

Chelmarsh Parish Council

Annual Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 18th May 2021 at 7.30pm in Chelmarsh Parish Hall.

Councillors had all signed their Declaration of Acceptance of Office form, and these were all witnessed by the Clerk. All Disclosable Pecuniary Interest forms were also completed, and Clerk will forward to Shropshire Council.

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

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

The Chairman welcomed all old and new Councillors to the meeting.

1) Election of Officers:

a) Chairman: Cllrs Woods was proposed and seconded. No other nominations **RESOLVED that Cllr Woods be elected as Chairman for the coming year.**

b) Acceptance of Office by Chairman -this was duly signed by the Chairman and witnessed by the Clerk.

c) Election of Vice-Chairman: Cllr Thomas was proposed and seconded. No further nominations **RESOLVED that Cllr Thomas be elected as Vice-Chairman for the coming year.**

d) Acceptance of Office by Vice-Chairman – this was duly signed by Cllr Thomas and witnessed by Clerk.

2) Public time: no public present.

3) Apologies for absence: Shropshire Cllr Tindall sent his apologies.

4) 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.

5) To confirm minutes of the meeting held on 27th April 20: It was **RESOLVED to accept these minutes as a true record and Chairman signed these accordingly.**

6) Matters arising from minutes:

Clerk's report:

- HMRC appears to have finally been sorted for Chelmarsh and new tax year/code applied.

- Road repairs will be dealt with asap.

- The Astbury – response from Richard Fortune – Planning Officer:

The planning legislation relates to the control of the use of land and does not normally regulate the ownership of it. In the case of the planning permissions for the holiday lodges at Astbury Hall, their use for holiday accommodation only is controlled through planning conditions. These conditions state:

Notwithstanding Classes C2 and C3 of the Schedule to the Town and Country Planning (Use Classes) Order 1987 (as amended), the caravans hereby permitted shall be used to provide holiday accommodation only and shall not be occupied as permanent unrestricted residential accommodation or as a primary place of residence.

Reason: The site is outside of any settlement where unrestricted residential accommodation would be contrary to adopted Development Plan housing policy.

A register shall be maintained of the names of the occupiers of the caravan units, the period of their occupation together with their main home addresses. This information shall be made available at all reasonable times to the Local Planning Authority.

Reason: The site is outside of any settlement where unrestricted residential accommodation would be contrary to adopted Development Plan housing policy.

In addition the applicants voluntarily submitted a Unilateral Undertaking under Section 106 of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 which included the following terms:

“5. Not to permit the holiday lodges forming part of the Development or any part of the Site to be used for residential purposes, in order to ensure that the Site remains in use for leisure and tourism: and

6. Not to part with, sell or otherwise dispose of the freehold of any part of the Site without the written consent of the Council (such consent not to be unreasonably withheld),
But nothing in this Undertaking shall prevent the Landowner from transferring individual holiday lodges, or multiple lodges, to any single owner, investor or holiday letting agency, business or holiday property portfolio holder or corporation, on a licence or leasehold basis, provided that the holiday lodges remain for tourism and leisure use.

7. The Landowner confirms that the estate management rules, terms and conditions relating to the maintenance, occupation and use of all the holiday lodges and facilities at the Site shall remain applicable to all holiday lodges irrespective of the ownership of any lodge on the Site and that any disposal shall include a covenant in the disposal document to abide by the estate management rules, terms and conditions relating to the maintenance, occupation and use of the holiday lodges and facilities at the Site.”

The advertising of the lodges would not necessarily conflict with the above.

With respect to works on the B4555 a planning condition on the permissions granted states:

“The highways improvements shown on drawing numbers 03659-0102 and 3659-SK001 (Section 1); 3659-SK002 (Section 2); 3659-SK003 (Section 3) and drawing nos. 03659-0105 and 03659-106; and 3659-SK004 (Section 4) shall be fully implemented in accordance with details which have first been approved in writing by the Local Planning Authority within 3 months of any element of the development hereby approved being first brought into use. “

I hope the above is of assistance.

- Election Expenses – please remember to complete and send these in to SC.

7) **Delegation of power to Clerk for decisions between meetings:** It was **RESOLVED** that **delegation be given to the Clerk for any decisions/payments required between meetings.**

8) Planning applications received:

a) Reference: 21/01951/ADV (validated: 06/05/2021)

Address: Astbury Hall, Astbury, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6AT

Proposal: Erect and display 2 No free standing internally illuminated name signs at the entrance to The Astbury

Applicant: Astbury Hall Operations Ltd (Mr Jeffrey Wallace, Astbury Hall, Astbury, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6AT)

View online at: <http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QRMA3RTDMCZ00>

This application was discussed, and it was **RESOLVED to draw attention to the comments made on original applications regarding light/noise pollution etc due to the wildlife in this countryside location.**

Cllrs feel that these signs are inappropriate and suggest that the present 'Astbury Hall' signs in the brick wall could have low key lighting installed over these, which is more in keeping with the local area and far less obtrusive.

b) Reference: 21/01954/FUL (validated: 16/04/2021)

Address: The Grange, Chelmarsh, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6AZ

Proposal: Erection of a detached swimming pool building (revised scheme)

Applicant: Mr D Carter

View online at: <http://pa.shropshire.gov.uk/online-applications/applicationDetails.do?activeTab=summary&keyVal=QRMA4ZTDMD500>

These plans were discussed, and it was **RESOLVED that Cllrs had no objections providing this did not infringe on any ROW. Cllrs ask that the FP/BW issues are looked into prior to a decision being made on this application as concerns have been raised on the Planning Portal.**

c) any others received after issue of agenda – none received.

9) Shropshire Councillor's report: Email received from Cllr Tindall:

1. I apologise for not being with you this evening. This is because there is an unavoidable clash with Chetton Parish Council's AGM- so rather than attend one and not the other I am giving both my reports in writing via the Clerks.
2. Following the local elections held on Thursday 6th May the makeup of Shropshire Council is as follows:

Conservatives	43
Liberal Democrats	14
Labour	9
Independents	4
Green	<u>4</u>
	<u>74</u>

on a 38.5% turnout
3. Yesterday afternoon the Conservative Group on Shropshire Council met to elect a new leader to replace the previous Leader, Peter Nutting, who lost his seat of Copthorne. The new leader is Lezley Picton who represents the electoral division of Tern. She will, I believe and certainly hope, focus much more attention and resources on the south of the county so sadly lacking previously. She has promised a thorough overhaul of the way in which highways are managed and repaired. In addition there will be a new system of reporting problems with the roads. In addition to Highways, Lezley plans to sort out three other major matters as her number one priority:
 - a. The future of Shirehall
 - b. The North West Relief Road
 - c. The Shopping Centres in Shrewsbury
4. Full Council is meeting on Thursday 20th May @ 10:00 in the Theatre Severn, Frankwell, Shrewsbury which has sufficient seating to allow for social distancing. By then Lezley will have formed her new Cabinet. I have asked to be retained on both the Southern Planning Committee and on the Strategic Licensing Committee.
5. Finally, I would just like to say how much I appreciate being re-elected as the Shropshire Councillor for the electoral division of Brown Clee. I will continue to do my best for Chelmarsh Parish. I have no idea why Government decided to insist that this round of Parish Council AGMs must be held physically when there are still some lockdown measures in place- one of the

consequences of lockdown has been proof that holding meetings virtually has saved time and expense and I hope that in future meetings will be allowed to consist of a blend of virtual and physical.

6. Finally if anyone has any matter that they would like to raise with me my email is robert.tindall@shropshire.gov.uk

Clerk was asked to write to Cllr Tindall regarding the following:

- Broadband is still an issue at Hampton Loade and Astbury asking for him to look into this again.
- Have you found out anything about the problem mentioned at your last Zoom meeting you attended regarding the driveway at the bungalow at Hampton Loade?

10) Finance:

a) Insurance renewal - £349.36 – **RESOLVED to pay this.**

b) Other payments – G Barklam - £200 (fence posts at playing field) **RESOLVED to pay this**, Information Commissioner – after further emails the cheque had been incorrectly dated last year – **RESOLVED to pay £40.**

Cricket Club donation – After discussions it was **RESOLVED to purchase something to the value of £100 + VAT (which we could reclaim) in memory of Cllr. Mike Williams.**

c) Update from HMRC/payments - £91.60 April and £91.60 May. **RESOLVED to pay.**

11) Parish problems:

- Speeding/overtaking on white lines by The Bulls Head
- Police Operation Snap signs – what has happened to them?
- Potholes along main road and Bakehouse Lane.
- Notice board in Bakehouse Lane needs re-painting

12) Date of next meeting: 22nd June 2021.

Apologies from Chairman as he is unable to attend this meeting.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.37pm.

Cheques written:

Came & Co (Insurance) £349.36

Gary Barklam - £200

Information Commissioner - £40

HMRC - £91.60 (April) and £91.60 (May)