

Chelmarsh Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held in the Parish Hall on Tuesday 23rd July 2024 at 7.30pm.

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

Shropshire Cllr R Tindall

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

Parishioners: Nil

0) Parishioner's time: None present.

1) Apologies for absence: Cllr P Thomas – apologies noted.

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 – 25th June 2024:

These had been circulated with the agenda and it was **RESOLVED** that these were accepted as a true record, signed accordingly.

At this point the Chairman proposed that we brought item 6a Shropshire Cllr's report forward.

6a) Shropshire Cllr R Tindall report:

- Cllr Tindall thanked Cllrs for allowing him to give his report early.
- The Railwayman's Retreat had been passed by planning with conditions. Cllr Tindall was challenged regarding this.
- Household Recycling Centre saved at Bridgnorth but will close one day per week and a booking service will be introduced. Cllrs felt that this was not a very good idea as some people may not be able to book online (can phone too), especially the elderly and often people visit the centre in conjunction with other trips to Bridgnorth or load a car with rubbish on impulse!
- If booked, then help will be available to help you unload at Bridgnorth.
- Charge will be introduced for collecting green waste from 1/10/24.
- More money will be available for pothole repairs, not sure if this is ring fenced.
- SC will be bringing back some of their own staff – blocked gullies, own staff will do.
- 3 senior members of staff have taken voluntary redundancy.
- Oak Farm, Ditton Priors to move to Lower Sutton Farm, Chelmarsh.

Chairman thanked Cllr Tindall for his report, and he left the meeting. Cllr Tindall asked Clerk to copy him in with any problems.

4) Matters arising from minutes:

a) Clerk's update:

Sutton finger post:

Cllr Bebb informed the Clerk that the finger post had been taken away by Alan Walker.

Akan Walker quoted £1800 for the work and additional arms and requested wording for the extra 2 arms - BRIDGNORTH 4 1/2 miles, BILLINGSLEY 3 miles and it was **RESOLVED that this work is carried out and when it is ready to notify Clerk so the siting of this can be approved with SC to avoid this being hit again.**

b) Any others – verges cut by last week. Church Lane junction cut by resident.

The bench at The Yeomans had been reported as needing attention. Who does this belong to? Cllr Garrett will go and have a look at the bench. Clerk will check minute books to see if there is any reference to it.

Chairman had spoken to Jenny Green regarding the funds the PC are holding from the closed Youth Club, and she confirmed this could be used for anything for the benefit of the community.

5) Planning applications/permissions/refusals received:

a) 24/01397/FUL The Railwayman's Retreat Hampton Loade- Result of Agenda Setting Meeting on Thursday 27 June.

Dealt with earlier.

b) Any received after issue of agenda:
None.

6) Reports: (if available)

a) Shropshire Councillor's report- given earlier.

b) Police – no report but email confirm we now have a new PCSO.

c) Parish Hall – fete went well, although no final figure has been given yet, but the gate was up this year.

7) Finance:

a) Accounts for payment:

- Clerks' salary – standing order. HMRC PAYE - £106.00. Clerk's expenses - £75.51
- Eon – street lighting maintenance contract -£35.68 (half yearly)
- Web Orchard – website domain name renewal - £246.24 – **RESOLVED to pay this subject to discussions on change of domain to gov.uk**
- Any other accounts received after issue of agenda. Account due from Gary Barklam.

b) Income since last meeting – to be updated at meeting

c) Clerk's salary update:

Clerk pointed out that her salary rates had changed from April 2024 and requested that her salary was revised to the new rates. She is now being paid up to SCP23 rates, backdated to April. It was **RESOLVED to increase the salary as per recommendations.**

Clerk also asked that the PC consider out-sourcing the PAYE, as suggested by SALC, as if there is a problem she is constantly on the phone for hours trying to get through to HMRC. SALC recommended using Diane Malley Payroll Services, who charges £120 per annum plus £30 set up charge, after discussions it was **RESOLVED that this service was accepted and the Clerk hands this over.**

d) To approve 1st quarter accounts – Clerk had sent these out separately and provided copies at the meeting. After discussions/explanations it was **RESOLVED that these accounts were accepted.**

8) Parish problems:

Problems raised by Cllrs.

- Complaint re: footpath from The Yeomans to Church corner along B4555 – Clerk had reported this.
- Cllr Garrett were waiting for the weeds under the hedge, adjoining to part of this footpath, to be treated.
- Silt removal – roads swept and felt there were no problems.
- The footbridge over the Borle brook had been washed away in 2007 connecting Chelmarsh to Glazeley and still had not been replaced. Clerk will report again.
- Willow tree cleared off Church Lane that had fallen across the road by a resident.
- Potholes/verges need repairing – possibly caused by South Staffs when silt moving.

9) Correspondence: including Emails sent to Cllrs: Noted as received, unless comments made:

- SALC Information Bulletins
- Electoral Roll alterations
- Chelmarsh Reservoir Bird Hides – update – Cllr Woods had emailed the lady in question, advising her to contact South Staffs Water, Environmental Project, but had not received any feedback.
- Letter Re; Clothes bank payments
- Acknowledgement of Audit papers
- Speed Enforcement [#280354099]
- Restore Verges in Three Shropshire Parishes Project
- News from West Mercia PCC - PCC calls on town and parish councils to help shape future of policing in West Mercia
- SALC - Survey launched to get the views of your council
- Lezley's Leader Update
- Early Help Update - July 2024
- StreetScene - grass cutting briefing note
- RAF Shawbury Helicopter Liaison Group
- Community Governance Review
- SALC - Updated NALC Legal Topic Note 79 - Staff pensions
- Any other after issue of agenda:
Highley PC re: Route 45 letter received from Severn Valley Railway. It was felt that there was a need to speak to SC regarding this problem, as the footpaths need reinstating/maintenance and potholes/slats on the bridge need repairing/replacing. Cllrs are happy to attend a meeting regarding this when Highley PC have a date.
- The white lining and reinstatement of the studs, as promised has not happened! Clerk will chase.

10) Date of next meeting: 24th September 2024

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.35pm.

Payments approved/made:

Clerk – Mrs F Morris salary

HMRC - £106.00

Clerk's expenses - £75.51

Eon-Energy - £35.68

Info Solutions - £246.24 (subject to queries)

Signed: Chairman

Date: