

Chelmarsh Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 23rd January 2024 at 7.30pm in Chelmarsh Parish Hall.

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

PC Nick Nolan

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

Parishioners: None

Chairman welcomed PC Nick Nolan to the meeting.

PC Nolan introduced himself as our new Officer covering our area and hopes to be in post for at least a year, hopefully longer. He was previously in the Met Police and has been in Bridgnorth for 4 years. He asked the Councillors what the priorities were, which are currently 1. Speeding, 2. Anti-social behaviour (dog fouling, littering) and 3. Rural Crime.

These are still the same and the following info was given:

1. Speeding – including overtaking along by the Bulls Head. PC Nolan confirmed that he had emailed for statistics for RTA's and would report back to PC when received. He will do speed checks.

Overtaking was noted and he will be keeping an eye on this.

Will speak to Accident Reduction Officer regarding reducing the speed limit to 30mph.

2. Dog fouling is a problem. He queried if bags are available for people to use. Whilst we do not provide these people will let their dogs loose on the playing field, despite signs saying they must be on leads and do not pick up after their dogs.
3. Rural crime – although not badly affected here (according to figures he had been given), it is travelling criminality. We can sign up to the 'We don't buy crime.' PC Nolan was asked if cameras/signs could be put up as people are walking across farmland and leaving gates open. Locks have been out on internal gates. This is OK.

PC Nolan would take away the Council's concerns and report back. Chairman thanked him for attending and he left the meeting.

0) Parishioner's time: None present.

Meeting commenced at 7.40pm.

1) Apologies for absence: Cllr Thomas and Shropshire Cllr Tindall., these were noted as received.

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 – 28th November 2023.

These had been circulated with the agenda, and it was proposed, seconded, and **RESOLVED that the minutes were signed as a true record.**

4) Matters arising from minutes:

a) Clerk's update:

Drains – Hampton Loade from Andy Wilde:

Thank you for your email, I have spoken to the Local Highway Technician who informs me that he has contacted you regarding the cleansing of the drains, I am aware that there is a problem due to a low bridge, we will be looking at the possibility of gaining access to a smaller vehicle, to complete similar jobs across the south.

Hedges opposite Garland House and trees @ Cut throat: Reply from Andy Keyland:

When we did the walk through for the hedges it was highlighted but on site it was not obvious that the hedge at this location was Shropshire council – there was no double hedge as we have on the other sites we did deal with. If we had removed the hedge the field would not have a boundary fence which was stock proof so we need to speak to the field owner, subsequent Land registry search identified that the boundary is further back and Shropshire council own approximately 2.5m strip of the field which includes the hedge.

Plan is to speak to land owner to establish new boundary and erect stock proof fence to enable us to remove the hedge.

Submitted on Friday, 29th December 2023 10:24am Submitted by anonymous user: 90.221.159.128

Submitted values are:

Type of Fault: Report Anything Else

Location: PAVEMENT. Approaching the church from Bulls Head, in dire need of sweeping, branches and detrius cover the footway. Dangerous trip hazard.

b) Any others: none.

5) Planning applications/permissions/refusals received:

a) Reference: 24/00053/FUL (validated: 08/01/2024)

Address: Dinney Farm, Chelmarsh, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6AU

Proposal: Erection of office/laundry

Applicant: Dinney Farm Country Cottages Ltd (Mr and Mrs Keith Hornby, Dinney Farm, Chelmarsh, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6AU).

Cllrs raised no objections to this application, subject to building Regs being adhered to.

It is a single storey, low level building and would not be visible.

RESOLVED to accept.

b) Any received after issue of agenda: none received.

Clerk pointed out that according to the SC Planning portal the application for the drainage works at the Kings Arms site had been withdrawn.

6) Reports:

a) Shropshire Councillor's report:

Thank you also for accepting my apologies for this evening's meeting- as you know I find it difficult to drive in the dark in wet weather and oncoming headlights dazzle me.

My report is brief.

First, I am delighted that PC Nicholas Nolan will be attending, and I will take the opportunity to introduce myself as the local Shropshire Councillor- perhaps you would be kind and tell him that, please?

Secondly, I continue to press for improvements to the highway particularly potholes which the Highway Technician for Ditton Priors, Jason Davis, said he would pass onto his colleague who deals with the Chelmarsh area.

I will continue to keep my eye on this.

If anyone has any queries or problems do, please let me know.

b) Police – see beginning of the meeting.

c) Parish Hall - Chairman pointed out that the committee are busy planning, booking acts, etc for the fete.

A request to use the hardstanding playground for parking for the pantomime was permitted by the Chairman who notified the Clerk.

7) Finance:

a) Accounts for payment:

- Clerks' salary – standing order
- HMRC PAYE - £106.20
- E-on – street maintenance contract - £35.68
- Any other accounts received after issue of agenda.
- Wicksteed Leisure - £158.40

RESOLVED that Clerk pays these via online banking.

b) Income since last meeting – £19.26 Nov (clothes bank)

c) Precept/Budget – Clerk provided all the required documents and Cllrs went through each item (papers attached) and it was **RESOLVED to set a precept of £13,936.00 which shows a % increase by the Parish Council.**

8) Parish problems:

Problems raised by Cllrs:

- Branch sticking out of hedge, along footpath next to Meadowcroft and the pavement requires sweeping.
- Fridge dumped at the bottom entrance of Tinswell House.
- The Yeomans/No turning sign post rotted away.
- Bend on the Hampton Loade Road below Sutton Farm House is being eroded further. SC have been to look at this, but nothing has happened to fix the problem. Landowner says he will put metal posts in as his fence will soon be ruined.
- Potholes down Hampton Loade – reported on Fix My Street.
- Large vehicles eroding the road edges on the bends towards the Church.

Highley Health and Wellbeing Group/Medical Practice:

Chairman reported that work has started, and he gave a brief update of planned services, but would know more about other services at the next meeting.

Any others:

Chairman gave an update on the Chairman's meeting he took part in which dealt with Martyn's Law. This follows the explosion at the Manchester Arena and is the biggest security event since GDPR. This is all in early stages and much more will be coming out regarding this.

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

- SALC Information Bulletins
- Electoral Roll
- Martyn's Law - Important message
- Training Programme
- Shropshire Council is undertaking Community Governance Reviews, focusing on the parish boundaries of five areas within Shropshire.

- Streetlighting LED Replacement Programme Update – *ours are all LED.*
- Dec Edition of Civility and Respect Newsletter
- Met Office Online Community Resilience Training Prospectus
- Buglife - B-Lines local authorities managing green spaces for pollinators online launch event 24th Jan.
- PCC newsletter - December 2023
- Insurance Co - Winter safety and risk management tips for councils
- SALC - Flood Grants
- SALC - ASC preventative grants
- Road Closure - A458 Stourbridge Road, Stanmore 5th – 8th April 9am -4pm
- SALC - Storm Henk Grants
- Road Closure - B4363 Deuxhill to Billingsley
- Road Closure - B4555 Chelmarsh to Upper Forge
- SALC - Emergency Planning - session 4 26th January 2024, 10am - 3pm at Shirehall, Shrewsbury
- SALC - Good News - Shropshire Carer Support Team is extending the hours for the Carer Support Line
- SALC - Training Events - Fundamentals for Councillors - 14th February 2024 and Chairmanship Skills 15th February 2024 and 22nd February
- SALC - D Day 80 6th June 2024

Any other after issue of agenda:

SALC - UPDATE TO Emergency Planning Session 4 - 10am - 3pm Friday 26th January 2024 at Shirehall Shrewsbury

Information Solutions - The UK telephone network is changing – are you ready?

Kyle Gordon confirmed as next Chief Constable for West Mercia Police

10) Date of next meeting: 27th February 2024

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

Payments authorised:

Clerk's salary – standing order/alteration to standing order.

HMRC – £106,20 January

Wicksteed - £158.40

E-on Energy - £35.68 - second half yearly maintenance contract payment

Signed: Chairman

Date: