

## Chelmarsh Parish Council

**Chelmarsh Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 23<sup>rd</sup> March 2021 at 7.30pm via Zoom video-conferencing.**

**Present:** Cllrs R Woods (Chairman), P Thomas (Vice Chairman), D Garrett, A Cadwallader.  
**Clerk:** Mrs F Morris

It was sad to announce that Cllr Mike Williams had passed away. Mike was a valuable member of the PC and will be sadly missed by his family and all who knew him. A minute silence was held in memory of Mike.

**0. Parishioner's time:** None present.

**1. Apologies for absence:** Cllr A Davies (unable to operate Zoom). **RESOLVED to accept the apologies.** S. Cllr Tindall unable to log onto Zoom.

**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 received.**

**3. Minutes of last meeting** held on 23<sup>rd</sup> February 2021.

These had been circulated with the agenda and it was **RESOLVED to accept and sign as a true record.**

**4 Matters arising from minutes:**

a) Clerk's update:

- Covert Lane should have been completed today. It was confirmed that the closure signs have been removed.
- Elections – signs have been put up on noticeboards and papers handed out to all prospective candidates. Clerk urged everyone to have their papers validated asap.

b) Any others

- Chairman confirmed that he had completed the SALC survey.
- Clerk urged everyone to complete the Phlebotomy survey.
- Cllr Garrett had attended the SALC Area Committee meeting last night and pointed out that the speaker talked about climate Change. He was concerned that (if he had understood it correctly) there would be no gas/LPG in Shropshire by 2025 and wanted all houses to be eco-friendly. Clerk will check this with SALC.
- Chairman reported that the initial ball strike report for the Cricket Club is suggesting a fence to be erected around the field 57' high. This is currently being discussed with SC.

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

**a) Reference:** 20/05230/FUL (validated: 16/12/2020)

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

**Proposal:** Erection of a detached swimming pool building

**Decision:** Grant Permission

b) Any received after issue of agenda:

Reference: 21/01100/FUL (validated: 16/03/2021)

Address: 3 Covert Lane, Chelmarsh, Bridgnorth, WV16 6BH

Proposal: Erection of a first floor side extension and rear porch

Applicant: Mr S Shakespeare

Councillors were unable to open this on the planning portal so no comments were made. Clerk will email Planning regarding this.

## 6. Finance:

- a) To approve payments:  
Clerk's salary – paid Standing Order.  
HMRC PAYE - £  
Clerk's expenses - £95.44, including  
SALC – invoice £30 Clerk year end a/c training session
- b) Any other accounts received after issue of agenda – it was queried if Gary Barklam had carried out the work on the replacement posts at the playing field. Clerk confirmed she had authorised the work but had not received an invoice. Cllr Garrett offered to go and have a look if the work has been done. Agreed to pat the account if work completed.
- c) Income received - £4.81 clothes bank
- d) Burial Grant update - Clerk has received no further information, including

advice from MP, and from checking with other Clerks as the money had already been precepted for and that due to the conflicting advice received to date payments had been made.

After discussions it was **RESOLVED to pay the burial grants this year but to make the Church aware that this may not be able to be paid next year. We are aware of the previous advice given regarding payments of this grant but Churches, like everyone else, have been able to fundraise during the pandemic so the payment was agreed.**

## 7, Reports: (if available);

Shropshire Cllr Tindall – unable to join Zoom meeting but sent this email confirming that he will be standing again as a candidate for the Brown Clee Division as the official Conservative candidate.

He asked that if anything occurs from the meeting that needed his attention to let him know.

Police – no report but Clerk has sent out their newsletters to Cllrs.

Parish Hall Committee – AGM to be held via Zoom. The earliest the hall was due to open was 17<sup>th</sup> May but it will be used as a polling station on 6<sup>th</sup> May

## 8. Correspondence: emails sent to Cllrs: Please bring any comments you would like to make on any items to the meeting.

- Monthly alterations to the Electoral Register
- SC – Joint Energy Scheme. Chairman had looked at this and said all OK.
- Police newsletters – emailed out.
- Severn Salmon and Sea Trout Protection Byelaws 2021
- Came & Co pre renewal message
- SALC:
- SALC Information Bulletins
- Training programme – please let Clerk know if you would like to attend any sessions
- How Town & Parish Councils can communicate and engage in Post-Lockdown World – free webinar 7<sup>th</sup> July 10.30am-12noon.
- Climate Action Declarations – this is to improve the carbon footprint. We have changed street lights over to LED but nothing else we can do.

- South Shropshire Climate Action

Any other items received after issue of the agenda:

- RBLI – Preparation for VE Day
- RAF Shawbury essential night flying
- Armed Forces Outreach Support
- Handling Difficult situations training – 22<sup>nd</sup> April
- Planning training – 2<sup>nd</sup>, 16<sup>th</sup>, 30<sup>th</sup> June - £95 per person
- Community Resource update – Coronavirus

**9. Parish problems:**

- Broken sign lying on grass verge opposite the drive to Astbury Hall – lots of others showing signs of corrosion.
- Potholes on the bend above Astbury Hall turn.
- Ingram Lane potholes
- School Lane potholes – still waiting for reply from SALC who have referred this back to SC.
- Drain put in last year on School Lane is getting silted up with debris coming off adjoining field.
- Arm missing off finger post at Hampton Loade – pointing to Severn Valley (by T junction pointing to reservoir)
- Cllr Garrett asked if the speed limit signs could be changed to signs which flash the speed of the vehicle. Chairman pointed out that these were very expensive when the present signs were put up hence why they were not installed.

**10. Date of next meeting – 27<sup>th</sup> April 2021 and Annual Parish meeting.**

After discussions it was agreed to hold the Annual Parish Meeting at 7pm prior to the PC meeting on 27<sup>th</sup> April, 2021 in order to conform with regulations and hold a face to face meeting at a later date when circumstances permit.

Clerk reported that Cllr Williams funeral will be held on Saturday 27<sup>th</sup> March at 1.30pm but due to current restrictions only 30 were allowed in Church. Mrs Williams had invited the Clerk but if another member of the PC preferred to attend the Clerk was willing to stand back. It was agreed that the Clerk should represent the PC.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.34pm.

Accounts paid:

Clerk – Mrs F Morris – standing order £xxx

Clerk's expenses - £95.44

HMRC PAYE - £

SALC - £30

G Barklam - £

Signed: Chairman

Date: