



Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 3rd August 2026 at 6.30pm in the Cleobury Country Centre, Cleobury Mortimer.

Present:

Cllr Guy James (Chair), Cllr Tony Hayward, Cllr Helen Smith, Cllr Matthew Rose, Cllr Geoff Hainsworth, Cllr Emma Bentley and Town Clerk Mrs D McBride.

Cllr James welcomed everyone to the August meeting and reminded those present to show courtesy and respect to each other.

08.01.26 Apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Cllr Ben Williams and Deputy Town Clerk Miss S Dolphin.

08.02.26 Declaration of interests.

There were no declarations of interests made.

08.03.26 Public Participation Session.

There were seven members of the public present, also Unitary Councillor Pamela Davies.

- Residents who live along The Hurst made representations regarding traffic issues outside their homes. The narrow pinch points and tight junction with Childe Road, together with increasing widths of vehicles and poor driving behaviours has seen a number of vehicles impacting property walls. Some drivers of large vehicles do not observe the weight limit of Childe Road. There is no pavement or footpath in this area resulting in safety concerns for pedestrians. It is recognised that these issues will not easily be resolved but the options for consultation, on this evening's Agenda, are a starting point for addressing these issues.
- A resident informed Council of a recent near-miss accident near Whitcomb's Orchard on Tenbury Road. A mobility scooter, avoiding a pothole, nearly toppled over into the path of a moving vehicle. The Chair informed the meeting that this section of Tenbury Road is to be repaired this financial year and the town council will push for this work to be brought forward. Cllr James has also been made aware that businesses at Newhouse Farm Industrial Estate are losing customers due to the state of the road and concerns for personal safety. Cllr Hainsworth commented that the drains are full of gravel and debris from the broken road which, when it rains, will cause flooding if the drains are not cleaned out properly.
- A resident stated that a cyclist has been in hospital for the past three weeks after hitting a pothole in Stockhall Lane, further highlighting the seriousness of the condition of our roads.

08.04.26 Minutes of the Town Council Meeting held on Monday 6th July 2026.

Council **RESOLVED** to approve the Minutes of the Town Council meeting held on Monday 6th July 2026 duly signed by the Chair.

08.05.26 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 Finance Committee's draft Minutes had been circulated. No questions were raised.
- Cllr Hainsworth asked whether all restaurants serving food should display their Food Hygiene certificates as some premises in town do not do this. The Clerk will make enquiries.
- Cllr Rose commented on Shropshire Council's Road Warden Scheme. A meeting will be arranged with Street Scene in the next few weeks to find out more. The Scheme can include volunteers and staff and will be brought to Council for discussion, hopefully in September, to consider putting in an Expression of Interest.

08.06.26 Unitary Councillor's Report

Unitary Cllr Pamela Davies had submitted her monthly report which had been circulated. Cllr Davies was thanked for her comprehensive report. Cllr James stated that it was quite encouraging to receive such a prompt response from Mr Eastwood, Traffic Engineering. Cllr Rose asked, whether, in addition to the police work regarding drugs, were the police actively investigating the recent break-ins and vandalism to the Sports and Social Club, School and the Community Garden? Cllr Davies commented that the Community Garden damage had not been reported to the police.

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08.07.26

Financial Matters.

- a) **Council RESOLVED to approve the following invoices for payment:**
Anthony Arnold Entertainment (Town Festival 2027) - £445.00
Mr C Tolley – 2 x brackets for Parish Hall (Christmas Lights) - £60.00
R Price – Grass Cutting (July) - £2,240.00
Morris, Bufton & Co – Strimmer repairs - £36.00.
The following invoices had been received after the Agenda was published:
D M Payroll Services – (April – September) - £115.20
Connexus – Room Hire for Finance Committee meeting - £10.00
Market Hall Trust – Quarterly Rent (July – September) - £1,150.00
Cleobury Mortimer Bowling Club – Donation for Open Evening - £50.00.
- b) **Council confirmed the payments made since the last meeting:**
Amazon – Coffee, Disposable gloves, Bin bags - £58.45 (Debit Card).
- c) **Council approved the following S.137 payment (as recommended by the Finance Committee):**
Cleobury Compassionate Communities – Dementia Support - £500.00.
- d) **Council noted receipt of the following income:**
Bank Interest - £1.20
Festival Traders - £120.00
Horticultural Society – Donation towards Lime Tree pleaching - £450.00
Cemetery Receipts - £700.00.
- e) **Council confirmed the Internal Control Procedures (as recommended by the Finance Committee).** These have been designed to help deliver additional financial, operational and risk management. Cllr Williams has been appointed by the Finance Committee to undertake the first checks and test the systems of internal control, followed by other councillors on a rota basis.
- f) **Council considered quotes to improve the visual appearance of the bins on Church Street and High Street and resolved to appoint the contractor of Quote 1 for a fee of £260 per bin.** Work will involve sand-blasting and repainting the bins in situ. Council will confirm with the contractor all the arrangements required for working in a controlled environment, thus ensuring public safety. Small cosmetic repairs may also be required to some bins. Consent has been obtained to undertake this work on Shropshire Council's assets.
- g) **Council considered and approved the quotation received for remedial works to three CCTV cameras by our approved contractor.** Council approved the quotation of £2,448.98 for two replacement cameras and a new switch. The contractor will be asked for assurance that quality images from the cameras will be achieved and also for confirmation that the new cameras are guaranteed to prevent water ingress and subsequent camera failures.

08.08.26

Planning Matters.

- a) **New Planning Applications:**
1. Reference: 26/02591/AG1 (validated: 09/07/2026)
Address: Bransley Villa, Tenbury Road, Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire, DY14 0AD
Proposal: Erection of a general purpose agricultural building for the secure storage of farm machinery and equipment and hay and other animal feedstuffs
Applicant: Dr M Kubiak (Bransley Villa, Tenbury Road, Cleobury Mortimer, DY14 0AD)
Outcome: Council RESOLVED to support the application.
 2. Reference: 26/02534/FUL (validated: 09/07/2026)
Address: Lower Bransley Farm, Bransley, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 0BY
Proposal: Erection of a summerhouse
Applicant: Mr Alan Wain (Bransley Farmhouse, Lower Bransley, DY14 0BY)
Outcome: Council RESOLVED to have no objection to the application.

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3. Reference: 26/02576/LBC (validated: 08/07/2026)
Address: 13 High Street, Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8DG
Proposal: Erection of rear single-storey extension, installation of signage to front elevation, internal alterations to include demolition of one structural wall, and partial demolition of rear lean-to
Applicant: Joanna Richardson (Old Cross Farm, Edwyn Ralph, Bromyard, HR74LU)
Council RESOLVED to object to this application as there is still no information on how the heritage assets of the building will be protected. The drawings for this application do not reflect the recent changes made to the corresponding 26/02092/FUL application and as such the split applications do not enable Council to make a clear assessment of the proposals.
4. Reference: 26/02624/FUL (validated: 13/07/2026)
Address: Brookside, Eagle Lane, Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8RA
Proposal: Erection of a detached garage
Applicant: Mr. N. Elliott (Brookside, Eagle Lane, Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire, DY14 8RA)
Outcome: Council RESOLVED to have no objection to the proposals.

b) Planning Decisions (For Information Only):

1. Reference: 26/01812/TCA (validated: 07/05/2026)
Address: 19 Childe Road, Cleobury Mortimer, Kidderminster, Shropshire, DY14 8PB
Proposal: Fell 1no. conifer within Cleobury Mortimer Conservation Area
Decision: Grant Permission.
2. Reference: 26/01930/TPO (validated: 22/05/2026)
Address: Pudding Meadow Cottage, Eagle Lane, Cleobury Mortimer, Shropshire, DY14 8RA
Proposal: Fell 1no. Lime tree (T1) protected by the Shropshire Council (Land at Pudding Meadow Cottage, Cleobury Mortimer) TPO 2015 (SC/00211/15)
Decision: Grant Permission.

08.09.26 Traffic Review for Childe Road and The Hurst.

Following a site visit with a representative from Shropshire Council's Traffic Engineering department, draft options to improve traffic flow and pedestrian safety for the east end of Childe Road and The Hurst have been received. Council went through each drawing and concluded that a one-way system on the east end of Childe Road is not enough. However, imposing a one-way system on the main through route of The Hurst will cause issues elsewhere by forcing more traffic into Ronhill Crescent, Furlongs and New Road, as well as Langland Road and Love Lane compounding the issues reported by the schools. Everyone agreed that something needs to be done and all options need to be explored before putting forward plans for a public consultation. Council will discuss this again with Traffic Engineering and bring back to a future Council meeting. Members of public are welcome to ask questions and make comments about this at the monthly Councillor surgeries too. Council is mindful that changes to traffic flows will impact residents as well as people from outside the town and as such a wider consultation will be required.

08.10.26 Date of the next Town Council meeting.

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

The Meeting closed at 7.58pm.

Signed:.....**G James**.....Chair

7th September 2026
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