

## Chelmarsh Parish Council

**Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> October 2021 at 7.30pm in Chelmarsh Parish Hall.**

**Present:** Cllrs R Woods (Chairman), R Bebb, A Cadwallader, T Cole, S Garrett, D Garrett.

Shropshire Cllr: R Tindall

Parishioners: 2

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

**0) Parishioner's time:**

2 new residents attended and mentioned the speeding and overtaking by the Bulls Head/Bakehouse Lane junction and queried why Eardington had a 30mph and Chelmarsh only 40mph. Chairman explained the reasons and that the new Police Officer for our area has been out with the speed gun. He also pointed out that Operation Snap posters have been put up and anyone with registration numbers, phone camera or dash cam evidence of speeding etc are encouraged to report this to the Police.

**1) Apologies for absence:** Cllr Thomas (family commitment). **RESOLVED to accept apologies.**

**2) Declaration of Interests:**

*The Localism Act 2011, Relevant Authorities (Disclosable Pecuniary Interests) Regulations 2012.*

*Members are reminded that they are required to leave the room during the discussion and voting on matters in which they have a disclosable pecuniary interest, whether or not the interest is entered in the register of member's interests maintained by the Monitoring Officer.*

None declared.

**3) Minutes of last meeting – 14<sup>th</sup> September 2021:**

These had been circulated with the agenda and with an amendment on page 1, item 4 'behind Kings Arms,' to be removed and replaced with 'old road the side of Bulls Head'. With this amendment it was **RESOLVED that the minutes were signed as a true record.**

**4) Matters arising from minutes:**

a) Clerk's update:

Silent Soldier:

After discussions a suitable site had not been discovered except for on the railings around the Church. It was **RESOLVED to write to the Church to ask for permission to put a Silent Soldier there, but it will probably be too late to order for this year now.**

Playground Inspection:

This has not yet been carried out. Inspector will contact Clerk when it is due to be carried out but will probably be November. Cheque has not been sent.

Defib:

All installed at the Sports and Social Club. I have asked for an item in the Wheatland News and Highley Forum stating that the PC has provided 2 defibs in Chelmarsh – and also a reminder about speeding!

Planning Committee comments sent to SC and acknowledged.

b) Any others: none.

At this point item 7a was brought forward:

**7. a) Shropshire Cllr Tindall reported:**

- Having attended the Agenda Setting meeting of the Southern Planning Committee last week I am pleased to report that Miss Theobald's application for a SPAD at Ingram Lane will be approved under delegated officers' powers. The Senior Planning Officer considered that following other decisions by the Planning Committee then the application would likely to receive approval even if the Case Officer recommended refusal. Obviously, this is good news for the applicants but also for the Planning Committee who interpret the SPAD policy as flexibly as possible within reason.
- I am not sure to what extent Boris Johnson's statement at his Party's Conference that new homes will not be built on green fields will materialise, but it would be great if his pledge was enacted.
- He had travelled through Eardington and Chelmarsh regarding the speeding issues and found that the VAS signs were obscured by leaves so will be taking this up with SC.
- Broadband at Hampton Loade was discussed as no follow up from Airband had been received. Cllr Cole had been in touch with SC who confirmed that Airband has a contract with them so should provide the service. Cllr Cole pointed out that the problem was that the telephone poles had been taken down years ago, problem with wayleave also but there are houses happy to have poles. Cllr Cole will contact SC again and copy Clerk in.
- Cllr Tindall pointed out that during the dark nights he will try to attend, if possible, if not will send a report – this being due to him having cataracts and cannot see very well to drive.

*Cllr Tindall was thanked for attending and left the meeting.*

At this point the Chairman asked that the following be dealt with:

Email from SC: Chelmarsh Bridleway UN1 Application to Extinguish: (maps attached)

*On the 5<sup>th</sup> December 2003 Bridgnorth Magistrates stopped up an unclassified County Road with the retention of bridleway rights and at the same time diverted part of the retained bridleway.*

*This resulted in Bridleway UN1 as is shown on the Definitive Map today. Please see attached location plan and map showing proposal.*

*In May 2021 we received an application from the owner of The Grange to divert the bridleway as it runs through the garden of the property. This was supported by the neighbouring property who has the rest of the bridleway running across their land. Upon viewing the application I arranged to undertake a site visit to determine the options available as the application appeared to be requesting that the route be moved onto existing highways which of course is not possible.*

*Having undertaken a site visit on the 23<sup>rd</sup> June it became apparent that this was indeed the case.*

*Whilst on site I took the opportunity to walk the definitive route but to also walk the lane which the applicant had hoped to divert the bridleway onto and then along the wide grass verge and along the track to re-join Bridleway 31.*

*Having done so and having looked at the bridleway network in the area the only potential option would be to consider an extinguishment of the route.*

*I would therefore appreciate your views/comments on such a proposal. There is already a good connecting bridleway network in this vicinity with Bridleway 32A providing a connection north south. I would be grateful for any comments the parish have on this application within the next 28 days. If I do not hear from you I will assume that you have no comments to make.*

*Whilst looking at this issue it also became apparent that Bridleway 31 is anomalous in that the section from the county road down past Hall Farm towards The Grange is not legally recorded, although the route is signposted from the Road and clearly used and accepted. I will look to resolve this at the same time.*

Clerk queried what the decision was at the last meeting as this had been discussed several times, with planning applications etc. and she had regrettably not recorded the decision.

After discussions it was **RESOLVED** that **Cllrs had agreed that this should be extinguished.**

**5) Finance:**

a) Accounts for payment:

Clerks' salary – Standing Order

HMRC PAYE - £91.80

SALC – training account – no account due.

Clerk's expenses - £91.87 – April to October

**RESOLVED that these cheques be paid.**

Any others after issue of agenda - none

b) Income since last meeting £8.63 clothes bank (August) and £11.10 (September) - this took into account of the new rate paid.

**6) Planning applications/permissions/refusals received:**

a) Reference: 21/04007/FUL (validated: 06/09/2021)

Address: Dingle Bank, The Common, Chelmarsh, Bridgnorth, WV16 6BG

Proposal: Erection of a single storey rear extension

Decision: Grant Permission

b) Reference: 21/04167/FUL (validated: 26/08/2021)

Address: Spadeley Manor, Chelmarsh, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6BJ

Proposal: Erection of an ancillary workshop/store/games room outbuilding with outside covered area (Revised scheme in relation to Planning Permission Ref: 19/04262/FUL)

Decision: Grant Permission

c) Reference: 21/04681/FUL (validated: 12/10/2021)

Address: Astbury Hall, Astbury, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6AT

Proposal: Construction of two tennis courts with boundary fencing; erection of pergola and construction of paths

Applicant: Astbury Hall Operations Ltd (Fao: Mr J Wallace, Astbury Hall, Astbury, Bridgnorth, WV16 6AT)

Cllrs raised no objections to this application.

d) Reference: 21/04366/FUL (validated: 08/09/2021)

Address: Proposed Affordable Dwelling NW Of Hill Farm, Chelmarsh, Bridgnorth, Shropshire

Proposal: Erection of one affordable two bedroom dwelling, detached garage and parking

Applicant: Mr Douglas Roberts (Hill Farm, Chelmarsh, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6AX)

This application was fully discussed, and it was **RESOLVED to make the following comments.**

Cllrs **fully support** this application for an affordable home for a local resident they would ask for the following points to be taken into consideration:

- Comments raised on the Planning portal by residents and Kier on behalf of Shropshire Highways are supported by Cllrs.
- Footpath crosses the site, and this should be taken into consideration and dealt with correctly.
- The plans do not give any dimensions for the size of the property.
- Access from the proposed site is not good.
- Concern that this single storey dwelling may be extended to incorporate second floor at a later date.

Cllrs also raised the question regarding 'change of use' for this site as this was agricultural land, changed to construction now residential – is planning required for this?

e) Reference: 21/04384/VAR (validated: 09/09/2021)

Address: Astbury Hall, Astbury, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6AT

Proposal: Variation of Condition No.23 (construction hours) attached to planning permission 18/05078/FUL dated 25/07/2019

Applicant: Astbury Hall Lodge Resort Ltd (Mr Jeffrey Wallace, Astbury Hall, Astbury, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6AT)

After discussions it was **RESOLVED to OBJECT to this application** and request that the original times should be adhered to as there were many concerns raised during the original planning applications regarding noise and light pollution from this site.

f) any others received after issue of agenda – none.

## **7) Reports: (if available)**

a) Shropshire Councillor's report – given earlier.

b) Police – no Police present.

c) Parish Hall – Chairman reported at the last meeting the Committee were looking into a fete next year but not as a fund-raising activity, but a fun village event.

A new representative from the Parish Council was required and Cllr Cole offered as she was on the committee as a community representative but could do both or swap. Clerk will notify Parish Hall.

8) Correspondence: *All notes as received unless comments made.*

SALC Information Bulletins

SC – Electoral Roll alterations

SALC – NALC Legal Topic update

Natasha Walker – Request to use playground as additional car parking 6<sup>th</sup> November 2021. Agreed to restrictions PC had asked for.

Senior Citizens Magazine

SALC Members and Community Survey

Crime Commissioner – Confirmation of new Chief Constable Pippa Mills

SALC – SC Submission of the draft Shropshire Local Plan (2016 – 2038)

SC – Free tree scheme – Chairman asked if the Cricket Club required more, Clerk will ask. Cllr Garrett was interested – Clerk said she would have to apply via the email.

Any other after issue of agenda:

**Road Closure:** B4194 Button Oak

**Start Date:** 8th November 2021

**End Date:** 12th November 2021

**Purpose:** Road Closure to enable carriageway repairs

**Works Promoter:** Shropshire Council

**Works Promoter Ref:** UJ214MW-000094

**Enforcement pattern for B4194 Button Oak:**

09.30-.16.00

Winter Fair – Shrewsbury 6<sup>th</sup> November 10am-4pm St Mary's Church, Dogpole, Shrewsbury – FREE entry. Posters printed for notice boards.

Councillor contact details updated for noticeboards.

Healthwatch posters printed for notice boards.

**9) Parish problems:**

- Old road beside The Bulls Head, Bakehouse Lane – the hedge needs cutting, and the area needs tidying – SC have agreed it is owned by them.
- Potholes at Bakehouse Lane – this road is very uneven and needs some attention – think some potholes might have been filled.
- School Lane – potholes filled on the edge of the main road, but it is considered that not a very good job has been made of repairing these.
- Lorries are going down Hampton Loade to find that they cannot get under the bridge – can a height restriction sign be put at the junction with the B4555 warning of this – we were told that the height is now only 11'3"
- Fingerpost still leaning in the hedge at Sutton bend.
- Overflowing drain – Occupation Lane: Cllr Garrett asked Clerk to report this to Severn Trent who confirmed they were made aware of this on 14th October and came out to look at it on 16th. Apparently, it is a defective air valve which needs repairing. They will chase it up again. Cllr Garrett pointed out the best way to get to this is via School Lane.
- Covers by The Yeomans appear to be being repaired by Severn Trent.
- Problems reported by Cllr Cole at Hampton Loade (ROW) still not dealt with and sheep have escaped from field. Clerk will chase this again.
- Gates across fields are being left open and stock are escaping (not on footpaths). One farmer has padlocked gates to try to stop this, but it appears to be a problem in the area.
- Clerk asked for contact details of who to speak to at SC regarding bridges etc. ( Richard Knight or Shona Butter).

Raised by Cllr Thomas via email:

- Potholes down Hampton Loade.
- Road safety for pedestrians walking along section of main road with no footpath, witnessed mother carrying young child and it was alarming with the speed of cars approaching, we need help in getting traffic calming measures.
- Pedestrian access to the playground, I will send a sketch separately, to show an option to be considered, it involves a small amount of ground works with pin kerbs and some new tarmac along with reuse of posts and rails (if possible), sketch will make more sense
- Gate post for large gate leaf needs replacing as does approx. 4 other fence posts all have rotted (if you want, I will ask Gary Barklam to quote). Clerk confirmed that she had asked Phil to obtain quotes from Gary Barklam.

**10) Election of Parish Hall rep – dealt with earlier.**

**11) Date of next meeting: 23<sup>rd</sup> November 2021**

Cheques written:

HMRC PAYE - £91.80

Mrs F Morris - £91.87 expenses

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.55pm.

**Signed: Chairman**

**Date:**