

Chelmarsh Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 22nd November 2022 at 7.30pm in Chelmarsh Parish Hall.

Present: Cllrs R Woods (Chairman), P Thomas (Vice-Chairman), R Bebb, A Cadwallader, S Garrett, T Cole, D Garrett.

Parishioners: 0

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

0) Parishioner's time: None present.

1) Apologies for absence: Police. Shropshire Cllr Tindall.

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 – 25th October 2022:

These had been circulated with the agenda and it was proposed, seconded and **RESOLVED that the minutes be signed as a true record by the Chairman.**

4) Matters arising from minutes:

a) Clerk's update: Responses from SC re: problems raised

Dog waste bins/stickers: 10/11/22

Just an update for you on the bins, I visited Chelmarsh this morning and I have put signs on the bin by the Glebe, the one by the cloths recycling bin in the car park and the large bin on the rec area. I was not able to put one on the concrete bin by the car park as the signs will not stick to them.

Reply re: resurfacing over unrepaired potholes @ Eardington:

For future reference, Eardington area is covered by my colleague Tim Wyatt, he is aware of the defects mentioned they are with our contractor, I will past you email onto Tim so he can chase the contractor for a completion date.

Bakehouse Lane:

I have not been back to Bakehouse Lane, as the road is in our capital scheme to be resurfaced, I requested a temporary repair which is what has been completed.

I will continue to monitor Bakehouse Lane; any safety critical potholes will be temporarily filled.

Cat's eyes:

The cats' eyes come under our capital works, there is a generic email for all enquiries relating to all works.

HighwaysCapitalDeliveryTeam@shropshire.gov.uk

Hopefully, they will be able to let you know when the works you mentioned will be completed.

Thank you for your patience,

8/11/22 - As regards cats' eyes, we are looking to replace some on the B4555 next week. **DONE**

14/11/22.

b) Any others: Concern expressed regarding the awful signage of the road closures with the road being closed at both ends leaving delivery drivers etc no idea where to go. Clerk confirmed that she had already raised this with SC.

Chairman had taken down the poppies and Soldier and after discussions Cllr Garrett offered to store these.

5) Planning applications/permissions/refusals received:

a) Reference: 21/03769/FUL (validated: 02/08/2021)

Address: Proposed Affordable Dwelling to The North Of 2, Ingram Lane, Chelmarsh, Bridgnorth, Shropshire

Proposal: Erection of a single plot affordable dwelling together with associated outbuilding and drainage; alteration to an existing vehicular access

Decision: Grant Permission

b) Reference: 22/01898/FUL (validated: 20/09/2022)

Address: The Cottage, Ingram Lane, Chelmarsh, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6PZ

Proposal: Application under Section 73A of the Town and Country Planning Act 1995 for the retrospective installation of hardstanding to the perimeter of existing building 19/03091/ENF

Decision: Grant Permission

c) Reference: 22/04828/FUL (validated: 24/10/2022)

Address: Hall Farm House, Chelmarsh, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6AZ

Proposal: Construction of timber clad storage building for agricultural machinery and animal food (resubmission)

Applicant: Mr Lino Mastrobuono (Hall Farm House, Chelmarsh, Shropshire, Bridgnorth, WV16 6AZ)

Clerk queried the time scale for comments and received the following reply: While not a formal extension, the application is to be determined by 29th December, so comments on the 23rd will be fine and waited for.

After discussions Councillors support the revised plans subject to all Building Regs etc being conformed with, but would still request that a condition is put, if granted, on this building so that it cannot be converted to residential use at a later date.

d) Any others received after issue of agenda – none received.

6) Reports: (if available)

a) Shropshire Councillor's report – no report received.

b) Police – PCSO hoped to attend with new recruit, but obviously were unable to. PC Strangwood is off at present.

c) Parish Hall – meeting Thursday, so nothing to report at present.

Clerk reported that an email received was offering free Broadband to Village Halls, but it is understood that this is not possible due to the hall being out of the 'line of sight.'

Clerk was asked to write to Ben Walker again as Hampton Loade are still not fully functional.

7) Finance:

a) Accounts for payment:

- Clerks' salary – standing order - £xx
- HMRC PAYE - November payment - £149.00. December to be calculated and **RESOLVED that these are paid.**

- NALC - Clerk's National Salary Award – this had now been received and it was suggested that this is implemented immediately and backdated to 1st April 2022. Clerk had worked this out and it would mean that there is a shortfall of £221.84 and the Standing Order will have to be amended after next month's salary is calculated. **RESOLVED to accept this, pay the Clerk the additional salary owed and amend the Standing Order.**
- Defib pads/battery - £273.90 + VAT = £328.68. Cllr Cole queried the cost and as The Unicorn have just renewed the pads in their defib asked if the PC could contribute to this as it is in the parish the same as the one at The Bulls Head and Sports & Social Club. Cllr Cole was asked to seek ownership/costs of defib pads for next meeting.
- SC - Joint Energy Scheme - Price Update (Street lighting) – email from SC:

Whilst I am unable to advise you of the actual unit price of our Energy for the period 23/24, I have been advised of the following:

The forecasted unit price for the period 23/24 is.

Scottish Power Area	37.103p
Western Power Distribution Area (now National Grid)	34.909p

Our supplier has commented as follows: the information is based on our current procured positions and market intelligence on the likely non energy costs. There will be some deviation from the quoted figure as the non-energy costs are not confirmed and locked until March 2023. Therefore, the actual cost could be lower or higher than that quoted above.

I will email you again once I have a set price.

- Any others after issue of agenda: RJM Contracts account - £2575.00 – **RESOLVED to pay this account.**
- Wickstead will be carrying out the playground inspection and may require payment prior to the next meeting. **RESOLVED to sign the cheque for this.**
- Accounts up to 30.9.22 for confirmation – handed out.
- Precept for 2023/24 – details to be sent separately.
- Clerk was asked to invoice the Cricket Club for 50% of the professional fees regarding drawing up a new lease - £425.

b) Income since last meeting – £24.70 clothes bank, 20p interest on deposit account.

8) **Correspondence:** including Emails sent to Cllrs (*taken as read unless comments made*):

- SALC Information Bulletins
- SC – Electoral Roll/alterations
- Cricket Club – non turf match pitch install request: After discussions it was agreed to support this request providing it conforms to all their Risk Assessments. Cllrs also congratulated them on their successful season. Clerk was asked to enquire if they had received a response from SC re: fence.
- SC – Proposed resurfacing work – Bakehouse Lane, Chelmarsh next financial year.
- JSNA meeting at Highley minutes
- Shropshire Council's draft Tenancy Strategy and Tenancy Policy
- Free broadband for village halls – copied to Geoff Price, Parish Hall.
- Geoff Price's reply re: free broadband for Parish Hall: Thanks for this Freda – I had picked up this story at a Village Halls Conference, where Airband had a stall. At the time the boss man said that they could offer free Broadband to Halls in their network area, but when I checked further at the stall, Chelmarsh (WV16 6BH) was not in their network area. I checked again with their main office after the event and got the same answer. It is disappointing, as Broadband would enhance the Hall, and perhaps be useful to you at Council meetings. We

can of course get a connection at the going rate, but at a cost of perhaps £400 per year, and do not feel that the extra bookings we might get would justify this extra overhead. Perhaps we wait a little longer to see if their coverage area increases!

Second reply: They certainly cover this area in general, but I got the impression that the free offer was for certain areas only.

- Constituency boundaries are changing - help shape the new map.
- Tree works south of Highley.
- Any other after issue of agenda:
- PCC Newsletter
- SALC – Civility & Respect newsletter
- SALC – Citizen’s Goof Food Challenge
- The Astbury – lodges this morning – late notification. This caused chaos – Clerk will write to The Astbury.

9) Parish problems:

- Trouble with walkers (off footpaths) leaving gates open and livestock escaping. Gates have now been locked on some fields to prevent this happening.
- Clerk will email SC and ask for the footpaths to be looked at and to contact Cllr Cadwallader.
- Branch sticking into road just passed the entrance to The Astbury. Before the bridge, and cars are swerving round this.
- Alan Walker has been asked to look at the finger post and to let the PC have a quote for the renovation.
- Hedges have been cut back a little bit round the 40mph signs, but the hedges need cutting back.
- Hedge along the main road has been cut, but not particularly good and the pavement was not swept leaving a mess to walk on.
- Dr’s Surgery, Highley – Clerk was asked to write to Highley PC asking that they keep the PC informed of the problems with the Surgery as many residents use this.
- Double hedges still require cutting back.
- Gullies blocked outside Windswood, Ingram Lane with grass growing out of this.
- Hampton Loade ditches/gullies require attention.

10) Date of next meeting: 24th January 2023

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.15pm.

Payments approved:

Clerks’ salary - £xx

HMRC - £149.00 (November) and £100.40 (December)

Clerk’s salary top up - £221.84

RJM Contracts - £2575.00

Med UK - £328.68

Signed: Chairman

Date: