



Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 6th June 2025 at 7pm in the Cleobury Country Centre, Cleobury Mortimer.

Present:

Cllr David Abbatiello (Chair), Cllr Geoff Hainsworth, Cllr Sally Burns, Cllr Tina Hobin, Cllr Helen Smith, Town Clerk Mrs D McBride and Deputy Town Clerk Miss S Dolphin.

Cllr Abbatiello welcomed everyone to the June meeting.

06.01.25 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Guy James.

06.02.25 Declaration of interests.

There were no declarations of interest made.

06.03.25 Public Participation Session.

There were three members of public present.

- Two members of public raised ongoing concerns with traffic and anti-social behaviour on the Hurst. Vehicles have knocked their property during recent building work to rebuild the front perimeter. The residents feel that the main concerns are school traffic, work traffic and vehicles turning in a narrow road. The residents would like the Town Council's support with requests to Shropshire Council for traffic calming, a one-way system or other traffic management solutions. Council noted the comments and confirmed contact has been made with Traffic Engineering and Highways regarding these issues.
- A resident presented a proposal to improve the Bike Trail in the QEII Park. The proposal includes clearing brambles and tree stumps and opening out the paths, creating a wider variety of trails. Volunteers are on hand to assist with this. Council welcomed the well-presented proposal and agreed to discuss this further in the Confidential session later in the meeting.

06.04.25 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on 12th May 2025.

Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the meeting held on Monday 12th May 2025 duly signed by the Chair.

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

- a) Council noted receipt of the Town Clerk's Office Report. The Clerk has written to the Primary School representative requesting an open public meeting to be held with Shropshire Council, Shropshire Gateway Education Trust, Primary School and Town Council to ensure all information is presented and in the public domain before the Town Council can discuss whether to release the residents' legal rights to use this land.

The Clerk has chased up Post Office for an update on when our branch will re-open.

Obstructive parking concerns on the Hurst by the Old Primary School have been forwarded to Shropshire Council.

The latest Planning Application for Cleobury Hills has just been approved now that the Section 106 agreement has been agreed. Council asked the Clerk to ask the Planning Officer to have more oversight of this development following the building inspection issues on the previous development.

The Childe Endowment Trust requires a Town Council representative. Cllr Smith expressed an interest which Council supported. A briefing on the charity will be forwarded to Cllr Smith. Cleobury Country have requested a meeting to update the Town Council on the current situation with the Library.

Severn Trent have requested a meeting to update the Town Council on the next stage of the development – date proposed was Monday 23rd June.

Cleobury Gardeners have been in touch to say they will prune and tidy the bases of the lime trees on High Street/Church Street next week.

- b) Committee and Working Group Reports:

There were no Committee or Working Group Reports.

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- c) Councillor Updates:
- Cllr Hainsworth commented that the vehicle activated sign at Quarry Bank is still not working. The Clerk will chase this up.
 - Cllr Abbatiello will prepare a plan for new seats and picnic benches in the QEII Park.
 - Cllr Abbatiello will meet with Cllr James and sort out the Christmas Lights in the Market Hall.
 - Cllr Burns commented on the grass-cutting in the QEII Park and asked that the path edges are cut back.

06.06.25 Unitary Council Update.

Unitary Councillor Davies was not present. There had been no report received. The Clerk will contact Councillor Davies and arrange an informal meeting to discuss current issues and expectations of attendance at Town Council meetings.

06.07.25 Financial Matters.

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

Cleobury Country – Meeting Room Hire - £30.00 (not £37.50 as stated on Agenda)

Cleobury Country – Quarterly Office Hire - £1,199.99

Country Skills – Grass Cutting (May) - £2,240.00 (not £1,120 as stated on Agenda)

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

S Dolphin – Office, Festival and maintenance expenses - £360.56

S Dolphin - Administration support - £110.00

DJ Supplies – PA equipment for Festival - £156.25.

b) Council RESOLVED to approve payments made since the last meeting:

This item was deferred until the July meeting.

c) Council noted receipt of the following income:

Bank Interest - £39.99 (not £37.47 as stated on Agenda)

Cemetery Receipt - £1,350.00.

06.08.25 Planning Matters.

a) New Planning Applications:

1. Reference: 25/01554/FUL (validated: 08/05/2025)

Address: 15 Church Street, Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8BX

Proposal: Conversion of existing residential accommodation to two flats

Applicant: Mrs. E. Griffiths (C/O Mumford's, Church Street, Cleobury Mortimer, DY14 8DJ)

Outcome: Council RESOLVED to have no objection to the proposals.

2. Reference: 25/01842/TCA (validated 20/05/2025)

Address: 3 Castle Hill, Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire, DY14 8DA

Proposal: Fell 1no. Hawthorn (T2) within Cleobury Mortimer Conservation Area

Applicant: Ms Emily Reay

Outcome: Council RESOLVED to have no objection to the proposals.

b) Planning Appeal:

1. 24/03387/PMBPA, Appeal Reference: 25/3358/PAPD

Address: Proposed residential conversion of former agricultural building at Mortimer Hill

Proposal: Application for prior approval under Part 3, Class Q of the Town & Country

Planning (General Permitted Development) (England) Order 20145 for the change of use from agricultural to form one residential unit to include all works.

Applicant: Mr Ian Swancott.

Outcome: Council had no further comments to add to this application.

c) Planning Decisions (For Information Only):

1. Reference: 24/04241/FUL (validated: 08/11/2024)

Address: Cleobury Garage, 15B High Street, Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire, DY14 8DG

Proposal: Application for technical details approval of permission in principle application

(23/05119/PIP) for construction of 1No. 4 bed self-build and 2No. 3 bed self-build dwellings

Decision: Withdrawn.

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2. Reference: 25/00967/FUL (validated 31/03/2025)
Address: 2 Curdale Close Cleobury Mortimer Kidderminster Shropshire DY14 8DZ
Proposal: Single storey side extension including erection of conservatory to rear and front porch.
Decision: Permission Granted.
 3. Reference: 25/01230/FUL (validated: 28/03/2025)
Address: 7 Langland Road, Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8EH
Proposal: Application of brick cladding to three elevations at ground floor level
Decision: Grant Permission.

06.09.25 Date of the next Town Council meeting.

The next Town Council meeting will be held on Monday 7th July 2025 at 6.30pm.

Exclusion of public and press under the Public Bodies (Admission to Meetings) Act 1960 S1(2)

The public and press shall be excluded from the following items on the grounds that publicity would be prejudicial to the public interest by reason of the confidential nature of the business to be transacted under items 10-12.

At 7.48pm there was a short break. The Meeting reconvened at 7.49pm.

06.10.25 Employment Matters

Council received an update on training courses scheduled for maintenance staff.

06.11.25 CCTV update

Quotes for a new CCTV maintenance contract are being finalised and will be brought to the next meeting for consideration.

06.12.25 QEII Park/Bike Trail

Council agreed in principle to support the Bike Trail project. A Task and Finish Group, consisting of Cllr Abbatiello, Cllr Hainsworth and Cllr Smith, will be set up to prepare a work schedule with the volunteers.

The Meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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

7th July 2025
Date:.....