

Chelmarsh Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 22nd March 2016 at 7.30pm at Chelmarsh Parish Hall.

Present: Cllrs R Woods (Chairman), M Williams, R Taylor

Parishioners: 1 – Mrs S Hobbs

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

Unitary Cllr Robert Tindall

0. Parishioner's time:

Chairman introduced Cllr Tindall to Cllr Taylor and Mrs Hobbs (parishioner present).

Mrs Hobbs pointed out that she was representing the Walking for Health group and expressed their thanks to Mr Cadwallader at Manor farm for his help and support of installing kissing wickets on his land.

Mrs Hobbs pointed out the concern of the group at the lack of response from SC regarding outstanding complaints going back as far as 2010 which remain unresolved.

Cllr Tindall promised to look into these matters and asked for any evidence to be sent through to him and Mrs Hobbs promised to do this. Clerk confirmed that she had also sent in a complaint regarding a FP but had not heard anything back.

Mrs Hobbs also pointed out that the Parish hall committee had arranged a 'Clean for the Queen' litterpick and invited anyone to take part. Ringway had provided equipment required.

Clerk asked Mrs Hobbs about broadband in the hall as funding might still be available to provide this and Mrs Hobbs will talk to the committee.

1. Apologies for absence:

Cllr Hornby (no reason given), Cllr Cadwallader (not well after a fall). It was **RESOLVED to accept these apologies.**

No apologies received from Cllrs Bebb and Davies.

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 received.

3. Minutes of last meeting held on 23rd February, 2016:

It was **RESOLVED** that these minutes be accepted as a true record and were accordingly signed by the Chairman.

Chairman asked for agreement to bring item 9d Cllr Tindall's report forward, which it was resolved to do so.

Item 9d – Unitary Cllrs report:

Cllr Tindall reported on the following:

1. Shropshire Council's Revenue Support Grant is being cut by nearly £80m over the next three years although a claw back of about £8m has been made as a result of the Shropshire MPs intervention.
2. The reduction in RSG is meant to be funded by SC retaining an ever increasing part of the National Non Domestic Rates it collects for Central Government. The problem for Shropshire is that we are a low based business rate county
3. SC has decided to increase Council Tax by 1.999% which is the amount it can increase without having to hold a referendum which in itself is an expensive exercise.
4. Council Tax has also been increased by an additional 2% which is ring fenced for Adult Social Care.
5. With the benefit of hindsight it is a pity SC did not increase Council Tax each year since becoming a Unitary Authority, but then no one anticipated the savage cuts.

Other matters included were:

1. Concerned the retention of Shirehall as SC's HQ now that the University Centre of Shrewsbury had leased the Guildhall.
2. Members of the Planning Committee will not be allowed to debate or vote on any applications emanating from within their divisions although they make address the committee for up to five minutes.

Chairman thanked Cllr Tindall for his report.

4. Matters arising from minutes:

a) Clerk's update:

- Mr Summers had been notified of planning refusal at The Meadows
- Clerk had hoped that the manager from The Meadows would attend tonight.

b) Eon reply re: Street lighting contract. This would cover all 6 street lights and Clerk confirmed that the contract had been sent off.

c) Any other matters arising: Nothing raised.

5. Planning applications:

a) Reference: 16/01071/FUL (validated: 09/03/2016)

Address: Charnwood, Occupation Lane, Chelmarsh, Bridgnorth, WV16 6BE

Proposal: Erection of front lounge extension and covered and glazed link to recording studio/garage building

Applicant: Mr John Freemantle (40 Severn Way, Bewdley, Worcestershire, DY12 2JG)

After discussions it was **RESOLVED to support this application subject to this conforming with Building Regs and materials matching existing.**

6. Planning permissions/refusals:

None received.

7. Financial matters:

a) Accounts to be paid:

Clerk's fees - £xx

HMRC PAYE - £68.40,

Clerk's expenses - £13.11

SALC TRAINING - £20

Chelmarsh Parish Hall hire - £100

S Grantham (bus shelter painting) – work not yet carried out.

b) Bank statement:

This was produced for Cllrs attention and initialled by Cllr Taylor.

c) Asset Register:

Clerk had worked on this and had produced the following figures:

Street lighting - £5392.55

Play equipment - £11367.54

Office equipment - £5000 (laptop and scanner to be added)

Bench – Cricket field - £389.58

Cricket field - £1

Car park - £1

Playing field £1

Ownership of the bus shelter was queried and Clerk was asked to enquire with Cllr Bebb.

There are also picnic tables on the playing field. Clerk will investigate this further.

d) Transparency Code expenditure – website, laptop, scanner. Clerk confirmed the expenditure and produced the invoices which Councillors **RESOLVED was acceptable as previously agreed.**

8. Parish problems:

- General state of roads
- Cllr Williams mentioned that there is a notice board at Hampton Loade which is locked and the last notice in there is 2014. The board is very rickety. It was suggested that the Clerk asks Cllr Bebb about this when asking about the bus shelter.

9. Reports (if available) from:

a) Parish Hall Committee – no report

b) Neighbourhood Watch – no report

c) Police – no report

d) Unitary Cllr Tindall – dealt with earlier

10. Correspondence:

SALC – Information Bulletins

SALC – Training sessions

Date for next Highley and Chelmarsh LJC meeting – 12th April at Severn Centre, Highley 7pm

12. Date next meeting:

28th March 2016 Annual Parish Meeting and the Parish Council meeting.

After discussions it was suggested that the Clerk makes enquiries for a speaker about the Broadband in the parish. It was also suggested that Mrs Theobald is asked to provide refreshments for the evening.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.20pm

Cheques written:

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Signed: Chairman

Date:

These minutes were approved at the meeting on 26th April 2016.