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**CLEOBURY AND RURAL LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE
NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7th DECEMBER 2016
MARKET HALL, CLEOBURY MORTIMER
7.00 pm – 9.00pm**

1. PRESENT:

Members of the Committee:

Gwilym Butler	Shropshire Council (Chair)
Madge Shingleton	Shropshire Council
Deborah Brown	Cleobury Mortimer Parish Council
Chris Jones	Milson & Neen Sollars Parish Council
Sue Turner	Hopton Wafers Parish Council
Vince Romeo	Coreley Parish Council
David Haywood	Kinlet Parish Council
Julian Cleford	Neen Savage Parish Council
Steve Jones	Farlow Parish Council
Nick Bews	Boraston (Co-optee)
David Webb	Cleobury Country (Co-optee)

In Attendance:

PC Jane Cowen	WMP
PCSO Shelley Hyde	WMP

Shropshire Council Officers:

Vicky Turner	Community Enablement Officer
Chris Edwards	Head of Infrastructure and Communities

38 members of the public

2. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR

Gwilym Butler was elected Chair
Debbie Brown was elected Vice-Chair

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Bill Foster, Wheathill Parish Council
Richard Huffer, Shropshire Council

4. DISCLOSABLE PERCUNIARY INTERESTS

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

No declarations made

5. COMMUNITY SAFETY, FIRE SERVICE & HOUSING UPDATES

Police – Jane and Shelley spoke about recent crime figures, hi-lighting that there was a significant spike in thefts from outbuildings and farms across the West Midlands – mostly opportunist crimes – driving around, pretending to be lost doing a reccy of the area and risk assessing whether to come back or not.

Dorset and Hereford Police have adopted the Stop Thief scheme – issuing signs to anyone that has been burgled, and in Hereford there have been no repeat thefts.

West Midlands Crime Prevention Officer, can offer more specific advice on preventing these thefts.

Community Messaging Service

This has replaced the Dot Mailer alert system and can be accessed from the West Mercia Police homepage (click on messaging service) giving alerts and is another way of bring concerns to WMP

101 Service

Concern raised - people are calling, but the calls are not always answered – the police communications team are aware of these problems and work is being done to improve it.

Best way to report:

Emergency	999
Urgent	101
Stats or Intelligence	101 or through messaging service

6. DECISION NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON THE 23rd MARCH 2016 (REPORT A)

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

7. FUTURE OF LOCAL SERVICES

Gwilym Butler gave a summary of the results of the parish services survey that he and Madge Shingleton has undertaken over the summer

There were responses from 149 households

The general feeling was that approx. 2/3rds of the responses received were in favour of supporting the library service and also youth activities, but, that further information was needed about the leisure service.

Even people that don't use some of the services wanted to support keeping them.

The survey gave the opportunity to make comments on services and 70 comments were received and will be used in the future by the LJC committee.

8. 2L BUS SERVICE

Steve Todd updated on the bus service.

There is light at the end of the tunnel – talks are underway with Shropshire Council and another operator (early stages). Shropshire Council are also looking at other options and are considering a community transport bus to enhance the 2L service at key times.

There are no plans to scrap the 2L service – Shropshire Council currently pays £54k subsidy each year to retain the 2L route.

Diamond have recently been in front of the Traffic Commissioners (TC) on their inability to run a proper service – no decision has been made by the TC

Complaints and concerns can be made directly to Chris Blythe, Director of Operations at Diamond, welcomes feedback and you can raise complaints directly to him on Chris.Blyth@rotala.co.uk

Steve was thanked, for all the work that he does for local transport

9. UPDATE ON NEW PROPOSED CROSSING

Recognition was given to the hard work that Cleobury Parish Council have invested in this project, working with Shropshire Council to look at the best solutions for the current crossing and also the new one following the Co-op development.

Assurance is needed from Shropshire Council that the funding from the crossing does go towards the proposed new crossing and that following community consultation that the crossing is where it is needed and is the style that is needed.

10. YOUTH COMMISSIONING (REPORT B)

RECOMMENDATION:

That the decisions made by the LJC committee in conjunction with Cleobury Youth Partnership during the summer on grant allocations to:

St Marys Youth Project £1,000

South Shropshire Youth Forum £1,000

Cleobury Guiding £500

Cleobury Sports and Social Club – Battle of the Bands - £500

APPROVED

It is uncertain at this time if the LJC will receive funding for youth activities for 2017/18 – the LJC Committee will be update when a decision has been taken.

Madge Shingleton as Chair of the Cleobury Youth Partnership thanked the parishes that contribute towards funding youth activity and projects in the area and informed the committee that the youth partnership had successfully applied for and received £9k of Awards for All funding from the Lottery –

- to allow a group of young people to be trained in gardening skills to care for the gardens of residents who are unable to tend to their own gardens.
- And to provide bushcraft, forest school and over night bonding sessions for families (pupils of Lacon Childe school) to build good family relationships.

11. IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- Health and Future Fit consultation (possibly February if consultation is out then)
- Ambulance Service
- Understanding of the leisure services available and how it is funded

12. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

- Q** What can be done about parking on the zigzags in the High Street? Parish Council / Crime Reduction Group can get parking enforcement (Park Right) in at certain times. Anyone can ring 101 and report this happening.
- Q** Concerns were raised over the condition of the roads and the road sinking at Larks Rise
Resurfacing for the road between New Bridge and Mawley will take place early 2017. Larks rise is a collapsed drain and is being dealt with

13. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

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