

Chelmarsh Parish Council

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

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

Shropshire Cllr R Tindall

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

Parishioners: 0

0) Parishioner's time: None present.

1) Apologies for absence: Received and noted from Cllr Cadwallader.

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 – 27th June 2023:

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:

Double hedges:

Reply from Andy Keyland:

Hedges were assessed and not seen to be a safety issue so no action required for the time being.

That being said if we now have a double hedge row, I do not see any reason that we don't remove the hedge on the highway side in the autumn after the bird nesting season to put the issue to bed.

Reply from Andy Wilde:

Thank you for your email, please accept my apologies for the delay in responding to your enquiry.

The Local Highway Technician has undertaken an inspection of the hedges on Ingram Lane and no immediate safety issues were identified. It is currently bird nesting season, so we are unable to cut back any hedges until the end of August. Once the bird nesting season has finished, we will then re-inspect the hedges on Ingram Lane and if required undertake any works needed.

Thank you for bringing this matter to my attention.

Audit – Notification received that no further action is required.

b) Any others: none.

7.35pm at this point it was RESOLVED that item 6a Shropshire Cllrs report be brought forward and Cllr Tindall gave his report:

1. It has been announced that a high proportion of the 1050 houses to be built as part of the Tasley Garden Village Scheme will be allocated for the housing needs for people from the Black Country.

2. The Local Government Boundary Review Commission's recommendations for the future composition of the Brown Clew Electoral Division. This would involve:

- The loss of Aston Botterell to Stottesdon ED (to be known as Cleobury Mortimer Rural)
- The loss of Billingsley to Highley ED.
- The gain of Astley Abbots
- The gain of Stanton Long, Shipton and Easthope.

It is thought that the LGBRC will no longer consider putting Chelmarsh with Highley ED and Eardington with one of the Bridgnorth EDs.

3. Finally the growing resistance of planning officers to allowing Single Plot Affordable Dwellings and they desire to restrict Shropshire Councillors "calling in" applications to committee when officers recommend refusal.

Cllr Tindall was thanked for his report and left the meeting.

Meeting resumed at 8.05pm.

5) Planning applications/permissions/refusals received:

a) Reference: 23/02775/FUL (validated: 07/07/2023)

Address: Paddock House, Bakehouse Lane, Chelmarsh, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6BB

Proposal: Erection of part two storey and first floor front extension

Applicant: Mr & Mrs N Wilson

Councillors discussed this and raised no objections to this application providing no objections received from neighbours regarding blocking of light.

b) Any others received after issue of agenda – no others received.

6) Reports:

a) Shropshire Councillor's report – reported earlier.

b) Police – newsletter received and circulated. New Police Officer now covering this area and it was confirmed that he did attend the fete.

c) Parish Hall – Cllr Woods reported:

- that money had been made at the fete which was well attended and the Committee were pleased with the event.
- Arts Alive event planned.
- New Committee appears to be going very well.

Clerk had received the following email:

This is just to confirm that I have altered the pay meters at the Hall to reflect the reduction in electricity charges we are now paying on the new contract. All three pay meters have been changed to 33p per kW/hr (down from 45p).

Whilst this only really affects use of the kitchen in the summer, it will hopefully make a difference to those of you who use the ceiling heaters in the winter!

This rate applies for the duration of the new 12-month contract. The Hall covers the cost of the standing charges so the increase in standing charge does not impact on hirers.

7) Finance:

a) Accounts: Quarterly accounts for approval:

Clerk had emailed these and brought copies for Cllrs to look at.

It was **RESOLVED to accept the quarterly accounts as presented.**

b) Accounts for payment:

- Clerks' salary – standing order - £xx
- HMRC PAYE - £100.40
- Data Protection fee receipt received.
- Invoice #16751 from Information Solutions Ltd - £228.00 for website
- Any other accounts received since issue of agenda – no others received.

It was **RESOLVED that Clerks pays the account by Bank Transfer.**

c) Income since last meeting – 59p interest on savings account, £19.78 (clothes bank)

8) Parish problems:

Problems raised by Cllrs:

- ✓ Small aircraft flying round and round 7 days a week for at least an hour which is considered a nuisance. Clerk was asked to contact Halfpenny Green airport regarding this.
 - ✓ Speeding vehicles round the bends at Sutton. Clerk was asked to enquire if a 30mph speed limit could be introduced along the main road (already 40mph), Sutton bends and Bakehouse Lane, and to request the conditions/criteria and process for obtaining the speed limits.
 - ✓ Potholes on the main road, Covert Lane, and Bakehouse Lane.
 - ✓ The Yeomans, no turning sign and the Bakehouse Lane at the top by the bus shelter – broken.
 - ✓ Bakehouse Lane pavement requiring attention.
 - ✓ Fingerpost at Sutton. Cllr Bebb had been unable to contact Alan Walker regarding this. Clerk suggested that she emailed him and try to locate any other suppliers.
- Agreed that the Clerk takes this forward.**

- Highley Health and Wellbeing Group/Medical Practice:

Cllr Woods had emailed regarding the problems caused with the letters sent out to patients in Chelmarsh and is waiting for a meeting to be arranged with the Practice Manager when she returns from holiday. Cllrs had been copied into all correspondence.

- Environmental Maintenance Scheme (Lengthsman) – Clerk had asked Richard Millington to attend the meeting but assumed as his wife had just had another baby, he was unable to do so.

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

- SALC Information Bulletins
- SC – Electoral Roll/alterations
- Boundary Review reply
- Letter from R Williams & R Evans re: Use of Cricket field/reply, confirming no music after midnight.
- DHSC Letter: Defibrillator campaign
- Police & Crime Commissioner Newsletter
- SC - Shropshire Healthier Weight Strategy 2023-2028 – Clerk will forward again to Cllrs.
- Reply from Tracy Johnson re: Place Plan Review – sending to Highways for their comments.
- Raising Awareness D&V Toolkit for Activity Centres
- G F Williams & Sons, Lower Brockhalls Farm - Woodland Management Plan – No problems with this.
- Neighbourhood Plan consultation for Bishop's Castle Neighbourhood Plan – can be viewed on SC website.
- Extension to Immediate Road Closure - Astbury Hall, Astbury Bridgnorth until 4th August
- Any other after issue of agenda:
- SOS (Save Our Shropshire) Birthday celebration advertisement.
- Commemorate Remembrance 2023 with an Unknown Tommy Statue - order now to beat the rush! **RESOLVED to order 6 more lamp post poppies.**
- SNT – Introduction – PC Ollie Jones
- August 2023 – Police newsletter
- SALC - New Sessions in Cathie Sabin Community Tennis Centre
- Clerk pointed out that she still has several Coronation coins. It was agreed that the Clerk puts this on Facebook asking people to collect these at the September meeting.

10) Date of next meeting: 26th September 2023

If a meeting is required regarding the Highley Medical Centre, Cllrs will be contacted.

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

Payments approved:

Mrs F Morris – salary – standing order - £xx

HMRC PAYE - £100.40

Information Solutions - £228.00

Signed: Chairman

Date: