

**CLEOBURY AND RURAL LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE
NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20th OCTOBER 2011 AT
FARLOW AND ORETON VILLAGE HALL, CLEOBURY MORTIMER, DY14 0TS
7.00 pm – 9.10 pm**

PRESENT:**Members of the Committee:**

Madge Shingleton	Shropshire Council
Gwilym Butler	Shropshire Council
Theresa Mackrow	Coreley 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
Brian Hamilton-Russell	Stottesdon and Sidbury Parish Council
Bill Foster	Wheathill Parish Council

Co-optees

Bob Braddock	Cleobury Country
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Shropshire Council Officers:

Tracy Johnson	Community Action Officer
Linda Jeavons	Committee Officer
Nigel Bishop	eCommunications Manager, Shropshire Council

West Mercia Police:

Inspector Robert Thomas	West Mercia Police (from Minute No. 27 onwards)
PC Tony Sewell	West Mercia Police

There were approximately 10 members of the public at the meeting. All attendees sat in groups and were joined by Councillors and Officers.

17. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

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18. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:

Richard Huffer	Shropshire Council
Brian Howells	Burford Parish Council
Deborah Brown	Cleobury Mortimer Parish Council

Co-Optees

Nick Bews	Boraston Parish Meeting
Val Simpson	Lacon Childe School (Governor)

19. DECISION NOTES**RESOLVED:**

That the decision notes of the meeting held on 26th May 2011, be approved and signed by the Chairman as a correct record.

20. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declaration of prejudicial interest was made:

Name	Item	Nature of Interest
Bob Braddock	Item 14 – 2011/12 Finance Report – Including Update on Funding Requests for Consideration	Member of Cleobury Country He left the room during consideration of the item and did not vote.

21. COMMUNITY SAFETY

PC Tony Sewell updated the Committee on recent police activities within the area, reported crime figures for the Cleobury and Burford area, and answered questions from the floor.

The main concerns related to speeding. He explained the procedure for the issuing of speeding fines, which were issued on a sliding scale and based on the severity and circumstances; and before a 20 mph speed restriction could be introduced, roads had to be engineered to support it, ie speed humps, narrowing of the highway to only allow one lane of traffic.

He reiterated his contact details as follows:

Tel: 0300 3333000 ext 66628

Mobile: 07947806052

Email: Anthony.sewell@westmercia.pnn.police.uk or
Cleobury.lpt@westmercia.pnn.police.uk

Facebook: LPT Cleobury

22. CAR PARKING CONSULTATION

Gwilym Butler introduced the item and explained that a consultation process on the provision of car parking in Cleobury Mortimer would be undertaken. The public would be consulted and maps showing the possible scenarios and time restrictions would be displayed for 12 weeks in the Market Hall and distributed to all neighbouring Parish Councils for comments. Any improvements would be undertaken during the next financial year.

In response to questions, Gwilym Butler responded as follows:

- The disabled parking by the chemist in Cleobury Mortimer had been reinstated; although the chemist would eventually be replaced by the new medical centre; and
- Parking fines would be issued to anyone, including business owners, who obstructed the highway and overstayed in the time restricted spaces. Shropshire Council had a duty to deploy a parking attendant, who patrolled ad hoc en route to other areas of the County.

It was **AGREED:** that the Cleobury Mortimer Car Parking Consultation be included as an item at the next meeting.

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23. UPDATE ON THE BROADBAND PROJECT – CONNECTING SHROPSHIRE

Gwilym Butler introduced the item and gave a presentation entitled “The Future of Broadband in Shropshire”.

Main Points:

- Shropshire, including Telford and Wrekin, had been awarded £8.2 million to help improve broadband speeds and the reliability of the communications infrastructure.
- £2m capital funding had also been secured from Shropshire Council’s Capital Programme budget.
- The broadband speed in the area was declining because of a reduction in the number of people using it.
- The vision was that by 2015 all Shropshire businesses and homes would have access to an affordable, efficient and fast broadband service.
- Faster broadband was vital for our economic growth, to deliver public services, and to conduct our everyday lives.
- A key aspect of the project was demand stimulation with businesses and communities. We need to be able to prove that broadband was wanted and would be subscribed to to attract a technical partner.

Next Steps:

Over the next few months Shropshire Council would be working with communities and business to create a plan describing how the funding would be spent.

<p>A widespread Local Councillor consultation process would be undertaken to assess need and take-up. Pilot schemes would be initiated, and he urged everyone, including all local Town and Parish Councils, and employers and their employees to lobby and write to their local Councillors Gwilym Butler and Madge Shingleton, and Neil Langford, ICT Operations Manager, Shropshire Council to nominate Cleobury Mortimer.</p> <p>Two on-line questionnaires (one for businesses and one for residents) could be found at www.connectingshropshire.gov.uk – paper copies were also available and could be obtained by contacting Alison Brock, Shropshire Council, Shirehall, Shropshire, SY2 6ND; or email: alison.brock@shropshire.gov.uk : or telephone (01743) 252205.</p> <p>A copy of the presentation could be obtained by contacting Linda Jeavons, Shropshire Council, on (01743) 252738.</p>	<p>ACTION</p> <p>GB/MS/NL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>ALL</p> <p>LJ</p>
<p>24. CLEOBURY MORTIMER FACEBOOK – COMMUNITY PAGE</p> <p>Gwilym Butler introduced the item and explained how to obtain access and navigate around the Community Page of the Cleobury Mortimer Facebook site. This was a new way of working and a quick way for communities, including friends and neighbours, local businesses, local Councillors, and schools and voluntary groups to get information out to the local area.</p> <p>All groups and/or individuals were invited to contact Gwilym Butler or Neil Bishop, eCommunications Manager, Shropshire Council, if any assistance or advice on how to use the site was required.</p> <p>Tracy Johnson, Community Action Officer, was also available to offer advice, and could be contacted on (01746) 713111. She was also available on Tuesday mornings from 10 - 12 at the Cleobury Country Centre, Love Lane, Cleobury Mortimer, but prior booking was essential by telephoning 07582 002005.</p> <p>A copy of the presentation could be obtained by contacting Linda Jeavons, Shropshire Council, on (01743) 252738.</p>	<p>GB/NB</p> <p>TJ</p> <p>LJ</p>
<p>25. PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATION ON CLEOBURY PATIENTS' VOICE</p> <p>The suggestion that all local Town/Parish Councils appoint a representative to sit on Cleobury Patients' Voice to ensure local people had an input towards the running of the new medical centre, was noted.</p>	

26. BRIDGE OVER THE RIVER TEME

Mr Mark Mason, Parish Clerk, Boraston Parish Meeting updated the meeting on plans for the refurbishment of the Tenbury Bridge, which would commence early January and would continue for approximately four-five months.

- During that period, pedestrians and mobility scooters would be able to cross.
- No contracts had been let as yet.
- Diversion routes would be introduced for cars and lorries, and during the winter period, gritting would be increased on these roads.
- There would be a temporary fire station set up to ensure that an appliance would be sited on either side of the bridge.
- An additional Police vehicle would be sited on the north side.
- Temporary car parks and a shuttle service to link with major bus services would be put in place.

27. COMMUNITY SAFETY

Police Inspector Robert Thomas was welcomed to the meeting and introduced himself. He drew attention to the low crime rate of the area, which he hoped to maintain and, hopefully, improve. He stated that the policing in the UK was undertaken by consent, and his focus would be on crime and anti social behaviour.

He drew attention to the seasonal trends, such as Hallowe'en, and hoped to embark on a campaign to educate the younger persons in an attempt to find short, medium and long term solutions to problems arising from such events.

With reference to speeding, he explained that an education and enforcement programme was in place in the area, although the Speedwatch programme was not supported in the West Mercia area.

In response to comments that crime figures quoted by PC Tony Sewell earlier in the meeting did not take into account the whole of the LJC area, Inspector Thomas undertook to contact PC Ann O'Leary and request that such figures for all parishes within the remit of this LJC be made available at future meetings.

POLICE

In response to questions from the floor, he explained:

- The Parish Watch was run in conjunction with the Police. The contact for this area being PC Ann O'Leary.
- There were no special units that concentrated on thefts of animals; however, schemes such as Farmwatch and Housewatch had been set up in attempt to curtail crime of this nature.

- In response to the current financial climate, West Mercia was currently working with Warwickshire Police in an attempt to identify savings. Although if a merger did take place with neighbouring Police Authorities, it may become more difficult to patrol the smaller towns as resources would be needed in the larger areas.

A member of the public commented that Boraston and Burford came within three miles of Tenbury Wells, yet they were covered by Police from Cleobury Mortimer eight miles away; and suggested that during a recent spate of poaching, local knowledge had been lost because the CSO did not consult with the nearby neighbouring Police Authority. In response, Inspector Thomas explained there should be no cross-boundary issues and once a crime was reported the Police closest to the scene would respond.

28. DIAMOND JUBILEE BEACONS

It was **AGREED**:

- (i) that this be included as an item at the next meeting.
- (ii) that any information on potential funding for the Diamond Jubilee Beacons be forwarded to Town / Parish Councils prior to the next meeting.

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Note:

Further information received following the meeting has indicated that there will be no funding for the Diamond Jubilee Beacons, but all beacons need to be registered. Further information can be obtained via the following link:

www.diamondjubileebeacons.co.uk/Diamond_Jubilee_Beacons/HOME.html

29. AMENDMENT TO LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE CONSTITUTION – SCHEME OF DELEGATION

RESOLVED: that delegated authority be given, with immediate effect, to the Community Action Officer, in consultation with the Chair (or Vice-Chair in their absence), to determine any urgent or time sensitive matters. The Chair to notify each Member of the Committee by email and invite them to respond with their agreement or otherwise within seven days before a decision was made.

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30. PRIORITY SETTING

AGREED: that this item be deferred to the next meeting.

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31. APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING

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

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the following Community Chest applications be approved:

Applicant	Project	Decision
Clee View Bridleway Group P3	Bridleway Improvements – Jack Mytton Way, Detton-Prescott	£500
Cleobury Mortimer Friendship Club	Enhancing the lives of senior citizens	£400
Skate Park Group	Skate Park Inspection	£300

- (ii) That the following larger grants be approved:

Applicant	Project	Decision
Chorley Family Playgroup	Development of Outdoor Garden Play Area	£3,500
Melville Methodist Church	Melville Window Appeal to replace window in the Melville Chapel	£1,500

- (iii) That the request from Milson and Neen Sollars Parish Council for £250 from the devolved budget towards the implementation of speed reduction measures, be noted.
- (iv) That the Community Action Officer write to all Parish Councils to remind them that, if they wish to make a claim for £250 towards the cost of speed reduction measures in their respective areas from the devolved budget, to do so by 31st December 2011.
- (v) That Cleobury Country be awarded £150 for the remainder of this year 2011/12, and £300 for 2012/13 (from next year's confirmed LJC budget) in recognition of the work undertaken for the voluntary and community sector with the remit of this LJC.

The deadline for the next round of funding application was Wednesday, 21st December 2011.

32. COMMUNITY ACTION OFFICER – UPDATE

The Community Action Officer presented a progress report on her work to date.

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➤ **Market Towns Revitalisation Programme (MTRP)**

The expression of interest made to the Market Towns Revitalisation Programme for £40K for the employment land project (just off the Tenbury Road) had been confirmed and had been successful. A full application would be presented to the MTRP Board, hopefully, before Christmas.

➤ **Rural Challenge Capital Fund**

Cleobury Mortimer had had two successful applications:

£7500 – Ever After Nursery

£20K – (Neen Sollars Hydro) – Community Investment Project

The deadline for expressions of interest for round 2 was 30th November 2011

➤ **Cleobury Mortimer Parish Plan**

A Steering Group had been set up to help progress the Cleobury Mortimer Parish Plan. A Mad, Sad and Glad Survey had been distributed to gauge public interest and issues/priorities. The Steering Group would now be looking at different ways to consult with the residents of Cleobury Mortimer.

➤ **Cleobury Youth Partnership**

The Cleobury Youth Partnership had developed an action plan which had identified projects. Successful projects had included the Summer Youth Calendar, and the Hole-in-the-Wall Festival. The support given to youth groups to access funding to enable them to continue to work with young people in the LJC area was ongoing.

➤ **Tenbury Area Partnership (TAP) and Joint Parish Plan**

She had attended TAP meetings and assisted with the joint update of the Tenbury and Burford Parish Plan. Shropshire Council had also arranged a joint Toolkit event with Tenbury Wells and Burford, which would take place on the 22nd November 2011.

Tracy could be contacted via the following:

Email: tracy.johnson@shropshire.gov.uk

Mobile: 0758 200 2005

Tel: 01746 713111

Monday – Thursday 9.00 am – 5.00 pm

Tracy was also available at:

Cleobury Council on Tuesdays – 10.00 am – 12 noon

Highley on Tuesdays – 2.00 pm – 4.00 pm

33. **PUBLIC QUESTION TIME / LOCAL NEWS**

The following items of local news were noted:

➤ **Cardboard Recycling**

The Chair informed the meeting that, as from the end of November, cardboard would no longer be accepted with the garden waste. Notices would be sent out informing of this change. In the meantime, Shropshire Council would be looking at alternative ways to recycle the cardboard; and cardboard bins would be provided at bring sites.

The change had come about following the introduction of an EU Directive aimed at improving the quality of the compost. Fines would be imposed if this procedural change was not implemented.

➤ **Community Infrastructure Levy**

A workshop would be held on Monday, 25th November at the Craven Arms Community Centre between 1.00 pm – 4.00 pm. These workshops had been arranged throughout the County to guide Town and Parish Councils through the local framework that has been put in place to focus on delivery around local priorities.

➤ **Random Housing Survey**

A random Housing Condition Survey would be undertaken by Michael Dyson Associates on approx. 3,500 properties in Shropshire.

➤ **SAMDev**

Place Plans would now be put in place and would identify the local priorities and infrastructure requirements for each of Shropshire's communities. These were in the process of being developed by Shropshire Council in partnership with town / parish councils.

➤ **Health Event**

The meeting noted the following NHS health information events being organised by the Shrewsbury and Telford Hospital NHS Trust. Everyone was invited to go along and find out about the latest plans and changes to hospital services.

(i) Discovery Centre - 6 pm - 14th November.

(ii) West Site Hall, Oldbury Wells, Bridgnorth – 7 pm – 15th November

LJ to email confirmation of date and time of B/north meeting to all

➤ **Cleobury Mortimer Toilets**

Following receipt of £90,000 from Shropshire Council, the new toilets in Cleobury Mortimer would open in late spring.

➤ **Visit to the area by Chris Edwards (Area Director – South)**

The Chair informed the meeting that Chris Edwards had visited the area on the 10th August, and had made himself aware of the surrounding area.

33. 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:

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- Plans for the new Medical Centre in Cleobury Mortimer
- Olympic Opportunities
- Diamond Jubilee Beacons
- Car Parking Consultation in Cleobury Mortimer
- Site Allocations and Management of Development DPD (SAMDev) – (As agreed at the meeting held on 26th May 2011)

34. SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS

There were no consultations.

35. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS AND VENUES

- (a) **Future meeting dates and venues:**
Wed, 29th February 2012 – Cleobury Mortimer Parish Hall
- (b) **Future preparation meeting dates:**
Wed, 8th February 2012 – Cleobury Country Centre
- (c) **Deadline for the next round of funding applications:**
Wed, 21st December 2011

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____