

Chelmarsh Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 26th February 2019 at 7.30pm in Chelmarsh Parish Hall.

Present: Cllrs R Woods (Chairman), P Thomas (Vice Chairman), M Williams, R Bebb, D Garratt, A Davies, A Cadwallader.
Shropshire Cllr R Tindall
Clerk; Mrs F Morris
Parishioners: 1

0. Parishioner's time:

Parishioner raised the question as to why had there been speed camera vans at Oldbury 3 times recently yet Chelmarsh cannot get one. Chairman thought that this was all to do with the road diversion.

1. Apologies for absence:

No apologies.

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 held on 22ND January 2019:

These had been circulated with the aged and it was **RESOLVED** that these be accepted as a true record and Chairman signed these accordingly.

4. Matters arising from minutes:

a) Clerk's update:

Reply from SC re: problems raised:(reply in red)

- Chevrons still lying in the hedgebank at Kings Arms/Sutton junction. – **Job issued - 844801**
- Finger post broke on the main road by the Bulls Head. **Job issued - 355675**
- Post broken off just passed the School Lane junction – reported this several times now. Andy said the post was on order. **Job Issued - 839307**
- Covert Lane getting worse between Sutton junction and the bridge – **Due to be inspected in February during quarterly inspections**

Thank you for the temporary pothole filling but we are aware that there is still a bad patch just over the railway bridge into Eardington – could you look at this please? **Several jobs outstanding for this section. Currently programmed**

Reply from Graham Downes - Grit bins – The bin has been put out outside Manor Farm today – this is owned/provided by the farmer and the grit is used by them to grit the banks (not their own personal use). They regularly pull vehicles up the banks and throw grit across the road as this is a particularly bad section of road which we are sure you are aware of. Could you please arrange to fill this bin and also check that the bins at Hampton Loade have been filled – we did send in a request for a further bin on this road but Andy didn't think there was a need.

I refer to both your recent emails - we will do our utmost to assist but I cant promise we can get around all locations today in advance of any snowfall tonight.
It does take a number of weeks to get around all of the locations in the division to fill all of the bins.

SALC - Buckingham Palace Garden Party;

We are delighted to announce that the successful nominations drawn to go to the Buckingham Palace Garden Party on 29th May are:

Councillor Robert Kynaston – Alberbury with Cardeston Parish Council
Councillor Martyn Edwards – Donnington with Muxton Parish Council
Our congratulations to both Councillors, we wish you and your guests a very enjoyable day.

SC – Bring Banks Collections: Thank you for your email. I have saved your comment from Chelmarsh Parish Council for the attention of the Waste Services Manager and for inclusion in the Bring Banks consultation. I will ensure your feedback is incorporated into the analysis work being undertaken by my team.

Any other matters raised: Nothing further raised.

5. Planning applications/permissions/refusals:

At this point The Astbury was discussed:

Shropshire Cllr Tindall confirmed that these applications will go to Committee on 12th March, 2pm at Shirehall with a site visit on 11th March – time to be confirmed. Cllr Woods will attend on 12th March and speak on behalf of the Parish Council and Cllr Tindall offered to 'book this' with Linda Jeavons.

Cllrs discussed this application at length once again, in particular highway issues and **agreed to send a letter to Shropshire Council Planning highlighting the following:**

We cannot stress enough the unsuitability and very poor state repair of the B4555 from Bridgnorth to Highley and serious concerns have been expressed.

- Bakehouse Lane, Chelmarsh is an accident black spot which has caused major concern to residents with many 'near misses' including cars mounting the pavement to avoid overtaking vehicles and vehicles from north attempting to overtake turning vehicles into Bakehouse Lane on a regular basis. There was a really serious collision close to the Bull's Head last year and fatalities of pedestrians in this area in the memories of local people. Residents of Chelmarsh have requested that the speed limit through the village is reduced to 30mph from the current 40mph
- The B4555 coming from Highley through to Chelmarsh was originally designed as single track for horse drawn vehicles. Unfortunately, planners of the late 1700s and early 1800s did not foresee the level and size of traffic now, let alone the additional traffic resulting from this development. As a result, section of the B4555 known as Ingram Lane (Sutton to Highley) and the double bend at Sutton (site of former Kings Arms) is very narrow in places and with the outside wall of a number of houses inches from the road carriageway. This results in not enough room for 2 buses to pass in some, parts let alone large lorries carrying these lodges. Also, heavy traffic, like concrete mixers and stone lorries are causing damage to some of the properties with structural cracking now appearing in the property walls, many appearing during the construction of recent houses in Highley but will undoubtedly get worse if this development proceeds. Currently this road has unrestricted speed limit, given the twists and turns, narrow sections, poor visibility due to hedges and the proposed increase in traffic the speed limit needs to be reviewed. Again the collision analysis in the PJA report does not address collisions on this section of road as the police likely not called but in the past 5 years there have been incidents of cars landing in peoples gardens (3 in the space of a two week period for one property 2 years ago, resulting in Highways putting up a temporary "SLOW" sign which is still in place), demolishing walls and damaging the facing of a house. A few years further back in time there was also a serious head on collision between a car and the service bus on this road.
- On the B4555 there are numerous pinch points in Highley – through the village itself and as you drive passed the Severn Centre towards the entrance to Ashleigh Gardens there is a crossing point for the school/residents which regularly gets damaged by vehicles. Clee View is another pinch point with vehicles parked all along the side of the road in front of the row of houses, then a little further on by the old Castle Inn pub this is another pinch point due to

parked vehicles and just as you are going out of Highley into Chelmarsh this is another pinch point right on the brow.

- The B4555 road is crossed in Chelmarsh by the Route 45 Cycle Route and The Jack Mytton Way by pedestrians, cyclists and horse riders, just after a right-hand bend with limited visibility for both users of cycleway, bridle way and road users. With all the extra traffic this development could generate our roads and potentially more walkers and cyclists using the bridleway and cycleway this crossing going to be even more hazardous for all concerned, but in particular the more vulnerable users on foot and cycle.
- For traffic approaching the development from the north, there are 2 railway bridges in Eardington/Chelmarsh Parish, one a narrow 's' bend tight for two cars to pass and impossible for buses/lorries to pass on, and the other a low bridge on a very sharp bend which will lead into a potential queue of standing traffic awaiting to make a right turn into the proposed development. Will visitors to the area be aware of this and make allowances necessary for larger vehicles using this road?
- Chelmarsh Parish Council have suggested that two entrances to access the operational development are made, vehicles from the south using the current proposed access and vehicle from the north entering through the quarry entrance (which has been suggested for construction period, but not afterwards). This would alleviate issues with crossing the two Severn Valley Railway bridges and traffic queuing after a blind bend to make right turn into the site – why has this not been considered by Highways, Developers or their consultants?
- In the last 12 months there have been approximately 12 accidents on the road between Chelmarsh and The Astbury turn – drivers failing to negotiate bends or losing control on downhill sections of road. These accidents including car roll overs and vehicle going through hedges may not have been reported to the Police and therefore not recorded on any accident data base. A number of these have occurred on the section approaching the proposed development entrance from the south and others on the bend where the railway crosses the road for traffic approaching from the north. With the increased traffic proposed and potential of queuing traffic turning into the site the risk of these resulting in more serious events with collision between other vehicles is increased significantly. The reports prepared by the developer state that view angles are at the bare minimum for these sections of road, but this remains a major concern of the parish based on what has happened previously.
- For lorries coming via Bridgnorth delivering the lodges the junction of the B4363 onto the B4555 is a very difficult manoeuvre for drivers knowing the road let alone those who do not. The bridge over the River Severn in Low Town has been reported in the local press recently as the condition of the structure causing some concern. The amount of lorries that would use this road will add further wear and tear to this bridge during construction.
- The Halfway House Lane needs upgrading considerably as no doubt some construction traffic will try to use this road to avoid the by-pass bridge over the road just off the B4555 junction. Note what is happening currently with the closure of the B4555 for repairs at Knowle Sands, majority of traffic is not following the official diversion but using Halfway House Lane (any vehicle with a Sat Nav will be encouraged to use this road)
- It should be noted that this development has potential impact much wider than Chelmarsh and Astbury where it will be situated. Chelmarsh is on the West side of the River Severn, with most visitors to the site likely to come from the east of the River Severn and coming by road. Those coming from the south and east (M1, M42, M40, M5 and M50) will all be directed to cross the river at Bewdley, through the Wyre Forest, Kinlet and Highley. Those using Sat Nav will be directed down Borle Mill a very steep single-track lane totally unsuitable for the

proposed levels of traffic. Visitors coming from the north (M6, M1/A38 and M54) will be directed through Bridgnorth Low Town. Bridgnorth already becomes very congested on Saturdays in summer with market and tourists, this development will significantly add to this due to accommodation change-overs happening this day – large numbers of vehicles leaving in the morning and arriving in the afternoon.

- A letter on the Planning Portal from Burke Rickhards dated 22nd February states that the concerns raised by the Parish Council were addressed in their reply dated 20th February – can we have sight of this letter please?
- Chelmarsh Parish Council are extremely concerned that previous comments made regarding the general state of the B4555 have not been taken into account and that this should be dealt with prior to any work commencing. Of particular concern is a comment made by the developer's consultant, PJA, that it is the responsibility of Shropshire council to maintain the B4555 "SC are responsible for maintenance of the highway to an appropriate standard" and appear to agree with the residents of Chelmarsh that the condition of the road is "in very poor condition". Chelmarsh Residents have seen no evidence of maintenance in the past 10 years with the exception of pot hole filling and a bit of patching. It is essential that the condition of this road is addressed and resolved prior to this development starting if it is to be approved. There are also issues in Eardington and Highley Parishes which will be on the access routes for vehicles to the site.
- The report from PJA dated 15/1/18 (but includes comments from a meeting with SC on 6/2/19!) puts the main causation factor for accidents as speed and care & attention. Experience from Chelmarsh residents is that painting "SLOW" on roads and erecting a few signs does not work. The collision history is significantly underreported in Chelmarsh, does not a number of potentially fatal near misses which have occurred in Chelmarsh village and does not reflect the knowledge of local people who live in the areas affected.
- Could you please confirm if any of this development attracts CIL money?

a) Reference: 19/00168/FUL (validated: 14/01/2019)

Address: Proposed Affordable Dwelling East Of, Spadeley Manor Farm, Chelmarsh, Bridgnorth, Shropshire

Proposal: Erection of an affordable 3 bedroom bungalow and parking off an existing access

Applicant: Mr & Mrs D & J Maiden (Park Barn, Chelmarsh, Bridgnorth, WV16 6BA)

Cllrs discussed this and **RESOLVED to accept these plans as this was an affordable dwelling for a local family.**

b) For information only:

Reference: 19/00428/AGR

Address: The Cottage, Ingram Lane, Chelmarsh

Proposal: Proposed agricultural building

Applicant: Mr Tony Dawson

c) Any plans received after issue of agenda – no further plans/

6. Financial matters:

a) Accounts to be paid:

Clerk's fees (paid standing order) £xx, Clerk's expenses £15.77, HMRC PAYE - £65.20, Quote for new notice board – Cllr Thomas will ask Mr Barklam and further quotes will be obtained.

SC street lighting account - £30.66

Any others received after issue of agenda – none.

It was **RESOLVED that these accounts be paid.**

b) Bank statement/Bank reconciliation – initialled by Cllrs.

c) Income - £1500 Environmental Maintenance grant

Credit due from Npower of £32.33 – Clerk has requested a cheque for this amount.

7. Parish problems:

Road Closure during work at Eardington – complaints. Clerk had dealt with the ongoing problems during the closure copying Chairman into emails.

The Astbury planning applications – dealt with earlier.

Dog mess on Jack Mytton Way. It was reported that dogs are fouling this route, some being bagged and left and wondered if a bin could be provided. Clerk will write to SC and suggested that perhaps they contact Cllr Cadwallader who would show them the area.

Potholes – Bakehouse Lane and Covert Lane.

8. Reports (if available):

a) Unitary Cllr Tindall – reported earlier.

b) Police – no report, apologies sent.

c) Parish Hall Committee – Email requesting 2 nominations from PC to serve on the committee – Cllrs Woods and Garrett agreed to serve. AGM 27th March 2019

9. Correspondence: includes emails forwarded to Cllrs: All noted as received unless comments made:

- Information Bulletins
- Police and Crime Commissioner/SALC - Import Message – Funding
- Missing footpath and signs
- SC - Supply of Electoral Register Data from Shropshire Council
- Shropshire Council - Bring Banks Consultation – confirmation of comments
- SC - Environmental Maintenance Grant - Chelmarsh Parish Council
- SALC - Place Plans Communication
- Western Power notifications – weather warnings
- SALC - Latest from the Voluntary and Community Sector Assembly.
- SALC - Future Fit Decision.
- SC - Right Home Right Place January Newsletter
- Tracey Johnson - Highley Place Plan Meeting in March 19th 10am-12noon Cllr Woods, Garrett and Clerk to attend)
- SALC - Letter regarding NHS Future Fit plus Media Release
- SALC - Briefing Note Community Enablement Team
- PCC Newsletter-Giving Victims a Voice
- SALC - Fundamentals for Councillors - Thursday 4th April 2019, 5.30pm - 7.30pm at Shirehall, Shrewsbury plus Updated SALC Training Programme 2019
- Any other correspondence received after issue of agenda
- SALC - Neighbourhood Planning training - Wednesday 26th June 2019, 10am - 3pm at The Lord Hill Hotel, Abbey Foregate, Shrewsbury SY2 6AX
- SALC - Budget Setting training - Tuesday 24th September 2019, 5.30pm - 7.30pm at Shirehall, Shrewsbury
- SALC - Recover! Shropshire DAAT Newsletter February 2019
- Nominations for Chelmarsh Parish Hall Management Committee – dealt with earlier'
- Website provider:
Dear Community Hub Customer,

We are pleased to inform you that our maintenance is now complete and that your community hub has been moved to our new server.
 You will notice that the site will now load over an SSL connection – this means that you will see the URL will start with https and that a padlock next to the address is shown.
 As always any questions please let me know.

Many thanks

Pete & The Web Orchard Team

- Will your Town or Parish Council help clean up this country? Great British Spring Clean 22 March - 23 April 2019
- Road closures: For information
- **Road Closure:** Love Lane, Cleobury Mortimer
- **Start Date:** 15th April 2019
- **End Date:** 17th April 2019
- **Purpose:** Road Closure: Sluice Valve Rebuild chamber Carriageway type 4 (up to 0.5 MSA) Job in Carriageway (10mm StoneMastic Asphalt).
- **Works Promoter:** Severn Trent Water
- **Works Promoter Ref:** LB9141201/000012043002
- **Enforcement pattern for Love Lane, Cleobury Mortimer:** 24hrs
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- **Road Closure:** Stockhall Lane, Hopton Wafers
- **Start Date:** 18th April 2019
- **End Date:** 18th April 2019
- **Purpose:** Road Closure: Tree Trimming - No excavation.
- **Works Promoter:** Western Power Distribution
- **Works Promoter Ref:** DY734M41340590904
- **Enforcement pattern for Stockhall Lane, Hopton Wafers:** 24hrs
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- **Road Closure:** Cleobury Mortimer 10K Running Race
- **Start Date:** 7th July 2019
- **End Date:** 7th July 2019
- **Purpose:** A 10K running race is taking place in and around cleobury Mortimer on 7th July 2019. The race will start at 10am and roads will be closed for various periods as necessary for the safety of the runners. The route is via; Love lane, Childe Rd, High St, Catherton Rd, Broome Park crossroads to Neen savage, Neen savage to Baveney Lane, Baveney lane to Six Ashes junction, Six Ashes junction to Nethercott Farm junction, Ronhill Lane, Ronhill Cr, The Hurst, Langland Rd, It is envisaged that all roads will all be open by midday.
- **Works Promoter:** Unknown (works_promoter)
- **Works Promoter Ref:** Unknown (promoter_works_ref)
- **Enforcement pattern for Cleobury Mortimer 10K Running Race:** All the time
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- **Road Closure:** Ronhill Lane, Neen Savage, Cleobury Mortimer
- **Start Date:** 2nd May 2019
- **End Date:** 2nd May 2019
- **Purpose:** Road Closure: Safe Access to Overhead BT structures for fibre cabling and jointing works on existing poles. Required for new customer connection. Works in conjunction with BC005CC1W0000IBWT5PFXLP1.
- **Works Promoter:** BT
- **Works Promoter Ref:** BC005CC1W0000IBWT5PFXLP2
- **Enforcement pattern for Ronhill Lane, Neen Savage, Cleobury Mortimer:** 09:30 - 15:30

A discussion took place regarding the Kings Arms site but as the PC had not received any notification regarding why this site was not proceeding, at present they could not pass any comments.

10. Date next meeting: 26th March 2019

Cheques paid:

Shropshire Council – streetlighting - £30.66

Mrs F Morris- £15.77 – salary difference in Sanding Order

HMRC PAYE - £65.20

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

Signed: Chairman

Date: