

Chelmarsh Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 25th April 2023 at 7.30pm in Chelmarsh Parish Hall.

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

Parishioners: 0

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

0) Parishioner's time: None present.

1) Apologies for absence: Shropshire Cllr R 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 – 28th March 2023:

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

4) Matters arising from minutes:

a) Clerk's update:

- Playground repairs – the account had been paid in full. Chairman had spoken to the men on site, and he confirmed that a good job has been made. The grass will grow through the matting.
- Pothole, Ingram Lane – 'Fixed' email received from Fix My Street. Chairman confirmed that this had been repaired correctly.
- Cllrs Woods, Thomas, and Cole added to Online banking.
- Kings Coronation coins received. It was agreed that the Clerk puts a post on the Chelmarsh Folk Facebook page, and these can be handed out at the Annual Parish Meeting.

b) Any others:

Chairman confirmed that he attended the Licensing Service for new rector at Highley.

5) Planning applications/permissions/refusals received:

a. Reference: 23/00093/FUL (validated: 26/01/2023)

Address: Proposed Conversion of Agricultural Building SE Of Dinney Farm, Chelmarsh, Bridgnorth, Shropshire

Proposal: Conversion of an agricultural building to an accommodation range in association with an existing bed and breakfast and tourism business

Decision: Grant Permission

b. Any others received after issue of agenda:

This is FOR INFORMATION ONLY, not a formal consultation:

Reference: 23/01671/CPE (validated: 19/04/2023)

Address: The Nest, Hampton Loade, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6BN

Proposal: Application for a Lawful Development Certificate for the existing use of the residential extension built in 2017

Applicant: Mr Alan Daze (The Nest, Hampton Loade, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6BN)

Although this application was 'for information only' Cllrs felt that a comment should be made as it appears that this work has been carried out over several years and needed reassurance that all Building Regs and planning permissions have been complied with.

6) Reports: (if available)

a) Shropshire Councillor's report: Cllr Tindall unavailable but hopes to attend the next meeting.

b) Police: Clerk confirmed emails had 'bounced back' and no reply from the generic email address.

c) Parish Hall: Cllrs Woods and Cole were unable to attend the last meeting but understand that the meeting was well attended, and the fete will be going ahead with new people involved

7) Finance:

a) Accounts for payment/approval/Online banking confirmation of payment:

- Clerks' salary – standing order.
- HMRC PAYE - April payment - £100.40
- Village Hall hire account - £100 paid.
- Playground final account – £2487.70 deposit paid for work to commence.
- 2023/24 Council Tax Precept Payments – Chelmarsh – to be paid into bank 26/4/2023.
- Street Lighting Maintenance Renewal Contract & Repair Charges – agreed to renew this.
- Chelmarsh Cricket Club 2023 – £100 donation acknowledged.
- Chelmarsh Toddlers - £100 donation – acknowledged.
- Jubilee Club – Clerk could not pay the approved £100 donation as they are currently changing banks.
- Gifts2Impress - £392.64 – Coronation coins. Approved to purchase and invoice required payment before coins could be personalised.
- Any other accounts received since issue of agenda:
- HMRC - £100.20 (April)
- Clerk's salary – Standing order.
- Mant Leisure - £2467.70 – balance of account

RESOLVED that these payments were all approved and invoices/statements initialled.

Insurance – renewal - £417.56 (£349.36 last year) with the option of 3 year. Clerk pointed out that an offer for a quote from Zurich had been received - agreed to obtain quote. Clerk noted that on the Clerk's Forum it appears that our present insurers are the most favourable.

b) Income since last meeting - £6.21 clothes bank, £45.80 Wayleave and £19.60 (March clothes bank).

Clerk also asked for clarification for the work to be carried out to the playing field gates/fence:

It was agreed to replace both gates with same format, replace the new gate post (large gate, nearest to parish hall), replace the 3-4 fence posts in front of the green container and to check any others which may be rotten and replace. John Higgins has agreed to carry out this work. It was **RESOLVED that as the gate now has a padlock with a code (known to those who need access with pushchairs) then the gates will be replaced as altering the format would cause further problems.**

8) Parish problems:

Problems raised by Cllrs:

- ✓ Bakehouse Lane all potholes and ruts – Clerk has reported this several times.
- ✓ Bakehouse Lane has the national speed limit, but this is considered too fast. Clerk will question this as there are lots of properties and streetlights on this lane.
- ✓ Hampton Loade passing points damaged.
- ✓ Gullies/potholes/drain edge damage – Hall Farm
- ✓ School Lane potholes – Clerk confirmed that Mr Russell had sent her photos and she had sent these via FixMyStreet.
- ✓ Astbury Falls bridge – when will this be repaired as residents living the other side of the bridge from Eardington are having to go out to the top of Chelmarsh Bank. Clerk pointed out that the information states 8th March-8th June. Clerk will email Eardington PC.
- ✓ Double hedges along Ingram Lane still not cut. This was considered dangerous as 2 large vehicles cannot pass, and the school buses have to stop if they meet anything. Clerk will report again.
- ✓ All gullies in the parish need cleaning out.

Highley Health and Wellbeing Group:

- Chairman reported that the ‘Meet and Greet’ meeting last week was well attended with 2 GP’s attending from Bridgnorth Medical Practice with everything sounding very positive.
- Funding is still being sorted.
- Service at Highley will continue where it is at present until a permanent place is sorted.
- 1 GP will be on duty at Highley, and this will be on a rota system of Dr’s from Bridgnorth Medical Practice. People with long term medical needs will see the same GP.
- Admin staff to remain.
- Nurse Practitioner will be available, and bloods will be able to be taken at Highley instead of having to travel elsewhere.
- They hope to include other services such as Mental Health and Dietician etc.
- Any others – none.

9) To confirm Policy Updates:

Clerk hadn’t sent these out as intended but handed out 2 hard copies (Cllr Bebb and Cllr Garret) and will email these to the other Cllrs.

Clerk explained that in the Standing Orders anything printed in BOLD cannot be changed and she had made any suggested alterations in red.

The Financial Regulations needed to include the online banking.

Cllrs were asked to look at these and send Clerk any comments with a view to adopting these at the next meeting, if possible.

10) Correspondence: including Emails sent to Cllrs: *(Taken as read unless comments made):*

- SALC Information Bulletins
- SC – Electoral Roll/alterations
- Elevate Classes starting in May – exercise class – posters to be put on notice boards.
- Police - Newsletter for April
- The UK Shared Prosperity Fund (UKSPF)
- SALC Latest April 23
- Street Lighting Joint Energy Agreement 2023/2024 – **RESOLVED to accept this.**
- Land rental enquiry – for car boots. Parish Council have no land available.
- Climate change with local council action.
- Police - Keeping those on two wheels safe.
- SALC - Solar Farms Community Benefits Funding

- Any other after issue of agenda:
- SALC - Thriving Children & Families 2023-24 - letter for Town and Parish Councils Second Trench
- New FixMyStreet updates on report: 'Large pothole' – fixed - dealt with earlier.
- John Campion - PCC newsletter - April 2023
- Police Reports sending out regular emails to those registered, with What's App fraud at present.

11) Date of next meeting: 23rd May 2023 Annual Parish meeting 7.00pm followed by Annual Parish Council meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9pm.

Payments approved:

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Signed: Chairman

Date: