

## Chelmarsh Parish Council

**Parish Council held in Chelmarsh Parish Hall on Tuesday 24<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 at 7.30pm.**

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

Parishioners: None:

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

Dominic Stanford – Prospective, Conservative Candidate (who is trying to attend as many PC meetings as possible)

### **0) Parishioner's time:**

Chairman used this opportunity to introduce Dominic to the Cllrs.

### **1) Apologies for absence:**

Shropshire Cllr Tindall and 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 – 23<sup>rd</sup> July, 2024:**

These had been circulated with the agenda and it was **RESOLVED that these were accepted as a true record.**

### **4) Matters arising from minutes:**

a) Clerk's update:

Car park registration

Correspondence with Solicitors, shared with Chair/Vice – all replied to, registration is going through, via adverse possession.

Fly tipping/dog mess/potholes etc:

This should be reported via Fix My Street. SC prefer firsthand information, rather than this being sent through the Clerk.

Emails received from Janet/Andrew Maiden regarding blocked drain opposite drive to Park Barns. Clerk had asked Mrs Maiden to report this and Clerk also reported this, but unfortunately Clerk had reported the incorrect drain, but it was sorted! This is the importance of people reported problems firsthand.

Website .gov.uk:

They do not get the £100 grant. Agreed to proceed with web provider for a Clerk .gov.uk email address only.

Bench – The Yeomans:

This is in need of repair/replacement? Youth Club donated this in 1990. This will be dealt with under finance.

Bridge over brook to Glazeley:

Has this been dealt with? No, but possibly due to backlog of work.  
Understand they are approx. 12-18months behind with work!

b) Any others:

Speeding problems along the Bulls Head straight – Clerk confirmed that the Police had been around the area but would ask them to visit Chelmarsh again.

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

a) Reference: 24/01397/FUL (validated: 07/05/2024)

Address: The Railwaymans Retreat, Hampton Loade, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6BN

Proposal: Change of use of a holiday let unit (C1) into a residential unit (C3)

Decision: **Grant Permission**

b) Reference: 24/02749/FUL (validated: 24/07/2024)

Address: The Willows, The Common, Chelmarsh, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6BG

Proposal: Erection of garage and garden store building

Decision: **Grant Permission**

b) Any received after issue of agenda – no further plans received.

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

a) Shropshire Councillor's report – nothing to report.

b) Police - speed checks conducted.

c) Parish Hall- Chairman reported that planning for next year's fete was in hand.

An Autumn Fayre is being held on 19<sup>th</sup> October with all stalls fully booked.

A couple of roof panels appear to be failing on the hall roof, but this is in hand.

**7) Finance:**

a) Accounts for payment:

- Clerks' salary – standing order paid mothy which will be altered to new rate. Clerk is owed £227.80 back pay to April. Cllr Bebb queried why delay in pay rise. Clerk and Chairman explained that the PC must wait for the rates to be approved.
- HMRC PAYE - £376.57 (3 months)
- Clerk's expenses – not requested.
- Gary Barklam £460 confirmation of payment – work on play equipment.
- Any other accounts received after issue of agenda.
- The hedge needs cutting behind where the bench ius situated – Clerk will ask STAR Housing to deal with this.
- Bench at The Yeomans needs repair/replacement. It was agreed to purchase the bench from Cyan at a cost of £350 plus delivery. Clerk asked Cllrs Garrett if this could be delivered to their address, which they agreed.  
Chairman had previously checked with Jenny Green regarding using the Youth Club funds to purchase this, and she confirmed this was in order. Cllr Bebb pointed out that the bench in the Churchyard needs staining. It was **RESOLVED to ask Gary Barklam to look at this to see what is required. Cllr Thomas will ask him.**

b) Income since last meeting – £21.54 and £2.01 clothes bank

## 8) Parish problems:

Problems raised by Cllrs.

- Cllr Bebb asked what mileage needed to go on the fingerpost for Sutton. Clerk and Chairman confirmed that this had already been agreed and sent to Alan Walker. Clerk will email Alan again.
- Clothing bank gets very full, and people are leaving bags by the side of this, together with other stuff not suitable for the clothes bank. Clerk confirmed that she had already asked for a fortnightly collection or another bank but will ask again.
- Fly tipping by the clothes bank/litter bin reported on Fix My Street (FMS) and dealt with quickly.
- Bakehouse Lane pavement reported on FMS.
- Potholes outside The Yeomans and the general state of Bakehouse Lane will be reported on FMS.
- Cat's eyes replaced on man road, which were very much needed in the episode of fog recently.
- Bakehouse Lane needs the road sweeper attending.

Any others:

- Recent disturbance attended by the Police – as this had been dealt with by the Police, Cllrs did not feel that the PC could do anything else.
- Speeding by Bulls Head.
- Hedge, opposite Garland House needs cutting back. Clerk was asked to chase this again with SC also pointing out that the other double hedges need cutting back again.
- Loud music coming from The Astbury, late at night. It **was agreed to write to The Astbury to ask them to monitor the volume before further action is taken.** Noise being carried down the valley was a concern of the PC when the applications were being considered.
- Footpath by the river, constantly used by the fishermen, needs attention to the bridge/stile – either needs repairing or removing. Cllr Cole has reported this.
- Drains down Hampton Loade have once again been cleared by a resident, but the hedges have not been cut - Clerk asked who the hedges belonged to – Mr Stuart Bebb – Clerk asked Cllr Bebb to ask about these being cut.
- Extreme concern expressed regarding pedestrians waling between School Lane and Sutton – there is no footpath all along this road, and it is dangerous. This has been taken out of the Parish Plan as no land is available for this.

## 9) Correspondence: including Emails sent to Cllrs: All noted as received unless comments made:

- SALC Information Bulletins
- Electoral Roll alterations
- SaTH Annual General Meeting (AGM) Invitation 2024 – 30<sup>th</sup> September
- 'Martyn's Law' Bill Now Progressing
- RAF Shawbury Helicopter Liaison Group - Newsletter 1
- Introducing RBLI's 2024 Remembrance Range - Honouring Our Heroes Together
- NCN 45, Severn Valley Railway: **Highley Parish Council has been leading with this. It was agreed to send the correspondence to Cllr Tindall to ask for his help and Dominic suggested sending it to Stuart Anderson, MP too. This involves both Highley and Chelmarsh PC together with landowners and SVR. It was noted that there was public opposition to this 20 years ago. Unfortunately, no one was**

**available to attend the last Highley PC meeting when SVR attended as time of meeting was advised at very short notice.**

- SALC - AGM 30th October 2024 in the Council Chamber, Shirehall, Shrewsbury. **No interest.**
- Chelmarsh Parish Council - Chelmarsh Car Park – updates – **dealt with earlier.**
- SALC - Climate Action Award
- Does Your Workplace Need A PACT Kit? Bleeding kits
- Broadband infrastructure briefing note – Ben Walker
- SC - Information from Shropshire Council about garden waste subscriptions
- Invitation to Apply for Free Tree Packs for Your Community
- Partnership Payment - July 2024 – clothes bank
- Any other after issue of agenda.
- Letter to Chairman from Crane Counselling.

**10) Date of next meeting:** 22<sup>nd</sup> October 2024

**Payments approved:**

Clerk's salary – standing order - £xx

Mrs F Morris - £227.80 – difference between s/order payment owed to Clerk

HMRC - £376.57 (3 months) Paid

Cyan – bench - £350 = delivery

Gary Barklam - £460.00 (playground repairs)

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.05pm.**

**Signed: Chairman**

**Date:**