28th July 2010 - 7 pm

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**CLEOBURY AND RURAL LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE
NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 24th MAY 2010 AT 7.00 PM
IN NEEN SOLLARS AND MILSON VICTORY VILLAGE HALL, NEEN SOLLARS,
KIDDERMINSTER, DY14 0AN**

PRESENT:

Members of the Committee:

Madge Shineton	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
Andy Vanderhook	Neen Savage Parish Council

Co-optees

Chris Dimond Cleobury Country

Shropshire Council Officers:

Andy Savage	Team Leader, Highways Development Control, Shropshire Council
Steve Price	Lead Officer
Dominic Wallis	Support Officer
Tom Brettell	Community Regeneration Officer
Linda Jeavons	Committee Officer

There were approximately 19 members of the public at the meeting. All attendees sat in groups and were joined by Councillors and Officers.

1. ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: that Councillor Madge Shineton be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

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2. APOLOGIES

Apologies for absence were received from:

Gwilym Butler	Shropshire Council
Brian Howells	Burford Parish Council
Val Simpson	Lacon Childe School (Governor)
PC Sarah Smithson	West Mercia Police

3. APPOINTMENT OF VICE CHAIRMAN

RESOLVED: that Councillor David Haywood be appointed Vice Chairman for the ensuing year.

4. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were no declarations of interest.

5. DECISION NOTES AND QUESTIONS AND ISSUES LOG

(i) **RESOLVED** : that the decision notes of the last meeting held on 25th March 2010, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

(ii) **RESOLVED** : that the Questions and Issues Log be noted.

The Chair introduced Rosemary Abbiss, who had recently become the Chair of the Association of Local Councils (ALC), formerly known as SALC. This Association offered support to all Parish Councils and Parish Meetings; with NALC providing legal support. Mrs Abbiss offered to attend Parish Council meetings to talk about the work and services of ALC.

6. APPOINTMENT OF CO-OPTED MEMBERS

The Chairman introduced and welcomed Mr Mark Mason (Clerk - Boraston Parish Meeting) and Mr Nick Bews, (Chair - Boraston Parish Meeting) to the meeting. They expressed concern that Boraston did not have an effective voice on the LJC and asked that consideration be given to the co-option of Nick Bews.

RESOLVED: that Nick Bews, Chair of Boraston Parish Meeting, be co-opted onto the Committee.

7. COMMUNITY SAFETY

The apologies from the Police were noted.

8. UNADOPTED ROADS

Andy Savage, Team Leader, Highways Development Control, gave an overview of the responsibilities of Shropshire Council the Highway Authority (HA). The HA has a duty of care on all public roads, although not all are adopted. Adopted roads were maintained at public expense; maintenance of unadopted roads being the responsibility of the frontage owners/landowner. The HA would undertake emergency works on unadopted roads but costs would be passed on to frontage owners/ landowners.

In response to questions and comments, he explained the following:

- Shropshire Council was obliged to keep a 'list of streets' and Rights of Way, which were available for public inspection;
- In response to a question asking who was responsible for surface degradation following a change of status from a RoW to a BOAT, AS explained that the HA would maintain commensurate with level of usage;
- Liability for damage to vehicles using unadopted roads becomes the responsibility of frontage owners / landowners;

Any specific issues should be forwarded to Linda Jeavons who will refer them to Andy Savage for a response either directly or through the minutes.

9. VEHICLE ACTIVATED SIGNS

The Senior Community Regeneration Officer introduced the item and explained that work to support this project should be expedited as soon as possible so that any cost element could be precepted in Parish Council budgets for next year. It was likely that the LJC would fund the poles and equipment, with Parish Councils paying for the excavation of holes.

At this point in time, Parishes were only being asked for an indication of numbers and sites; further discussions with Police and Officers from Shropshire Council would follow before a final decision was made.

Following a discussion, it was **AGREED:** that all Parish representatives would consult with respective Parish Councils and forward any proposals to Linda Jeavons.

10. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

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In response to a question, the Chair informed the meeting that, following the decision of Shropshire Council to withdraw the skip service, Bill Duley, Chair, Cleobury Country Environment Forum, was currently working towards obtaining grant funding for a scheme to provide skips, complete with attendants, on a rotating cycle around the parishes. He envisaged that several skips would be provided at each

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Bill Duley

location in an effort to encourage recycling and to reduce landfill. Bill Duley would be contacting Parish Councils to ascertain their interest in this matter.

Youth Forum

The Chair updated the meeting on the work of the Youth Forum. Youth workers were continuously working towards providing improved transportation facilities for young people to and from the outlying areas.

A meeting with the Police was scheduled to take place to discuss problems with the 17 year olds and upwards age group.

11. APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

- 11.1 The Community Regeneration Officer introduced the report and explained that the LJC had a budget allocation of £36,000 for the 2010/11 financial year and that, together with the uncommitted budget from 2009/10 of £7,619, gave a total budget of £43,619 for allocation by the LJC in the current financial year.

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Members noted that in 09/10 the Committee divided its budget as follows:

- £5000 – allocated to CCL to continue to operate Community Chest small grants scheme (up to £500)
- £15,000 allocated to larger grant scheme (grants up to £2,500). Funds were transferred from priorities budget to meet demand- total amount was £18,381
- £16,000 allocated to area wide priorities to be decided by the committee. Reduced to £12,619 to meet demand for larger grants

Consideration was then given to the uncommitted budget and how this should be allocated. Following a discussion and noting potential applications, ie funding towards vehicle activated signs, the following was proposed and seconded:

That the CCL budget remain at £5,000;
larger grant scheme be increased by £5,000 to £20,000;
and the priorities budget be increased to £18,619.

On being put to the vote it was lost 2-7.

A further proposal was proposed and seconded and it was decided as follows:

(i) **RESOLVED:** that

- £5000 be allocated to CCL to continue to operate Community Chest small grants scheme (up to £500);
- £15,000 to be allocated to larger grant scheme (grants up to £2,500).
- £23,619 be allocated to the area wide priorities to be decided by the committee.

11.2

Mr Brian Hamilton-Russell and Jackie Davies gave a presentation on the work of the Pat Straughan Riding RDA Group.

(ii) **RESOLVED:** that the following grant be approved:

11.3

Applicant	Project	Decision
Pat Straughan Riding for the Disabled Group	Funding towards the costs of a mounting block, coloured reins and stirrups.	£776.75

Mr Charles Metcalfe (Treasurer) gave a presentation on behalf of the Cleeton St Mary & Silvington Village Hall Committee.

Following a debate it was noted that costs had been apportioned prior to receipt of three quotes and concerns were expressed about the lack of clarity on the actual works to be carried out, accordingly it was:

(iii) **RESOLVED:** that the following grant be deferred:

11.4

Applicant	Project	Decision
Cleeton St Mary & Silvington Village Hall Committee	Funding towards the costs of resurfacing the hall car park.	£2,500

It was noted that the deadline for funding applications to be considered at the next meeting was 11th June 2010.

12. COMMUNITY REGENERATION OFFICER – UPDATE

The Community Regeneration Officer gave an overview of the work to date.

13. IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

It was agreed that the main topics for the next meeting would include:

- Tourism and the Local Economy
- Vehicle Activated Signs (VAS)

At the close of the meeting, and following a request from a member of the public, the Chair agreed that the Committee would consider Broadband in rural areas, particularly poor Internet connection speeds, as an item at the next meeting.

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14. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS AND VENUES

(a) To note future meeting dates and venues:

Wed, 28 th July 2010	Cleeton St Mary Village Hall	7.00 pm
Thurs, 21 st Oct 2010	TBA	7.00 pm
Thurs, 17 th Feb 2011	Lacon Childe School	7.00 pm

(b) To note future preparation meeting dates:

Thurs, 8th July 2010 – Coreley Village Hall
 Thurs, 30th Sep 2010 – Hopton Wafers Village Hall
 Wed, 2nd Feb 2011 – New Business Centre, Cleobury Mortimer

The Chairman commended Chris Dimond for all his hard work during the construction of the Cleobury Country Centre in Love Lane, Cleobury Mortimer. A Community Open Day would be held on 19th June 2010 for all businesses and residents to go along and see what the centre had to offer.

15. SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS

The Chairman informed the meeting of the following consultations:

Site Allocations and Management of Development (SAMDEV)

The Chairman explained that Shropshire Council was currently consulting on the 'Issues and Options' document; a document which would help inform decisions on sites for various types of development and planning policies to guide future development across Shropshire until 2026. Consultation would take place until Friday, 25th June 2010. All were encouraged to respond either by visiting the website or via the response forms available at the meeting. Officers from Shropshire Council would attend Parish Council meetings to discuss any issues.

A map was on display identifying sites for consideration; existing employment commitments; flood zones; and identified open spaces.

Extra Care Housing PFI

The Chairman explained that Shropshire had obtained provisional PFI credit approvals to develop over 400 units plus community facilities for the elderly from 2013. Several potential sites had been identified and Shropshire Council was currently embarking on a round of public consultation. Public drop-in sessions would be held across Shropshire, including Severn Centre, Highley on 3rd June 2010 - 4-7 pm.

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

The meeting ended at 9.10 pm.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____