

Chelmarsh Parish Council

Annual Parish meeting held on Tuesday 23rd May 2023 at 7.00pm in Chelmarsh Parish Hall prior to the Parish Council meeting.

Parish Council Chairman Richard Woods welcomed everyone to the meeting.

- 01. Apologies:** Received and noted from Shropshire Cllr Tindall and Angela Cadwallader,
- 02. Minutes of last meeting 17th May 2022:** These had been circulated with the agenda and it was proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED to sign the minutes as a true record.**
- 03. Chairman's Annual report:** Copy attached.
- 04. Shropshire Councillor's report:** Cllr Tindall unable to attend but mentioned that one new item is the changes to the boundaries of our Electoral Divisions proposed by the Electoral Boundary Commission which will come into effect in time for the May 2025 local elections.
I think Brown Clee is going to lose Billingsley to Highley but gain Astley Abbots. I do not think Chelmarsh is affected but I will read the Commission's Report.
- 05. Organisation reports:**
 - a) Cricket Club: Report attached.
 - b) Bowling Club: Short Matt bowling report from Stan Chapman:
We meet on Tuesday from 7.00pm 'til 9.00 pm. It's an Autumn/Winter activity to coincide with the closure of the outdoor Crown Green season. Last season we had a total of 17 people who played on various nights. However, some of these were seeking a 'taster session' and chose not to continue to attend. We therefore have 10 regulars who attend some sessions, but seldom do all 10 attend on the same night. We usually have 6 or 7, but there has been as few as 3.
I get there round about 6.45pm to get out the equipment (mats, bowls etc). However, the mats are quite heavy, and therefore a bit of a struggle on my own, (like the majority of members I'm 'not as young as I used to be!'). Fortunately, there is sometimes (but not always) someone to help with the more difficult task of rolling the mats up at the end of the session.
 - c) Parish Hall: Report attached.
 - d) Jubilee Club: They still meet but have no bank account to pay the £100 donation into. This will be paid once the account is opened.
 - e) Chelmarsh PCC; No report, but it was hoped that the new Vicar would attend.

f) Chelmarsh Friends Club: This is replacing the WI which will not be starting again.

g) Toddlers:

Chelmarsh Toddler Group runs every Tuesday morning term time and is well supported and loved by all who attend. The toddler group was originally part of Chelmarsh school as the pre-school, it continued running as a toddler group when the school closed in 2002.

Pam Baker volunteers running the group and it is mainly attended by Chelmarsh, Highley and surrounding area residents.

There are currently about 10 families attending with up to 20 children, since covid we try to keep numbers at a manageable level to make the sessions more enjoyable and safer for all.

There are new youngsters already signed up for September when some of the current toddlers will leave and start big school.

Chelmarsh Toddler group would like to thank the Parish Council for their kind donation last year which will go towards paying for their insurance with the Early Years Alliance.

06. Parish problems:

Residents raised the following:

- Grass not cut at The Yeomans or at the Glebe – Clerk will email STAR Housing.
- NO TURNING sign at The Yeomans rotten – Clerk will email STAR Housing.
- Road sweeper needed along the footpath.
- Lunch Club runs monthly with approximately 24 names on the list. They meet at The Bulls Head and have a main course, dessert, and unlimited coffee at a reasonable charge.

07. Chairman's closing comments:

Chairman thanked residents for attending and as per the reports a lot is going on in Chelmarsh which is very positive.

Residents were told that they were welcome to remain for the Council meeting which followed but they left the meeting.

08. Date of next meeting: 27th June 2023 (Parish Council meeting).

Meeting closed at 7.45pm.

Signed:

Chairman: