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Date: Monday, 17 November 2014
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Committee:
Cleobury and Rural Local Joint Committee

Date: Tuesday, 25 November 2014
Time: 7.00 pm
Venue: Cleobury Country Centre, Love Lane, Cleobury Mortimer, DY14 8PE

You are requested to attend the above meeting.
The Agenda is attached

Claire Porter
Head of Legal and Democratic Services (Monitoring Officer)

Please note: From 6.30 – 7.00 pm

- Local Police will be in attendance providing an opportunity for members of the public to raise any local policing or community safety concerns.

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Members of Cleobury and Rural Local Joint Committee

Gwilym Butler (Chairman)	Stephen Jones
Chris Jones (Vice Chairman)	Linda Clayton
Richard Huffer	David Haywood
Madge Shineton	Julian Cleford
Brian Howells	Brian Hamilton-Russell
Deborah Brown	Bill Foster
Theresa Mackrow	

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AGENDA

1 Welcome and Introductions

2 Election of Officers

Election of Chair and Vice Chair for 2014/2015.

3 Disclosable Pecuniary Interests

Members are reminded that they must not participate in the discussion or voting on any matter in which they have a Disclosable Pecuniary Interest and should leave the room prior to the commencement of the debate.

4 Community Safety & Fire Service updates

An update on community safety concerns including statistics on local speeding incidents.

(To note: Local Police will be in attendance 30 minutes prior to the meeting providing an opportunity for members of the public to raise any local policing or community safety concerns.)

5 Decision Notes (Pages 1 - 4)

To consider the Decision Notes of the meeting held on 25th February 2014 attached marked 'A'.

Contact: Vicky Turner (07990 085 265) vicky.turner@shropshire.gov.uk

6 Update on Broadband (Pages 5 - 6)

An update is attached to the agenda marked 'B'.

7 Future Fit Presentation

Paul Tulley will explain how you can play your part in shaping the future healthcare Shropshire and Worcester with updates on the health service strategic plans for both counties.

8 Cleobury Fire Station Presentation

Rod Hammerton talks about increasing the usage of the Fire Station and how other closures could affect Cleobury.

9 Library Provision in Shropshire - Cleobury Mortimer

Gwilym Butler will talk about the latest proposed changes to the Library Service.

10 The Evolution of LJC's

A brief update on the evolution of Local Joint Committees by Gwilym Butler

11 Public Question Time

12 Identification of Future Agenda Items

13 Date/Time of Next Meeting

For more information about the meeting or Cleobury and Rural Local Joint Committee please contact vicky.turner@shropshire.gov.uk or 07990 085 265.

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**CLEOBURY AND RURAL LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE
NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 25th FEBRUARY 2014
LACON CHILDE SCHOOL
7.00 pm – 9.00pm**

PRESENT:**Members of the Committee:**

Gwilym Butler
Madge Shingleton
Richard Huffer
Deborah Brown
Theresa Mackrow
Stephen Jones
David Haywood
Julian Celford
Jan Hadoke
Chris Jones
Brian Hamilton-Russell
Val Simpson (co-optee)

Shropshire Council
Shropshire Council
Shropshire Council
Cleobury Mortimer Parish Council
Coreley Parish Council
Farlow Parish Council
Kinlet Parish Council
Neen Savage Parish Council
Wheathill Parish Council
Milson & Neen Sollars Parish Council
Stottesdon & Sidbury Parish Council
Community Car Scheme

In Attendance:

Ann Broomhall
Peter Martin
Rod Thomson
Ben Walker
Darren Reynolds

Farlow Parish Council
Neen Savage Parish Council
Director of Public Health, Shropshire Council
Connecting Shropshire
Lacon Childe School

Shropshire Council Officers:

Tom Brettell
Kate Garner

Senior Community Action Officer
Locality Commissioning Manager

West Mercia Police:

PCSO Ben Harris

Shropshire Fire and Rescue Service

David Jennings
John Hurst-Knight

Shropshire Fire & Rescue Service
Shropshire Fire Authority

The LJC and members of the public were welcomed by Darren Reynolds the recently appointed Head Teacher of Lacon Childe School who emphasised the key role of the school in the community and the importance of community links to the school. The school's ethos is not just about education and qualifications but about the whole child from nursery through to school leaving age and is about investing heavily in young people for the area's future. These comments were welcomed by the committee.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Linda Clayton, Hopton Wafers Parish Council
Brian Howells, Burford Parish Council

3. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY INTERESTS

No interests were declared

4. COMMUNITY SAFETY

- 4.1** Concerns over speeding in Cleobury Mortimer had been monitored by a traffic car that has been present once a month supported by Police Specials in the high street. Further concerns were raised about speeding on the B4364 at Wheathill and the B4363 at Six Ashes.

The members were made aware of a recent spike in catalytic converter thefts, particularly from 4x4 vehicles. This was not currently being linked to street lights being turned off in particular localities. The Committee were informed that a special guard product and heat resistant Smartwater were available to deter this theft.

- 4.2** Dave Jennings and John Hurst Knight explained the role of a retained fire fighter and that there is a current shortage of retained firefighters during daytime hours at the Cleobury Mortimer Fire station. The LJC were asked to spread the word and in particular to speak to employers about this issue. A range of benefits including comprehensive training are offered to the employee that have many benefits to the employer.

A question was raised about the future of Tenbury Fire station and it was confirmed that both Tenbury and Bewdley stations are currently under review. Lots of cross border working takes place with the fire authorities.

5. DECISION NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 24th OCTOBER 2103

- 5.1** An amendment was agreed that Neen Savage Parish Council were observers to the Place Plan Workshop at the October meeting and that they will respond formally in due course.

The minutes were then agreed as an accurate record.

6. CONNECTING SHROPSHIRE UPDATE

Cllr Butler introduced Ben Walker, Communications Manager for the Connecting Shropshire Programme. Ben gave a presentation to update members on the programme (attached to the minutes and emailed to committee members). Key items are:

- The Connecting Shropshire broadband programme has started providing access to fibre broadband for Shropshire premises that would not have benefited from the commercial plans of private companies
- The programme has announced a forward view of the eight exchange areas serving the LJC that it'll be working in and timings as follows:
 - Spring 2014
 - § Stoke St. Milborough
 - Autumn/winter 2014
 - § Clee Hill
 - § Cleobury Mortimer
 - § Highley
 - § Tenbury Wells
 - Not yet announced – pending survey work
 - § Burwarton
 - § Kinlet
 - § Stottesdon
- Check the website for more information – <http://connectingshropshire.co.uk/>
- People won't get faster broadband automatically, they need to contact their ISP to check availability and upgrade
- Not all premises in an exchange area will get access to fibre based broadband and not all premises served by a fibre enabled cabinet will necessarily get a speed enhancement.

- To check the status of your exchange go to the Openreach where-and-when pages, see: <http://www.superfast-openreach.co.uk/where-and-when/>

A number of questions then followed the presentation:

- In answer to a question about broadband suppliers, Ben confirmed that once the fibre optic cable is in place the Team will promote this to the community and it is down to the customer to contact their supplier and to shop around
- In answer to the investment by National Government, Ben confirmed that Connecting Shropshire's key priority is getting faster broadband out to very rural communities. The example of Stoke St Milborough was given.
- Ben confirmed that his role is to confirmed to the public when the faster Broadband is in place

Ben agreed to come to individual Parish Council meetings at their request and to come back to the LJC to update them when activity moves forward in this area.

7. MEDICAL CENTRE UPDATE

Madge Shineton gave a brief update in the absence of a representative from the Medical Centre:

- Build programme is currently 3 weeks behind schedule
- On course to be up and running by July
- There will be space for other services such as chiropody, opticians etc

Madge introduced Professor Rod Thomson, Director for Public Health in Shropshire to the LJC who was in attendance to observe the meeting. Rod gave a brief overview of his role and in answer to a question it was agreed that packages of care for hospital discharge patients be a future agenda item.

8. REQUESTS FOR FUNDING

The Committee were reminded that this was the final round of funding, that any unspent funds could not be rolled into next financial year, and that this is the last year where delegated funding is available to the LJC in this format.

The following decisions were made:

Applicant	Project	Amount
Farlow & Oretton Village Hall	Internal refurbishment and car parking	£1,187
Chorley Family Playgroup	Creative Expression	£250
Holy Trinity Church, Sidbury	Creation of driveway	£800
Chorley Chapel	Youth Quake	£300
Cleobury Compassionate Communities	Sustaining project	£1,681
Cleobury Youth Partnership	Sustaining Project	£1,681

All of the LJC's delegated funding was committed.

The Hole in the Wall Young Promoters project gave a brief update on their activities following their successful LJC and PCC grants. Jack Martin has been appointed to help manage the project and is making a big difference.

9. QUESTIONS

No questions were raised by the public

10. IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Update on the evolution of LJC's and Locality Commissioning
- Support to Parish and Town Councils- SALC
- Update on superfast broadband
- Hospital discharge care

11. DATES / TIMES OF MEETINGS IN 2013/14

It was agreed to hold the next meeting in June with a date and venue to be confirmed.

The Chairman thanked everyone for attending.

Chairman: _____ Date: _____

Update from Connecting Shropshire

Connecting Shropshire is a £26m programme to bring fibre broadband to the more rural parts of the Shropshire Council area, where private companies are not going to provide it as part of their commercial plans. The programme has already started to provide people with access to fibre broadband with download speeds of up to 80mbps, about 10x faster than the average for the county as a whole. More than 23,000 homes and businesses across a range of exchange areas, from Albrighton to Alberbury and St Martins to Clungunford, are now within reach of the new fibre broadband network that we're building.

It's a huge engineering challenge and we can't do everywhere at the same time, as we have to build the network out from existing points of presence. In total, we expect to put in around about 13,000kms of the new fibre optic cable, with completion due in 2016.

The parishes in the LJC area are covered by eight exchange areas. We expect availability of fibre broadband to start as follows:

Exchange area	Availability expected to start
Burwarton	Spring 2016
Clee Hill	Autumn 2014
Cleobury Mortimer	Started October 2014
Highley	Spring 2015
Kinlet	Autumn 2015
Stoke St Milborough	Spring 2015
Stottesdon	Summer 2015
Tenbury Wells	Spring 2015

Please be aware that these timescales may change. Also not all premises in an exchange area will get access to fibre based broadband and not all premises served by a fibre enabled cabinet will

necessarily get a speed enhancement. Not all cabinets in an exchange area will necessarily be fibre enabled.

The first of these exchange areas to go live is Cleobury Mortimer where fibre broadband is now available in parts of the Cleobury Mortimer exchange area. Cabinets 1 and 3 covering 800 premises went live in October and Cabinet 4 covering about 400 premises should go live around the end of this year.

To connect to fibre broadband, people will need to contact their chosen internet service provider to upgrade their broadband package, the broadband speeds won't increase automatically.

Visit our website: <http://connectingshropshire.co.uk/when-and-where/> to check which exchange area and cabinet serves your premises and to check availability of fibre broadband. Also on the website, there is lots of information including FAQs and why faster fibre broadband is important for homes and businesses.

If any Parish would like a member of the Connecting Shropshire team to attend a Parish Council meeting to provide an update, please let us know on connecting.shropshire@shropshire.gov.uk

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