

# **Chelmarsh Parish Council**

**Parish Council meeting held in Chelmarsh Parish Hall at 7.45pm on Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> September 2018 following a site meeting at The Astbury at 6.30pm.**

**Present:** Cllrs R Woods (Chairman), P Thomas (Vice Chairman), A Cadwallader, A Davies, M Williams, R Bebb, D Garrett.

**Clerk:** Mrs F Morris

**Parishioners:** 2 plus 2 Highley PC Cllrs.

The Chairman apologised for the late start (8.15pm) due to the site meeting at The Astbury over running.

## **0. Parishioner's time:**

The parishioner expressed his concern regarding The Astbury proposed plans. Some points he raised were:

- 9 members of staff at present will be reduced to 3 come September when the golf course closes.
- Concern re: numbers of lodges proposed, 70% occupancy could give 500-700 extra people per week.
- Infrastructure not there to cope with this large development.
- Astbury Lane well used despite the fact that it should not have been when the previous planning permission was granted
- Bridge by the waterfall has been rebuilt at a high cost.
- State that there will be minimal disruption from the lodges but there is already noise/light pollution from the current lodges at Astbury.
- The development looks likely to go ahead at a cost of £55million.
- Suggest a s106 is a condition of the planning application for the roads, particularly at the Cankhorn to be resurfaced, proper sewerage systems and car parking properties at Astbury.

Chairman pointed out that it had been suggested that a meeting is held with the planners, owners and reps from all parish councils to talk about traffic issues.

It was also pointed out that no traffic will use the lane who are visiting The Astbury as this will be from the main drive.

The resident thanked Councillors for listening.

## **1. Apologies for absence:**

None – although email received from Cllr Tindall on Clerk's return home giving his apologies as he was held up at another meeting.

Police apologised for not being available.

## **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.

### 3. Minutes of last meeting held on 24<sup>th</sup> July 2018:

These had been circulated with the agenda and with an alteration on page 143 should read £51 million not £15million (The Astbury). With this amendment it was **RESOLVED that the minutes be signed and the Chairman signed these accordingly.**

### 4. Matters arising from minutes:

a) Clerk's update:

Reply from SC re: parish problems:

- Covert Lane road is getting worse especially at the Sutton junction and down towards the bridge. – **Order issued to Kier for repair of safety defects**
- The whole road through the parish needs attention. – **Shropshire council is aware of the condition of the highway through Chelmarsh parish and several sections of the B4555 have been identified for capital schemes in the forward works programme.**
- The tarmac has been damaged along the Bulls Head straight by tractors from the South Staffs Water – tar melting in the heat hasn't helped! – **This is an annual problem with the surface dressing at the entrance to the field. I will monitor and raise any works if needed.**
- Along Ingram Lane toward Highley the road edges have dropped 3-4". – **Any safety defects will be issued to Kier following monthly safety inspections to be carried out in next few days.**
- Parking on the bends at Bakehouse Lane is causing problems – is there anything that can be done here? – **Will pass this issue onto traffic engineer to assess**
- We were promised by Alice Dilly to arrange for the white lines to be repainted along the Bulls Head straight and also the faded signs to be replaced – is this still on the 'to do' list? We also requested the speed limit be reduced from 40mph to 30mph – do you know if this has been put forward? – **I am unaware of any plans for a reduced speed limit through Chelmarsh, I will check the outstanding lining/signing works to see if there are any orders for the Bulls Head straight.**

Cobblers Row light – this is not on the inventory but Cllrs confirm that it is owned by the PC. Clerk has located a file regarding street lighting and will look at the paperwork.

Bakehouse Lane light – Cllr Garrett met with Eon who found no fault with the light but the lamp post is leaning and the Eon Electrician was going to report this.

The Astbury: see attached appendix re: site visit

It appears that a major concern is the infrastructure and traffic calming. A suggestion was made that all traffic visiting The Astbury from Bridgnorth should use the by pass and Half way House Lane with this lane being widened and traffic coming from Bewdley should access this in the same way but travelling through Billingsley and therefore cutting out Highley.

A footpath should be created by the Swan Inn at Knowle Sands as this is a dangerous stretch of road.

The numbers of the chalets in the original planning application had been reduced and now with this proposed application will be greatly increased. They were also originally to be sold to individuals as holiday homes and would therefore expect reduced access requirements than the proposal by The Astbury.

Concern expressed that there are already 3 other developments in the parish for holiday lets which have been approved by Shropshire Council in recent months.

It was **agreed to write to Mr Steven asking him to arrange the meeting regarding traffic calming and that 2 representatives from Chelmarsh, Eardington and Highley PC's together with the Unitary Cllrs should be invited to attend.**

Cllr Garrett will attend the Public meeting at Eardington to listen to the proposals on September 24<sup>th</sup>.

## **5. Planning applications/permissions/refusals:**

a) Reference: 18/03289/FUL (validated: 26/07/2018)

Address: Ashwick House, Chelmarsh, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6BA

Proposal: Erection of a link side extension and reinstatement of existing access and associated works

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Edward Grainger

Comments sent to SC need approval. As these were required prior to this meeting Clerk emailed out to all Cllrs who had no objections.

b) Reference: 18/01467/FUL (validated: 09/04/2018)

Address: Agricultural Building West of Hampton Loade Ferry, Hampton Loade, Bridgnorth, Shropshire

Proposal: Application under Section 73a of the Town & Country Planning Act 1990 for the conversion of disused building to a Holiday Let

Decision: Grant Permission

c) Reference: 18/02003/FUL (validated: 11/05/2018)

Address: Riddings Farm, Chelmarsh, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6BA

Proposal: Erection of a rear extension and other minor alterations including front porch and roofworks.

Decision: Grant Permission

d) Reference: 18/03338/FUL (validated: 23/08/2018)

Address: Hall Farm House, Chelmarsh, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6AZ

Proposal: Erection of detached triple garage with habitable accommodation above following demolition of existing steel framed flat roof car port and reconfiguration of entrance gates and drive

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Mastrobuono (Grange Farm Court, Eardington, Bridgnorth, WV16 5JT).

Councillors raised no objections to this application providing this has the support of the local highways department. It was **RESOLVED to send this comment in to SC.**

e) Reference: 18/03949/FUL (validated: 31/08/2018)

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

Proposal: Erection of a detached 3 bay garage

Applicant: Mr D Carter (The Grange, Chelmarsh, Bridgnorth, WV16 6AZ)

Councillors discussed this application and had no objection providing the garage did not impede the public right of way.

Councillors also asked that a condition be put on this building so this could not be converted into a dwelling in the future.

Councillors **RESOLVED to support this application with these comments being made to SC**

f) Any received after issue of agenda:  
None.

**6. Financial matters:**

a) Accounts to be paid:

Clerk's fees (paid standing order) plus new salary increase - £xxx, HMRC PAYE - £14.20 (September) and £75.40 (August). Clerk had received a new tax coding which had been implemented.

G Barklam account £300 – the Clerk had to re-issue the cheque agreed in July as it had been invoiced incorrectly. Cllr Thomas will contact Mr Barklam for the return of the original cheque.

Chelmarsh Parish Hall Account (Summer activities) - £82, Clerk's expenses - £109.21 includes difference in salary to standing order.

Any others received after issue of agenda:

Eon Energy - £61.64 (street light repair)

It was **RESOLVED that all these accounts are paid.**

b) Bank statement/Bank reconciliation: Initialled by Cllr Davies. Clerk will produce quarterly bank reconciliation next month

**7. Parish problems:**

a) Broadband – Cllr Thomas:

Airband is only possible for the 6 cottages at the top of Hampton Loade so those in the bottom cannot get fibre. Clerk was asked to write to Cllr Tindall asking him to pursue this again as there are several businesses down there who are suffering badly.

b) Any other problems:

Road sign rusted off and lying in the hedge bank just passed the School Lane junction towards Highley.

Fly tipping had been reported to the Clerk who had contacted SC. No further reports had been made so it is assumed that this has been dealt with.

**8. Reports (if available):**

a) Unitary Cllr Tindall – no report available.

b) Police: Emails received from PCSO Sue Eden:

I'm on duty on the 23rd so will pop along.

We have been monitoring speed in the area, but as always no one does it when the police car is there.

If you could mention about leaving lights on in the house when out now the darker nights are here and to make sure out buildings and sheds are secure as we are starting to see a rise in shed burglaries across the area.

c) Parish Hall Committee: Next meeting 26/9/18. Cllr Garrett will ask if there is any money available towards resurfacing the playground.

**9. Correspondence:** includes emails forwarded to Cllrs which are noted as received unless comments made:

- Information Bulletins
- Invitation to the Stakeholder Engagement Day for LTP4 - Local Transport Plan for Shropshire on Wednesday 19 September 2018
- Fundamentals for Councillors training - Wednesday 26th September 2018, 5.30pm - 7.30pm at

- Eon reply re: Street light - we have only ever included for 4 lights on your maintenance. These 4 lights have been changed to LED. Dealt with earlier. The light on Bakehouse Lane was tested for an hour and no fault found.
- Community Enablement Team Review
- Correspondence from Mr Moore, Astbury re; The Astbury.
- SC - Banner application process in Shropshire: Clerk had checked if the Cricket Club would need permissions for the banner and received the following reply: I have checked on this point with the Network Manager and his response is, 'As long as there are no visibility issues, which it sounds like there isn't they would not require our permission as the banner is not attached to highway furniture'
- An offer from PCC John Campion – Smartwater Campaign – Put on agenda for next month.
- Letter re: Unicorn Inn Campsite – Clerk explained contents which were for information only.
- New Parents Mental Health
- Be a Better Councillor training - 27th September 2017 - CANCELLED
- Any other correspondence received after issue of agenda:
- CIL money - £5662.22 held by SC.
- Cricket Club provided Clerk with plan off drains on cricket field.
- FP12a Path Diversion - Riddings Farm - Approved by SC.
- Town and Parish Council Forum Presentation – Clerk will forward to Cllrs.

**10. Policy updates:**

- Standing Orders – approved and **RESOLVED to adopt these.**
- Risk assessment – **RESOLVED that this is approved and signed by Chairman.**

**11. Date next meeting:**

23<sup>rd</sup> October 2018. Chairman gave his apologies for this meeting.

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.50pm.**

Cheques written:

Chelmarsh Parish Hall - £82

Clerk's expenses - £109.21

HMRC PAYE (August) - £75.40

HMRC PAYE (September) – 14.20

Eon Energy - £61.64

Signed: Chairman

Date: