

## Chelmarsh Parish Council

**Parish Council meeting held on Monday 21<sup>st</sup> February 2022 at 7.30pm in the Parish Hall.**

**Present:** Cllrs R Woods (Chairman), P Thomas (Vice-Chairman), R Bebb, S Garrett, D Garrett.

PCSO J Fletcher

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

Parishioners: 0

**0) Parishioner's time:** No parishioners present.

At this point the Chairman invited the PCSO Fletcher to speak and she reported the following:

- No incidents reported in Chelmarsh.
- They had carried out speed enforcement in January but at present the gun had been sent away but will carry out more asap. Cllrs asked if this could be carried out at peak times, i.e 7am-8am, 3-4pm and 5-7pm.
- Cllr reported another speeding motorbike along the Bulls Head straight.
- Police suggested Safer Roads could be contacted.
- Sign up to Neighbourhood Matters on the website where alerts are recorded.
- Can arrange for the Police bus to visit the parish where they give out all kinds of useful advice.
- Fly tipping mentioned again.
- CCTV could be considered.

Chairman thanked PSCO Fletcher for attending the meeting and she left as she was on duty.

**1) Apologies for absence:** Cllrs Cole (Flooding), Cadwallader (lambing), Shropshire Cllr Tindall (unable to drive at night). **RESOLVED to accept these 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 – 25<sup>th</sup> January 2022:**

These had been circulated with the agenda and it was **RESOLVED to accept these as a true record and the Chairman signed these accordingly.**

**4) Matters arising from minutes:**

a) Clerk's update:

HP Ink Cartridges

Clerk had tried to open the account, but they do not do direct debit, so it has to be Debit/Credit card, PayPal or a Pre-paid card. £4.69 for 100 sheets per month. It was **RESOLVED to give the Clerk a cheque for £60 to purchase a pre-paid card to set this up.**

**Clerk was also asked to look into having a debit card and internet banking with NatWest and if this was unsuccessful then talk to Lloyds.**

South Staffs Water:

Richard Bell had agreed to come to our meeting on Tuesday 22nd Feb but as I re-arranged the meeting, he could not attend tonight but he has agreed to come to the meeting on 22<sup>nd</sup> March.

Reply from Richard Knight re: South Staffs/Sailing Club Lane:

Most of this route's status is as a Public Bridleway (plus it was added as part of the National Cycle Route), therefore the route is privately maintained and use by vehicle is via a private right of access to the Sailing Club and properties (including the waterworks). The last 550 metres or so to the Sailing club is private road with no public rights.

The public rights that exist over this route are unlikely to be causing the damage to the route, so we would be looking to the private vehicular users to repair the potholes in the track, as they are most likely to be being caused by vehicles.

Is it possible to determine where along the route the issues are, or put me in touch with the complainant? We would have to assess whether the potholes are a hazard to permitted public users and seek repairs by the private vehicular users who I suspect are the cause of the potholes.

After discussions it was **RESOLVED to write back to Richard Knight pointing out that Councillors are concerned that the potholes along this BW/National Cycle Route are a hazard to permitted users of the lane. If cyclists ride along there and these potholes are filled with water potentially, they could be seriously injured. The users of this track are South Staffs Water, Sailing Club, Mr Bebb, Upper House Farm and Mr Thomas, Millfields Farm. We understand that just passed Mr Bebb's barn there is a drain on the corner and water is missing this drain, which is causing problems.**

Litter picking: Email back from SC:

I have had a look on the map and cannot actually find the pub. As long as it is a verge next to a road it should be fine. Next to a bus shelter or waste bin is usually a good place for them to collect.

Time to get walking again! – email received from John Harris.

At this time of year, we start to think about the mud drying up and getting out to walk in the beautiful English Countryside again, but where to find new and interesting walks?

Walking in Shropshire <https://www.walkinginengland.co.uk/shropshire> has hundreds of walks to download and print, free, it also has books of walks, details of all the walking groups in the county and much more. Whether you want to walk on your own or with a group all the information is there in one place.

John Harris (the custodian of the website) said 'There is so much walking information on the web, but it is difficult to find. Walking in Shropshire (part of the Walking in England website) has brought it together in one place so whether you are walking from home, or away on holiday, you will be able to find a walk suitable for you.'

With walks from half a mile to twelve miles plus long, and a note of suitability for pushchairs and wheelchairs, everyone can find a walk to enjoy.

So, home, or away, check out the websites and get walking!

John Harris [www.walkinginengland.co.uk](http://www.walkinginengland.co.uk) [john@walkinginengland.co.uk](mailto:john@walkinginengland.co.uk)

It was suggested that the Clerk send this to the Parish Hall Walking Group.

b) Any others – Chairman's update: Chair's meeting and Community Governance Review Update; Chair reported:

Cecilia Motley spoke about:

- SC Budget
- Boundary Reviews which will include Parliamentary and Parish Reviews. PC's are asked to think about possible mergers with smaller neighbouring PC's.
- Hybrid/Zoom/face to face meetings for Parish and Town Council – no legislation in force to allow these at present.

Tracey Darke spoke about:

- Planning/Enforcement – huge backlog!
- Listed Buildings covered by a legal legislation and action can be taken immediately on work being carried out on these buildings without permission.
- Fly tipping dealt with by Environmental Health who have the power to clear this.

**5) Finance:**

a) Accounts for payment:

Clerks' salary – paid by Standing Order (new salary scales awaited)

HMRC PAYE - £91.80

SC – Election costs £693.79 – to be paid in next financial year.

Ink - £60 cheque paid to Clerk.

b) Income since last meeting - £10 Salvation Army, clothes bank.

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

a) If any received after issue of agenda – no plans received.

b) Emails received from resident regarding Enforcement Action at The Cottage, Ingram Lane. As this is being dealt with by the SC Enforcement Team there is nothing further the PC can do at this stage. Clerk will email back to the resident accordingly.

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

a) Shropshire Councillor's report: Nothing specific to report but will action anything the PC need him to.

b) Police – dealt with earlier.

c) Parish Hall, including email from Chairman re charges/AGM:

I am pleased to be able to say that at last night's Management Committee meeting it was agreed that the hire charge structure for the Hall would remain unaltered, and the Hall would absorb the various cost increases that we are faced with.

The hire charges have not been increased since 2015 when some went up by 50p per hour, with the previous increase being in 2008. This means that our charges today are very reasonable, and we hope that this makes your activities more viable.

We also decided on the date for the AGM – 17<sup>th</sup> March. This is the date when a new Committee forms, and we would be grateful if you could bring forward the names of two (or one!) people to represent your user group and steer the Hall through the year ahead. We would particularly welcome any 'new' names, to replace those we have lost over the past year, and to re-energise the Committee!

Please pass your nominations to me, or Sue Jackman, by 10<sup>th</sup> March.

Would you also look to creating a short report – say a paragraph, to summarise the activities of your group over the year 2021. In some cases, this may be very little, but we would still like a report as a record of what we actually did during Covid.

**RESOLVED that Cllrs Woods and Cole stay on the Committee.**

**8) Correspondence:** Emails sent out separately, as follows: *Noted as received unless comments made:*

- SALC Information Bulletins
  - SC – Electoral Roll/alterations
  - SaTH Trust – Public Participation
  - Western Power – road closure Astbury Lane 28th March for 2 weeks.
  - Reply from Richard Knight re Track to Sailing Club – dealt with earlier
- Any other after issue of agenda

**9) Parish problems:**

- Potholes – Bakehouse Lane
- Raised kerbs at the entrance to The Yeomans – considered a trip hazard
- Cllr Bebb asked if the grit bin could be re-sited down the Hampton Loade Road as this is very prominent from his property windows. Cllrs felt that this had only just been put there following an accident due to ice on road.
- Cllr Bebb also asked again for Graham Downes to contact him – Clerk has requested this several times.

Jubilee Celebrations were discussed and the possibility of giving a commemorative mug or something to the children. Clerk will ask Alison Palmer if she knows how many children are in the parish and will put something on the Chelmarsh Facebook page. Clerk will look into the price of the gifts.

Flags are also available if there is a flagpole. Chairman happy to put one on his boat which is just coming into Chelmarsh.

**10) Date of next meeting: 22<sup>nd</sup> March 2022**

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

**Cheques written:**

HMRC PAYE - £91.80

Mrs F Morris (ink) - £60

Mrs F Morris – salary – standing order.

**Signed: Chairman**

**Date:**