

**CLEOBURY AND RURAL LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE
NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 29th FEBRUARY 2012 AT
CLEOBURY MORTIMER PARISH HALL, LOWER STREET,
KIDDERMINSTER, WORCS, DY14 8AB
7.00 pm – 9.00 pm**

PRESENT:

Members of the Committee:

Madge Shineton	Shropshire Council
Gwilym Butler	Shropshire Council
Richard Huffer	Shropshire Council
Deborah Brown	Cleobury Mortimer Parish Council
Theresa Mackrow	Coreley Parish Council
John Price	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

Shropshire Council Officers:

Steve Brown	Service Manager, Environment Maintenance South
Glyn Shaw	Senior Engineer
Tracy Johnson	Community Action Officer
Linda Jeavons	Committee Officer

West Mercia Police:

Inspector Robert Thomas	West Mercia Police
Sgt Tony Sewell	West Mercia Police
PC Adrian Woolley	West Mercia Police

Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service

Dave Jennings (representing Neil Grove)

There were approximately 70 members of the public at the meeting. All attendees sat in groups and were joined by Councillors and Officers.

36. WELCOME AND INTRODUCTIONS

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

ACTION

37. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Apologies for absence were received from:

Brian Howells Burford Parish Council
 Bill Foster Wheathill Parish Council

Co-Optees

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

38. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

The following declarations of personal/prejudicial interest were made:

PERSONAL		
Name	Item	Nature of Interest
Madge Shineton	Item 10 – 2011/12 Finance Report – Including Update on Funding Requests for Consideration.	Chair of Cleobury Youth Partnership – but on this occasion was purely down as a contact person only.
	(i) Olympic Torch Arts Project	She did not vote on the applications.
	(ii) Olympic Torch Relay Day Project	
PERSONAL / PREJUDICIAL		
Name	Item	Nature of Interest
Gwilym Butler	Item 7 – Car Parking Consultation in Cleobury Mortimer	His own shop was on the High Street.
		He left the room and took no part in the consideration of, or voting on, this matter.
Deborah Brown	Item 10 – 2011/12 Finance Report – Including Update on Funding Requests for Consideration.	Secretary of the Nightingale Nursing Fund.
	Local Youth Clubs and Nightingale Nursing Fund	She left the room and took no part in the consideration of, or voting on, this matter.

39. COMMUNITY SAFETY

- 39.1 Police Inspector Robert Thomas was in attendance and explained that his focus would be on crime and anti-social behaviour, and drew everyone's attention to the following websites:

www.immobilise.com – A website where the public can upload photographs and register their belongings, and report if lost or stolen. The Police could then identify the owner of any recovered lost and stolen property and return it.

www.crimestoppers.co.uk (Contact telephone number 0800 555 111) – This was a charity set up to help prevent and solve crimes. All information received was anonymous and, if an arrest was made, then a payment of cash could be made.

He explained that there was a high rate of metal thefts and referred all to **SmartWater** – a colourless liquid that could be used on jewellery, bikes etc and helped the Police to identify property, and catch and convict criminals.

He reminded all that the Neighbourhood Watch was linked into the local Facebook Community page –

cleobury.lpt @westmercia.pnn.police.uk

- 39.2 Sgt. James Woolley was in attendance and introduced himself to the meeting, and reminded all that everything reported to the Police remained confidential.
- 39.3 PC Tony Sewell was in attendance and reported on local crime figures (copies of which were circulated at the meeting and attached to the signed minutes). He reported that crime was generally reducing, but metal thefts remained high. He reminded everyone that all scrap collection vehicles should be licensed and the Police were continuously checking to make sure this was the case.

The opening hours for the Police Station were:

10 am – 12 noon or 9 pm – 11 pm daily

- 39.4 In response to questions, the Police responded as follows:
- There was no difference between a crime number or incident number. A reported crime was investigated, and if it was found to be a crime, it became a recorded crime.
 - The 20 mph speed limit in Cleobury Mortimer was a legal requirement – but roads had to be engineered to support it before it could be introduced.
 - The Police were currently undergoing speed checks in Cleobury Mortimer.

The Police left the meeting at this point.

40. SHROPSHIRE FIRE AND RESCUE SERVICE

James Woolley from Shropshire Fire and Rescue Services introduced himself. There were no questions.

41. FEEDBACK FROM FUNDED PROJECTS

The following presentations were received:

➤ **Shropshire Youth Forum – Skatepark**

In response to questions:

- The Chair informed the meeting that any trouble was usually caused by the older youths who would congregate in the area to drink and would then leave their bottles / cans behind. The younger ones undertook litter picks.
- A Lottery fund application would be made once ownership of the park was known.
- The Parish Council confirmed that there had been no recent complaints and behaviour had improved.

The Chair thanked the Youth Forum for their attendance.

➤ **Neen Sollars Community Hydro Project** - Bill Duley, updated the meeting on the project.

42. PLANS FOR NEW MEDICAL CENTRE

In the absence of a representative from Matrix Medical, the Chair read out the following statement:

“We are pleased to confirm that we have exchanged contracts with the Parish Council for the Vaughan Road site. Good progress is being made on developing the plans for the new medical centre and positive meetings have been held with planning officers.

We will accordingly be submitting a detailed planning application once the Primary Care Trust has formally approved the scheme’s financial details (which we expect to be at its next committee meeting in March).”

43. BLUE SQUARE – NURSING HOME IN CLEOBURY MORTIMER

Display boards detailing the proposed 55-bed nursing home in Cleobury Mortimer on the former Precision Engineering Site by Blue Square Commercial were on display.

Chris Gellion, representing Nickel Thomas, the agent for Blue Square Commercial, was in attendance. He explained that the majority of comments received during an open day in the Market Hall were favourable. No major changes to the scheme were proposed and a planning application would be submitted in approximately 4-6 weeks.

In response to questions from the floor, he explained:

- A retaining wall and fence would be built to accommodate the change in ground levels.
- Final minor tweaking to the design needed to be done before planning permission was applied for.
- A transport assessment would be undertaken; but it was unlikely to generate a large increase in the number of traffic movements. It was envisaged that any increase would likely come from staff, who would mainly come from the local area.
- It was envisaged that the facility would create approximately 60-80 full/part-time posts (approx 15-20 staff per shift).
- The facility would be privately operated with no socially funded beds; and maybe include a specialised ward/wing.

From the floor, Jenny McCrorie, representing Cleobury Patients' Voice, suggested that, before any decision was made, consideration should be given to the impact an additional 60 people would have on the local medical centre.

44. CAR PARKING CONSULTATION – CLEOBURY MORTIMER

Mr Glyn Shaw, Senior Engineer, Shropshire Council was in attendance and outlined the preliminary proposals to introduce on-street waiting restrictions on the A4117 (High Street/Church Street) Cleobury Mortimer. This was the second draft following comments received from Cleobury Mortimer Parish Council. A bid for capital funding had been submitted for this current financial year, but, as yet, it was not known if had been successful.

Cllr Sean Thorogood, Chair of Cleobury Mortimer Parish Council, explained that at this point in time this was purely a consultation exercise. He explained that there was an opportunity for the public to air their views and ask questions of the Parish Council before any public Parish Council meeting; and urged everyone to come along and ensure their voice was heard. It was important for local residents to support their Parish Council.

The following comments were made from the floor:

- Consideration should be given to the people living in the High Street – the nearby car park was already 50% full.
- No-one adhered to the 20mph speed limit.
- A survey should be undertaken of local residents asking if they avoided using the shops in the High Street because of the lack of parking.
- Residents were not being listened to.
- As a result of all the cars parked all along the High Street, traffic moves slower; so consequently felt safer.

- Wouldn't feel safe if forced to leave car in the car park overnight and walk back home in the dark.
- Money would be far better spent on CCTV and increased policing.
- Property would be de-valued if not able to park outside home.
- The scheme was purely to help local traders – why can't a park and ride system be introduced.
- Unless it is enforced legally it would be a waste of money; and enforcement would mean additional costs.
- What if I can't get to move my car because of an emergency – would I still receive a fine?
- I do not want to leave my car where I can't see it.
- Restrictions would force people to park elsewhere.

In response, Glyn Shaw explained:

- The high street included a mix of residential and business use, and, consequently, there had always been issues with residents' parking.
- Residents' parking schemes were expensive to introduce; and there was no provision in the current funding bid to create a scheme – but, if any serious issues arose, then it would be considered.
- If the consensus was against the scheme, then it would not go ahead. Not even sure if the funding would be made available. This was a preliminary exercise and at the end of the consultation process, a further meeting with the Parish Council would be undertaken before any final decision was made.
- In response to a comment that the loading bay opposite the Spar would not be big enough to accommodate large vehicles, he explained that the diagram was not to scale.
- Parking would be for 2 hrs - with no return within 2 hrs - and based on a model in place at Church Stretton. The majority of towns were based on a 1 hr no return.
- The scheme would only be in operation between 8 am- 6 pm Mon-Sat, with no restrictions on Sundays. So parking outside homes would be permitted during the evenings.
- Enforcement would be undertaken by Shropshire Parking. An attendant would visit the area at varied times to ensure that no-one knew when they were in the area.
- There would be an appeals process for anyone who considered their fine to be issued unfairly.
- There would be some migration with people parking elsewhere, and not all of it would be to the car parks.
- To his current knowledge there were no imminent plans to introduce charges in the off-street car parks.

In response, Cllr Sean Thorogood, explained:

- This was not the finalised scheme.
- If nothing was done in the High Street the situation would get worse.
- If we had a no-parking policy, then traffic would speed through the town.
- CCTV was currently being installed and would be completed and running in a matter of weeks.

45. 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.

Matters Arising

- 45.1 Toilets in Cleobury Mortimer – Cllr Sean Thorogood updated the meeting and explained that as soon as the plans had been received back from Shropshire Council, they would be ready to go out to tender.
- 45.2 Cardboard Recycling – Cllr Gwilym Butler updated the meeting and explained that large cardboard recycling containers had been installed in the grounds of the Sports and Social Club. A new trial to collect cardboard had commenced in Whittington, and, if successful, would be rolled out throughout the County.
- 45.3 Broadband – Cllr Gwilym Butler updated the meeting on the position to date. He was hoping that Cleobury Mortimer would be one of the smaller market towns to be treated as a priority. He referred to the Rural Community Broadband Fund launched by defra, which was being targeted at rural communities and those areas that would receive only the minimum standard of broadband of 2Mbps.
- 45.4 Teme Bridge – Cllr Richard Huffer explained that the bridge would open as soon as the works were finished. He expressed concerns relating to the impact of the closure on Tenbury, and the resulting negative effect on the whole of the County if business was lost permanently.
- 45.5 Jubilee Beacons / Celebrations – The Chair explained:
- That the Olympic Torch would pass through Cleobury Mortimer on the 24th May – the exact time of day was not yet known.
 - Volunteers were needed to act as marshals – if anyone was interested contact details could be forwarded to Tracy Johnson, Community Action Officer.
 - A mini Olympics was planned.

- Businesses would be given the opportunity to create their own banner incorporating any logo.
- Shropshire Hospice would be making bunting from recycled materials.
- Portaloos would be provided if funding became available – but it was hoped that pubs and restaurants would oblige.

In conclusion, Cllr Richard Huffer informed the meeting that more information would become available on or by the 19th March 2012.

45.6 SAMDev – Cllr Gwilym Butler explained that the second or 'Preferred Options' stage of the Site Allocations and Management of Development (SAMDev) Plan would, following approval by Cabinet on the 9th March 2012, be published for 3 months of consultation. This would be an opportunity for everyone to have their say on the proposals and to help shape their area.

45.7 **Additional Information Items:**

Community Safety Event – The meeting was informed that the Police and Community Council for Shropshire were arranging a safety event. This would include talks from the Fire Service, Police and South Shropshire Housing Association, and would also include other group demonstrations. The event would take place on Saturday, 31st March from 10.00 am – 1.00 pm at the Cleobury Country Centre.

Information Leaflets were distributed as follows:

- Changes to mobile library times
- Cleobury and Rural LJC Funding Summary 2011/12
- Comments Form relating to the former Precision Engineering Site and Fryers Garth High Street, Cleobury Mortimer

(Copies of all information leaflets circulated will be attached to the signed minutes).

46. **FEEDBACK FROM FUNDED PROJECTS**

The meeting received feedback from previously funded projects.

47. **APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING / COMMUNITY ACTION OFFICER UPDATE**

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

RESOLVED:

- (i) That the report be noted.
- (ii) That the funding application for Lacon Childe School for **£960**, agreed under delegated powers, be noted.
- (iii) That the recommendations made by Cleobury Country Community Chest be noted and approved accordingly.
- (iv) That the following funding applications be approved:
 - (1) Community First Responders - **£2,300**
 - (2) Local Youth Football Clubs and Nightingale Nursing Fund - **£1,000**
 - (3) Stottys shop (in partnership with Cleobury Country) - **£2,000**
 - (4) Cleobury Patients' Voice with support from Severn Hospice and Cleobury Mortimer Medical Centre - **£2,000**
- (v) That the following funding application be approved and funded from the 2012/13 budget:

Cleobury Youth Partnership – Olympic Torch Day - **£2,540**
- (vi) That the following funding application be approved and funded from the Art Grant Allocation:

Cleobury Youth Partnership – Olympic Torch Relay Arts Project - **£1,162**
- (vii) That the monies paid to the following Parish Councils for traffic calming measures, and as agreed at a previous meeting, be noted:
 - (1) Hopton Wafers PC - £250
 - (2) Kinlet PC - £250
 - (3) Milson and Neen Sollars - £250

48. PRIORITY SETTING - See Funding Report - Minute 47.

49. PUBLIC QUESTION TIME

There were no questions.

50. IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

No items identified.

51. SHROPSHIRE COUNCIL CONSULTATIONS

There were no consultations.

52. DATES OF FUTURE MEETINGS AND VENUES**(a) To note future meeting dates and venues;**

Tues, 12th June 2012 – Kinlet VH

Tues, 23rd Oct 2012 – Milson and Neen Sollars VH

Thurs, 21st Feb 2013 – Market Hall, Cleobury Mortimer

(b) Future preparation meeting dates:

Thurs, 10th May 2012 – Farlow VH

Thurs, 13th Sep 2012 – Neen Savage VH – TBC

Tues, 22nd Jan 2013 – Cleobury Country Centre

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Chairman: _____

Date: _____