

## Chelmarsh Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held in Chelmarsh Parish Hall on Tuesday 22<sup>nd</sup> October, 2024 at 7.30pm.

**Present:** Cllrs P Thomas (Vice Chairman, who chaired the meeting), T Cole, S Garrett, D Garrett, A Cadwallader.

Parishioners: Nil

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

**0) Parishioner's time:** none present.

**1) Apologies for absence:** Apologies received and noted from Cllr R Woods, Shropshire Cllr Tindall, Police. No apologies received from Cllr Bebb.

**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:**

These had been circulated with the agenda and it was proposed, seconded, and RESOLVED that these be accepted as a true record.

**4) Matters arising from minutes:**

a) Clerk's update:

Hi Freda,

Unfortunately, I'm on a course on the 22<sup>nd</sup>.

With the speed survey, last month the average speed was 33.6 and we will continue conducting more checks when we can.

Jacqui

Route45:

Dear Freda,

Many thanks for your email with the relevant correspondence. As it happens Full Council took place this morning and during the break I was able to have a word with Cllr Colin Taylor (whom I have known since our days together on Bridgnorth District Council) and we have agreed to work together on this matter.

Do please feel free to circulate this email to Chelmarsh Parish Councillors so that they know I am "on board".

Kind regards, **Robert Tindall**

A complaint had been received regarding an elderly resident walking along this route at Hampton Loade, when shooting was being carried out. A duck was shot and landed at the ladies' feet, knocking her glasses off her face! This was reported to the Police. After discussions it was agreed to write to the Police, firearms and Severn Valley Railway and British Transport Police, as a lot of disruption has been caused to this route, railway crossing

gates, removed and vehicles parked across the line whilst shooting, with an oncoming train having to be alerted last week.  
Clerk was asked to copy Highley PC and SC. Photographic and video evidence is available.

Music at The Astbury:

Hi Freda

Thank you for your email below.

Could you tell me which date the complaint was for please?

As I am sure that you know, we have our entertainment licence enabling music to be played until 11pm Sun-Thu and until 1am Fri-Sat.

We have not had a problem with loudness before, but we will monitor the situation.

Best wishes, Jamie

Double hedges: 26/9/24

Hi Freda,

We have been liaising with all parties and have recently authorised a new local contractor to complete this work. I am hopeful it will be complete before the end of next month. When the contractor provides the date, I will inform you.

Thanks Chris.

Sutton, finger post:

I spoke to Alan Walker and emailed the details again and asked him to let me know when the post is ready.

Domain names: Web Orchard:

Morning All,

The cost of registering a.gov.uk domain has dropped to £25/year (min 2 years), this applies to all orders in progress and any new orders.

Prices ex vat.

Thanks Pete

b) Any others:

Cllr Thomas confirmed that he had asked Gary Barklam about the bench in the Churchyard, but no response has been received.

Cllr Thomas also confirmed that the mirrors opposite Church Lane have been replaced.

The bench at The Yeomans has been installed. Thanks to Cllrs Garrett and Woods for carrying out this work.

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

a) Reference: 24/03635/FUL (validated: 26/09/2024)

Address: Lower Sutton Farm, Hampton Loade, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6BQ

Proposal: Change of use of the existing farmstead from agricultural to sui generis to regularise the operations of the charity Bethphage

Applicant: Mr Chris Stephens (8 Longbow Close, Shrewsbury, Shropshire, SY1 3GZ)

This application was fully discussed and **RESOLVED to support.**

b) Reference: 24/03806/FUL (validated: 04/10/2024)

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

Proposal: Installation of a private foul pump station and a private pumped foul sewage line

connecting to the Severn Trent Water adopted drainage system.

Applicant: Mr Jamie Hammond (Astbury Hall To Upper Forge Bridge With B4555, Astbury, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6AT)

This application was full discussed and Cllrs **RESOLVED to OBJECT to this for the following reasons:**

All parties involved with the proposed discharge route need to be in agreement. The design for the discharge and rate of flow must be agreed by Severn Trent Water and that the treatment plant can accommodate this rate of flow. A design factor of safety should also be factored in to take account of periods of excessive rain fall to prevent any surcharge from being discharged into Morl Brook.

Can the timescales stated be met?

There should be no discharge into the Morl brook and assurance of this will be required.

c) Any received after issue of agenda: none received.

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

a) Shropshire Councillor's report:

Cllr Tindall will not be attending meetings through the dark nights as he has a cataract and finds it difficult to drive at night, but he is available for daytime meetings and will help, where possible and will send reports through to Clerk.

b) Police – just confirmed speed survey carried out and average speed was 33.6. Concern was expressed that motorists warn each other of the Police and that this needs to be carried out mornings/evenings.

After a long discussion regarding numerous accidents along the B4555 and on Covert Lane, Hampton Loade, Loade being very narrow, pedestrians walking along the main road between Kings Arms and School Lane, etc it was **RESOLVED to write to SC and the MP stating that we feel that the criteria is met for a lower speed limit and request multiple monitoring for a period of 6 weeks as members of the public, residents, other road users are constantly raising complaints.**

c) Parish Hall - meeting shortly.

## **7) Finance:**

a) Accounts for payment:

- Clerks' salary – standing order. HMRC PAYE - £115.60. **RESOLVED to pay.**
- Bench at The Yeomans - £380 – **RESOLVED to pay last month from Youth Club funds.**
- Standing Order altered to new Clerks salary, balance due to Clerk for September salary difference - £37.90.
- Quarterly accounts, for approval. These had been sent out to Cllrs and copies handed out at meeting. **RESOLVED to accept these, together with the quarterly bank reconciliation.**
- Any other accounts received after issue of agenda – none.

b) Income since last meeting – £3.61 clothes bank

## **8) Parish problems:**

- Problems raised by Cllrs:
  - Pothole by manhole opposite Garrett's bungalow – reported on Fix My Street.
  - Hedges at Hampton Loade have not all been cut. This has been raised by parishioners and reported on Fix My Street as the landowner has failed to cut all

the hedges it was **RESOLVED to ask SC to cut these and invoice the landowner.**

- Pothole, top of Covert Lane plus several more in the 'wooded area' just before the junction. Clerk will report on FMS.
- Hedge at 1 The Glebe reported to Clerk who as reported to STAR Housing and on FMS. This is blocking visibility from The Glebe and photograph received from STAR housing highlights potholes, so Clerk has reported these again!
- Stile at the bottom of the playing field needs attention. As this is a FP, Clerk was asked to write to SC and ask for this to be replaced with a kissing wicket.
- Defib checked and as this was used by the Ambulance Service the PC will not be invoiced for the replacement pads. Cllr S Garrett agreed to check these regularly.
- Any others:
  - Clerk had brought the King Charles portrait along and would leave it in the committee room, but would notify Sue Jackman regarding this, with the hope that wall space could be made for this.

**9) Correspondence:** including Emails sent to Cllrs: *All taken as read unless comments made:*

- SALC Information Bulletins
- Electoral Roll alterations
- Speed Enforcement Activity [#314336190]
- Road Closure - Westwood Lane, Cross Houses
- NALC Legal Bulletin Update – August 2024 Planning
- Lezley's Leader Update
- SALC - Warp It – news
- New FixMyStreet updates on report: 'Mirrors broken', Opposite Church – confirmed fixed!
- Defib checks – dealt with earlier.
- NCN 45, Severn Valley Railway – dealt with earlier.
- Any other after issue of agenda
- Flood risk email sent out from SC – Chairman suggested that SC are made aware of the flood along the strait by Park Farm Barn caused by land drains, discharging onto the highway.

**10) Date of next meeting:** 26<sup>th</sup> November 2024

Payments approved:

Clerk's salary - £xx standing order

HMRC - £115.60

Bench - £380 (money transferred from savings account to current account)

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

**Signed: Chairman**

**Date:**