



Committee and Date
Cleobury and Rural
Local Joint Committee

Thursday, 20 October 2011
7 pm

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**CLEOBURY AND RURAL LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE
NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 26th MAY 2011 AT
BURFORD VILLAGE HALL, PENLU ROAD, BURFORD, TENBURY WELLS, WR15 8LA
7.00 pm – 8.40 pm**

PRESENT:

Members of the Committee:

Madge Shineton	Shropshire Council
Gwilym Butler	Shropshire Council
Richard Huffer	Shropshire Council
Brian Howells	Burford Parish Council
Jane Thomas	Coreley Parish Council
Deborah Brown	Cleobury Mortimer Parish Council
Mark Link	Farlow Parish Council
Linda Clayton	Hopton Wafers Parish Council
David Haywood	Kinlet Parish Council
Chris Jones	Milson and Neen Sollars Parish Council
Andrew Vanderhook	Neen Savage Parish Council
Diane Newsham	Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council
Bill Foster	Wheathill Parish Council

Co-optees

Nick Bews	Boraston Parish Meeting
Chris Dimond	Cleobury Country

Shropshire Council Officers:

Tracy Johnson	Community Action Officer
Linda Jeavons	Committee Officer

West Mercia Police:

PC Tony Sewell	West Mercia Police
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Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service

Ashley Brown, Retained Firefighter, Shropshire Fire and Rescue

Also in attendance:

Susan Arrowsmith	Cleobury Mortimer Medical Centre
Ashley Seymour	Matrix Medical
Jenny McCrorie	Cleobury Patients Voice

There were approximately 45 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 Shingleton be elected Chairman for the ensuing year.

2. APPOINTMENT OF VICE-CHAIRMAN**RESOLVED:**

That Councillor Chris Jones be appointed Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

3. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting and all Members and Officers introduced themselves.

4. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:

Theresa Mackrow Coreley Parish Council (Sub: Jane Thomas)
Val Simpson Lacon Childe School (Governor)

5. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of interest were made:

PERSONAL		
Name	Item	Nature of Interest
Deborah Brown	Item 9 – Applications for Funding – Cleobury Country Fringe	Has previously worked with the group.
*Madge Shingleton	Item 9 – Applications for Funding – Cleobury Youth Partnership / LJC Youth Priorities budget	Chair of Cleobury Youth Partnership

PREJUDICIAL		
Name	Item	Nature of Interest
Jane Thomas	Item 9 – Applications for Funding – Corley Memorial Hall	Member of Corley Memorial Hall Committee

*Although declaring a personal interest, Madge Shingleton left the room and took no part in the consideration of, or voting on, this matter. The Vice Chair, Chris Jones, took the chair for this item.

6. DECISION NOTES

RESOLVED:

That the decision notes of the last meeting held on 17th February 2011, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

7. COMMUNITY SAFETY

PC Tony Sewell updated the Committee on recent police activities within the area, reported crime figures for the Burford / Coreley area, which were the lowest in the country, and answered questions from the floor.

He drew attention to the Cleobury Mortimer online neighbourhood watch group now available on Facebook, which could be found at www.facebook.com/cleoburynhw. The site had highlighted problems with speeding cars, and he assured the meeting that enforcement would be carried out, alongside a police presence in the area. He referred to the Automatic Number Plate Recognition (ANPR) system, which would also be used to identify vehicles which have been stolen, or are untaxed and / or have no insurance.

He also drew attention to an increase in the theft of metals and diesel, and urged everyone to be aware of those seeking scrap who were unlicensed.

8. UPDATE ON MEDICAL CENTRE

Sue Arrowsmith, Manager, Cleobury Mortimer Medical Centre, gave an update on the proposed new medical centre. She explained that the Parish Council had now agreed to sell the land to Matrix Medical and, once the land had been purchased, the next step would be to obtain planning permission for the new centre. To ensure the centre would be fit for purpose and meet the needs of patients, consultation would take place with, among others, Cleobury Patients' Voice.

Ashley Seymour, Matrix Medical, was in attendance and updated the meeting on the position thus far. The next step was to meet with the Parish Council and their solicitors, and other stakeholders, to finalise terms and discuss the way forward.

Councillor Sean Thorogood, Chairman, Cleobury Mortimer Parish Council, updated the meeting on the position so far, stating that they were mindful there were other offers on the table, and consideration had to be given to all options to ensure the needs of the community were met.

Jenny McCrorie, representing Cleobury Patients' Voice (CPV) explained that the group would work with all parties to ensure the new building would be suitable for all. She explained the work of the group and offered to meet with all member Parish Councils of the Local Joint Committee to talk about the work of the CPV.

Gwilym Butler referred CPV to "Mosaic Mapping", segmentation data used by Shropshire Council to help understand customer behaviours, which may prove useful to help them target different groups during the consultation process.

9. RURAL CHALLENGE CAPITAL FUND MARKET TOWNS REVITALISATION PROGRAMME

Gwilym Butler updated the meeting on the Rural Challenge Capital Fund and the Market Towns Revitalisation Programme. Under the Rural Challenge Capital Fund, £500,000 had been made available for 11 market towns throughout the County to bid into, Cleobury Mortimer being one of those market towns. Market towns could submit up to two projects per town with a combined aggregate limit of £75,000. In addition, rural settlements, along with Cleobury Mortimer, could bid for a share of a further £500,000 to spend on projects ranging from £7,500 up to £40,000. The deadline for submitting applications would be noon on 30th June 2011; and a further round of bidding would follow if all funds had not been allocated.

At this point in time, the following projects had been identified:

- Shop at Stottesdon
- Children's nursery at Cleobury Mortimer, which would be open early in a morning to early evening to help those parents who worked full-time.
- Recycling / Green Waste
- Neen Sollars Community Hydro Project
- Enhancement of the Historic Core of Cleobury Mortimer

In addition, investment and tourism opportunities had been identified in the Wells area of Cleobury Mortimer; and, in response to an advertising campaign, a site for employment land had been identified along Tenbury Road.

Neen Sollars Community Hydro Project

Mr Bill Duley was in attendance and gave a presentation on the Neen Sollars Community Hydro Project at Tetstill Mill, a renewable energy initiative by Cleobury Country Community Energy (C3E) Co-operative, and largely funded by a co-operative share issue.

An announcement would be made in the near future concerning the official launch of the share offer, and information would be available on the following websites:

Cleobury Country - www.cleoburycountry.com/,
 Neen Sollars Community Hydro - www.shareenergy.coop/neensollars/

10. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

11. APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

The Community Action Officer introduced the item and it was decided as follows:

RESOLVED:

- (i) That £4,000 be ringfenced for Cleobury Country Ltd to continue to operate the Community Chest Small Grants Scheme for grants up to 50% of total costs and up to a maximum of £500. Recommendations from the Community Chest panel to be put to the Cleobury and Rural Local Joint Committee for final endorsement.
- (ii) That £8,000 be ringfenced to operate a larger open grant pot for grants up to 70% of total project costs and up to a maximum grant of £2,000.
- (iii) That £5,000 be ringfenced for youth priorities, with recommendations from the Cleobury Youth Partnership put to the Cleobury and Rural Local Joint Committee for final endorsement.
- (iv) That the remaining £5,849 be retained and allocated dependent on funding needs and priorities set by the Cleobury and Rural Local Joint Committee at future meetings.
- (v) That it be noted that £1,162 Arts Grant be allocated subject to Arts Officers' approval.
- (vi) That the following Community Chest applications be approved:

Applicant	Project	Decision
Hopton Babies and Toddlers Group	Enhancement of play facilities	£325
Four Parishes Heritage Group	Early ironworking in Cleobury	£402
Cleobury Country Environment Forum	Environmental Champions 2011	£450
The Friends of St Mary's	Last Night of the Proms Concert	£350

(vii) that the following larger grants be approved:

Applicant	Project	Decision
Cleobury Mortimer Playgroup	New toys and equipment	£1,430.56
Coreley Memorial Hall	Costs towards outdoor ground way improvements	£757.00
Doddington Village Hall	Costs towards a replacement kitchen and installation of an instant hot water system	£1,000
The Cleobury Country Fringe	Costs towards the publicity and marketing of the Cleobury Country Fringe Festival in September 2011.	£1,000

(viii) that the following Cleobury Youth Partnership applications be approved:

St Mary's Youth Projects	£1,500
South Shropshire Youth Forum	£2,520
Lacon Childe School	£200

The Chair left the room and took no part in the consideration of, or voting on, the Cleobury Youth Partnership application. The Vice Chair, Chris Jones, took the chair for this item.

The Chairman returned to the meeting and resumed the Chair.

12. COMMUNITY ACTION OFFICER – UPDATE

The Community Action Officer presented a progress report on her work to date. She was currently advising and working on expressions of interest made under the Rural Challenge Capital Fund programme; had assisted with the setting-up of the Cleobury Mortimer Parish Plan Steering Group; and continued to provide support to the Youth Partnership.

13. IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following were suggested as potential agenda items, dependent on the timing of meetings and the outcome of any funding bids:

- Consultation - car parking provision in Cleobury Mortimer – October 2011
- Provision of Broadband in rural areas following the outcome of the funding bid to Broadband Delivery UK (BDUK) – October 2011

- An introduction and how to use the Community Page of the Cleobury Mortimer Facebook site
- Site Allocations and Management of Development DPD (SAMDev) – February 2012

14. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS AND VENUES

(a) Future meeting dates and venues:

Thurs, 20th October 2011 – Farlow Village Hall
 Wed, 29th February 2012 – Cleobury Mortimer Parish Hall

(b) Future preparation meeting dates:

Wed, 5th October 2011 – Hopton Wafers Village Hall
 Preparation meeting date for 29th Feb 2012 meeting TBC

(c) Deadline for the next round of funding applications – 16th Sep

15. SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS

The following consultations were noted:

- Draft Bus Strategy for Shropshire 2011-2016 – Consultation Response
- Site Allocations and Management of Development DPD (SAMDev)

16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

In response to a question, Madge Shingleton and Gwilym Butler explained that the erection of poles for the vehicle activated signs in the parishes partaking in the joint funding venture, namely Hopton Wafers, Kinlet and Cleobury Mortimer, would take place within the next 10-14 days. There would be a £60 weekly charge, with the signs being in-situ for six week periods, and located on a random basis around the three parishes.

Gwilym Butler reminded all about the launch of the Community Page on the Cleobury Mortimer Facebook site in June.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____