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Public Paper

**CLEOBURY AND RURAL LOCAL JOINT COMMITTEE
NOTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 7th NOVEMBER 2017
HOPTON WAFERS VILLAGE HALL
7.00 pm – 9.00pm**

1. PRESENT:

Members of the Committee:

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

In Attendance:

PCSO Sue Eden	WMP
Hugh McGuigan	MQP Quarry Manager
Matthew Sheehan	Cleobury Town Council Clerk

Shropshire Council Officers:

Vicky Turner	Community Enablement Officer
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2. ELECTION OF CHAIR AND VICE CHAIR FOR 2017/18

Gwilym Butler - nominated, and elected to continue as Chair
Debbie Brown - nominated, and elected to continue as Vice Chair, Gwilym thanked Debbie for her continued support

3. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Richard Huffer	Shropshire Council
Arthur Ratcliffe	Neen Savage Parish Council
Alan Thomas	Burford Parish Council

4. DISCLOSABLE PECUNIARY 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

PCSO Sue Eden attended and introduced herself as the new PCSO for the Highley and Cleobury area taking over from Liam (who she mentored) 1/10/17

Questions to Sue included:

- What parishes does she cover – **ACTION VT to provide Sue with a list of parishes.** The information is also available as a map on the wmp website.
- 'Law of unintended consequences' **ACTION David Webb to email Sue with the specifics of the issues on Catherton Common.**
- Concerns raised of the increasing size of agricultural vehicles and that many young drivers are on their phones whilst driving these machines. The police do work with young farmers and if you have the registration number will speak to the offender.

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 9th MARCH 2017 (REPORT A)

The minutes were agreed as an accurate record.

7. ROAD SAFETY CONCERNS

Hugh McGuigan Manager of MQP Quarry at Clee Hill

Explained that he has managed the quarry for 5 years, brought in when the quarry looked like closing. The quarry is now a thriving concern and a good local employer. The volume of traffic has increased slightly with lorries doing 3 loads a day to the West Midlands.

The lorry drivers are not employed by the quarry but the lorries are franchised – so if there are any incidents with drivers their lorry is then banned for a set time from the quarry meaning they are financially penalised.

If you need to complain about the behaviour or any driver then get as much of the registration as possible and the time and date and report to Hugh.

high.mcguigan@mqp.co.uk (The email address is high and not hugh)

Hugh has regular meetings with the franchise companies and all drivers have handbooks to adhere to

Questions to Hugh included:

- Does the quarry have any control over the routes the drivers take? Raised as a concern in Neen Sollars where 38 tonne trucks are cutting through over the bridge, down a single track on an unclassified road. – Registration numbers to be sent to Hugh
- Can Hugh watch the drivers from Hopton? - there are concerns of 2 lorries meeting on the corner and speeding down the bank. Hugh will arrange this.

Primary School updates

- Cleobury – holding a public meeting for suggestions on the green to help alleviate the parking problems, and arrange for emergency services to go there are pick up or drop off time to show parents the problems irresponsible parking causes.
- Farlow – inconsiderate parking outside the school
- Stottesdon – The parish council have spoken to the police. Arrangements have now been made for staff to park at the pub to free up some spaces
- Kinlet – some progress has been made
- Cleehill school – narrowness of roads, when large lorries go through the road becomes blocked

Proposed crossing update

Madge and Gwilym met the Shropshire Council Officer last week, a survey has been done by the contractors WSP on where people walk in the that area. The preferred site has been agreed by Shropshire Council and will now go to the December Cleobury Parish Council meeting.

If agreed it will then be designed and delivered in 2018/19 as is part of Shropshire Councils Capital Programme.

Parish concerns

- Farlow Parish Council are looking to extend the 30mph limit and are speaking to Alice Dilley from Shropshire Council on this.

ACTION – Vicky to speak to Alice Dilley about possibility of an LJC wide Community Speed Watch scheme – with volunteers from each parish, reducing the need for more than one set of kit but also volunteers may feel more comfortable with volunteering not where they live. Link this with Cleobury Crime Reduction Group and Doddington Speed watch group.

- Clee Hill – 60mph needs reducing to 50mph – would not cost much, just a change of signage

ACTION – Gwilym to find out why it is easier to change enforceable speed limits in neighbouring counties than in Shropshire

- Cleobury – CCTV – request to cover New Bridge in its CCTV – CMPC and Cleobury Crime Group have this identified in phase 2 of their CCTV project and have applied to the Police Crime Commissioner for additional funding. CMTC have bought flashing slow down signs to go on Newbridge corner and also white gates for either end of the town to encourage drivers to slow down.
- Cleobury – Crime Reduction Group welcomes all parishes to be involved too – next meetings are:
 - 11am 20th November Cleobury Sports and Social Club
 - 11am 22nd January Cleobury Sports and Social ClubAnyone interested in making a difference can come along.

8. ROLE OF SHROPSHIRE COUNCILS ENVIRONMENTAL CRIME REPORTING OFFICER – MATT SHEEHAN

Matt is Clerk to Cleobury Town Council and incorporates this role into his Clerking duties, he has been trained by Shropshire Council to a reporter on dog fouling and littering, he cannot fine but can report (which could lead to a fine from Shropshire Council)

Hand outs were given showing the problems and health concerns from dog fouling.

MQP have recently purchased 5 dog poo bins with bag holders for Cleobury – these have now been installed

Cleobury Mortimer Town Council is now looking at local orders for all dogs to be on leads

Neen Sollars PC explained that they wrote to every household about the dog fouling problems then were experiencing and put up signs from Shropshire Council and are pleased to report that the problem has greatly reduced since then.

9. PUBLIC QUESTIONS

Youth Activity Funding

There is a high possibility that there will be not Shropshire Council funding for youth activities in 2018/19 for rural areas.

Cllr Madge Shingleton asked that Parish Councils consider putting an amount in their precepts for the Youth Partnership to use to lever in other funding.

This proposal is out to consultation – please respond by following the link <http://new.shropshire.gov.uk/get-involved/changes-to-provision-of-youth-activities/>

10. IDENTIFICATION OF FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

- LJC wide Community Speed Watch
- Update from Gwilym on Shropshire Councils approach to changing speed limits in comparison to other counties.
- Buses – latest information

- Cleobury Neighbourhood Plan
- SAMDev Site allocations
- Environmental Maintenance Grant

11. DATE AND TIME OF NEXT MEETING

7th March 2018 (venue to be confirmed)