



Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 2nd March 2026, 6.30pm at the Cleobury Country Centre, Love Lane, Cleobury Mortimer, DY14 8PE.

Present:

Cllr Guy James, Cllr Geoff Hainsworth, Cllr Helen Smith, Cllr Matthew Rose, Cllr Tony Hayward, Cllr Ben Williams, Cllr Tina Hobin, Town Clerk Mrs D McBride and Deputy Town Clerk Miss S Dolphin.

The Chair of the Meeting, Cllr James, welcomed everyone to the March meeting.

03.01.26 Apologies for absence.

There were apologies from Cllr David Abbatiello and Cllr Sally Burns.
Apologies also received from PC Nick Nolan and PC Jade Ives.

03.02.26 Declaration of interests.

There were no formal declarations of interest made.

03.03.26 Public Participation Session.

Unitary Cllr Pamela Davies was in attendance along with six members of the public.

The Charter Event Co-ordinator made a request to utilise the resource of the Council for the purpose of governance when organising this year's Town Charter Event in September. This would be for the purpose of organising insurance and licences. Council confirmed they are happy to support the administration of this request.

A resident of Eagle Lane brought to the attention of the Council the state of repair of the road. The resident addressed Cllr Davies particularly with a request to raise this with Shropshire Council. The resident acknowledged this had been reported on Fix My Street. Cllr Hainsworth reported about the state of repair of the Tenbury Road. Chair made a request to Cllr Davies to highlight that not only was the quality of any repairs substandard, but the current supplier was not fulfilling their contractual obligations with regards to completing works. A resident reported the substandard works of the recent white lining works that have been completed on the High Street. Only a proportion of the work has been completed. The resident raised the question of specifications and who is responsible for quality control?

A Campaigner from the Save the Manor House group informed the Council of the group's endeavours to urge Shropshire Council to serve a Section 215 on the owner of the Manor House. The campaigner requested that the Town Council pursue this on the group's behalf by writing to the planning authority. Cllr Davies was also asked to investigate this. The Clerk will keep the resident updated and the Chair thanked the resident for his endeavours.

03.04.26 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Monday 2nd February 2026.

Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 2nd February 2026. Duly signed by the Chair.

03.05.26 Matters arising from the Minutes / Update since last Council meeting.

- a) Council noted receipt of the Town Clerk's Office Report.
- b) Committee, Working Group and Councillor Reports:
 - 1. The Employment Committee Report had been previously circulated.
There were no questions raised.
Cllr Williams confirmed that the plans to get the Community Speed Watch Campaign up and running were progressing well. The volunteers' applications will be submitted to the Police for vetting before the training is undertaken.
Cllr Smith reported that she had attended the recent Charter Day Meeting and requested that the Clerk forward the Minutes of the meeting to all Councillors.

03.06.26 Unitary Councillor's Report.

Cllr Davies reported that Shropshire Council had received exceptional financial funding from central government. A Task and Finish group had been formed to look at the future of Shirehall in Shrewsbury.

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03.07.26 Financial Matters.

a) Council RESOLVED to approve the following invoices for payment:

SALC – Training Fees - £35.00.
Samantha Dolphin – Suction Cups ref Christmas Lights - £15.98.
Mr S Todd – two-way cable splitter ref Christmas Lights - £11.49.
Tents & Marquees Limited – Deposit for Marquee for Town Festival - £360.00.
Cleobury Country Limited – Meeting Room Hire (February) - £57.60.
Tom Morris – Childe Road hedge reduction - £1,400.00.

The following invoice had been received after the Agenda was published:

Circus Sensible – Town Festival - £ 480.00.

b) Council confirmed the additional payments made since the last meeting:

Amazon – Maintenance and Office Supplies - £46.56 (Debit Card)
Beckie's Tea Room – Refreshments for Christmas volunteers - £65.00 (Debit Card)
Land Registry – Title Plan information - £14.00 (Debit Card)

c) Council noted income received:

Bank Interest - £3.77.

d) Council signed the approved budget for 2026-27.

e) Council reviewed and approved quotation 1 for a replacement bus shelter at Cherry Orchard (junction of A4117 and B4201) following the insurance claim.

03.08.26 Planning Matters.

a) New Planning Applications:

1. Reference: 25/04718/PA3MA (validated: 03/02/2026)
Address: Mrs Hills Pantry, 7 Talbot Square, Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire, DY14 8BQ.
Proposal: Application under Schedule 2, Part 3 Class MA of the Town and Country Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 2015 (as amended) to change the use from a shop (Class E) to a single residential dwelling (Class C3).
Applicant: Mohammed Shalim Miah.
Decision: Council RESOLVED to have no objection to the proposal.
2. Reference: 26/00396/FUL (validated: 11/02/2026)
Address: Bransley Villa, Tenbury Road, Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 0AD.
Proposal: Erection of a building for the emergency accommodation of small animals.
Applicant: Dr M Kubiak.
Decision: Council RESOLVED to support the application.
3. Reference: 26/00550/FUL
Address: 7 Orchard End, Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8BA.
Proposal: Erection of single storey extension to rear elevation.
Applicant: Mr & Mrs S Pagram.
Decision: Council RESOLVED to have no objection to the proposal.
4. Reference 26/00417/FUL
Address: The Old Bake House 46 - 47 High Street Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire, DY14 8DQ.
Proposal: Proposed single storey rear extension.
Applicant: Mr G Griffiths.
Decision: Council RESOLVED to have no objection to the proposal.

The Clerk confirmed that since the Agenda had been published Ref: 26/00417/LBC regarding the above application had been received. Council granted the Clerk delegated powers to submit a comment of 'No objection' on behalf of the Council.

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b) Planning Decisions (For Information Only):

1. Reference: 25/04496/FUL (validated: 28/11/2025)
Address: 41 High Street, Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8DQ.
Proposal: Installation of an EV charger for domestic use on side elevation.
Decision: Grant Permission.
2. Reference: 25/04497/LBC (validated: 28/11/2025)
Address: 41 High Street, Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8DQ.
Proposal: Works to facilitate the installation of one EV charger for domestic use on side elevation.
Decision: Grant Permission.
3. Reference: 25/04194/FUL (validated: 17/12/2025)
Address: Ronville Cottage, The Hurst, Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8EG.
Proposal: Erection of extension and alterations.
Decision: Grant Permission.

03.09.26 Council Office window.

Council reviewed and agreed the proposed specification.

03.10.26 Footpath improvement on Playing Field.

Council approved the proposal by Cleobury Mortimer Footpath Association (CMFA) to improve the section of Footpath 0158/58/1 between the Sports & Social Club and the south entrance to the QEII Park. CMFA will replace the gravel boards and add fresh stone to the path.

03.11.26 Policies and Procedures.

Council reviewed the following policies and procedures:

1. Financial Regulations – adopted as presented.
2. Playing Field Hire Agreement – adopted with an amendment to permit Hirers to have inflatables at their events subject to the Hirer taking full responsibility and having suitable insurance for this activity.
3. Grant Award Scheme – adopted as presented.

03.12.26 Date of the next Town Council meeting.

The next Town Council meeting will be held on Tuesday 7th April 2026 at 6.30pm.

The meeting closed at 7.30pm.

Signed.....**David Abbatiello**..... Chair

Date.....**7th April 2026**.....