

Chelmarsh Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 25th February 2025 at 7.30pm in Chelmarsh Parish Hall.

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

Clerk Mrs F Morris

Parishioners: None.

0) Parishioner's time: None present.

1) Apologies for absence: Received and noted from Cllr A Cadwallader, S Cllr R Tindall, Police.

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 – 31st January 2025:

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

4) Matters arising from minutes:

a) Clerk's update:

Defib batteries:

Both batteries have been replaced and updated on The Circuit. Account - £477.60 ready for payment.

Dog signs:

I have asked for more signs and a stencil. Clerk had queried if the signs could be put on the playing field as there is a FP. It was felt that signs could be put on both ends of FP – Clerk will query again.

Cllr Garrett mentioned that two people in a car took their dogs onto the playing field and let the one off the lead. Cllr Garrett politely asked them to put the dog back on the lead and pointed out the signs but was met with verbal abuse. It was **RESOLVED that Clerk puts a message on both the Chelmarsh and Highley Facebook pages pointing out that dogs should be on leads and cleaned up after them.**

b) Any others:

Streetlights – after discussions Clerk was asked for the quote to be split down into a) the removal of the post and b) the cost of the five timers. The lamp post needs moving immediately if it is unsafe before any further damage is caused.

5) Planning applications/permissions/refusals received:

a) Any received after issue of the agenda – none received.

6) Reports: (if available)

a) Shropshire Councillor's report:

In Cllrs Tindall's apology email he made the following comments:

Meanwhile the move to Guildhall from Shirehall has begun and this afternoon the meeting of the Southern Planning Committee has been the first to be held in the Guildhall at Frankwell. This will be followed by a meeting of full Council this coming Thursday.

The review of the Local Plan has been interrupted by the Planning Inspectorate because the original proposals did not contain sufficient provision for new housing.

b) Police – no report.

c) Parish Hall, email asking use of playing field for fete. It was agreed to grant this but after discussions, we might ask for a donation towards the cutting of the grass this year. Nominate 2 Cllrs for committee – Cllrs Cole and Woods agreed to be nominated again.

The Environmental Maintenance was discussed, due to the PC deciding not to sign up to this for this coming year.

It was **RESOLVED to write to RJM asking them to carry out the following only:**

Grass cutting: (school field)

April, May June - 2 cuts per month

July, August, September - 1 cut per month.

It is hoped that the mowing could take place as close to the fete as possible, with a tidy up of the playground before the fete.

Hedges:

1 cut in the Autumn around school field and car park hedge.

School Lane ditch:

Couple of strims.

Weedkiller:

Round car park – once

No splays, sign cleaning to be carried out.

To provide the cost and notify the Clerk the dates when the work is carried out.

7) Finance:

a) Accounts for payment:

- Clerks' salary – standing order(amended) -£xx
- HMRC PAYE - £120.40
- E-on Annual Maintenance Report 2024-2025 – Quote £3398.28 (replace electric street pole/light) – dealt with earlier, asking for quote to be split and lamp post removed.
- MedUk – Defibrillator 2 x batteries replaced - £477.60 (inc VAT)
- Any other accounts received after issue of agenda. None. It was **RESOLVED that these payments were made/invoices initialled.**

b) Income since last meeting –68p clothes bank

c) Precept – acknowledged by SC

8) Parish problems:

Problems raised by Cllrs:

- ✓ Cllr Garrett reported the post at the top of Bakehouse Lane, showing electric cables, but will report on Fix My Street
- ✓ BAKEHOUSE LANE sign damaged at the top of the lane – replaced wrong one a few years back – Cllr Garrett will report on FMS again.

- ✓ Cllr Bebb has put cones on the corner where the bank is being eroded – reported to SC numerous times, but nothing has been done.
- ✓ Two large potholes by the Church.
- ✓ Water floods the road by the track to the water tower on Ingram Lane – apparently this soon gets away once the rain stops.
- NCN 45, Severn Valley Railway: SC have been out and repaired footbridge. Railway have put signs up pending agreement. Alveley volunteers doing work. SVR Volunteers have cut back trees/branches and have made a decent job.
- Dog mess complaints – new signs to be put up.
- Any others:

9) Correspondence: including Emails sent to Cllrs: Noted as read unless comments made:

- SALC Information Bulletins
- Electoral Roll alterations
- Parkinson Partnership Upcoming & New Courses - January to March 2025
- Parish & Town Council Survey – This survey was read out and completed at the meeting.
- Bins for Boys – already provided in Parish Hall.
- PCC newsletter - February 2025
- Any other after issue of agenda:
- Cricket Club
- Chelmarsh Parish Hall – use of field for fete.
- Clothes Bank – email sent to all Cllrs – money is to be paid annually in future.
- Street lights -
- Footpath outside 11 The Glebe, Chelmarsh – terrible mess caused by recycling lorries. Reported to SC s this is dangerous.
- Hedge outside 1 The Glebe – SC are trying to sort out if it is SC Housing or Highways.
- Email – S Thomas – Cllr P Thomas left the room while this was discussed and took no part in the discussion.
The complaint is regarding noise (dogs) and lights from Millfields. After discussions it was **RESOLVED to reply to Mr S Thomas informing him to contact Environmental Protection at SC.**
Cllr Thomas was called back into the room.
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10) Date of next meeting: 25th March 2025

Payments authorised:

Mrs F Morris – Clerks salary - £xx
 HMRC- £120.40
 MedUk - £477.60