

Chelmarsh Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 22nd March 2022 at 7.30pm in Chelmarsh Parish Hall.

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

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Invited Guests: Mr R Bell and Mr R Bosworth -South Staffs Water

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

0) Parishioner's time:

Chairman welcomed Mr Bell and Mr Bosworth to the meeting to talk about the 2 main issues being sludge removal/state of roads and the road from the Sailing Club which is a National Cycle Route.

Mr Bosworth thanked Cllrs for the invite.

Mr Bosworth reported that the reservoir has been there since the 1960's and has not stopped pumping water since (except probably for 6/7 hours) and half a million people run off this.

He explained the process they go through and that they are heavily regulated on this site by Environment Agency and the site is manned/operated 24/7. DEFRA are aware of this site.

Since the site began, they have purchased land to put the sludge on and it is very difficult to pick when to carry out this work as they are heavily regulated. They try to move the sludge as quickly as possible to try to limit the disruption. If they become aware of problems, they will stop immediately. They have made a bigger storage area at Hampton Loade and have fields on the other side of the river they use too.,

The last work caused a lot of problems due to the weather – frost/rain. In the summer it causes dust. After listening to all comments made at the meeting Mr Bosworth took away the following regarding the sludge removal/roads:

1. Will use Facebook to notify residents when work will be carried out. Letter drops stopped due to Covid.
2. They will contract road sweeper to work all day rather than just at the end of the day.
3. Toolbox talks to be given to drivers moving sludge, awareness to include: Speed tractors are being driven and ask them to be aware of the current passing places so as not to cause further damage, try to dislodge some mud before going onto highway. Risk Assessment.
4. Time windows – try to avoid 3pm school time.
5. Not to put too much on the trailers – sometimes piled too high and it falls off.
6. When work has been completed put a message on Facebook to say it is finished.
7. South Staffs have agreed additional fields to use for sludge movements, some of which are closer to the treatment plant and increased storage capacity at the treatment plant so that the need for movements in poor weather conditions can be reduced.

They will probably be doing the removal again in the next few months on the fields which caused the problems the last time.

They have 5 different fields with 5 different entrances.

They will visit the sites when working to check all is ok and will continue to try to do better.

They will come back to another PC meeting,

Chairman pointed out that the other issue was the state of the lane from the 'T' junction to the Sailing Club with 2 very nasty potholes and a drain which is causing problems.

South Staffs have talked to Mr Stuart Bebb about the lane and ownership is being looked into but in the meantime South Staffs will repair the lane asap.

It was felt that the meeting had been successful for both sides and Chairman thanked them both for attending and they left the meeting at 8.20pm.

A parishioner suggested that perhaps a telephone number could be put on their signs saying who to contact in case of emergency like Highways and other Utilities do. Clerk will suggest this to South Staffs.

Chelmarsh Cricket Club, Treasurer came along to talk about the lease. The current lease was for 28 years from 1980, therefore this has long expired with neither party realising.

From the Cricket Club's side, the longer the term of the lease the better (perhaps 50 years) as this helps with costs of drawing these up and helps the Club with funding with longer leases.

They are happy with a 7year rent review as present. They own and insure the pavilion. They will be installing an electronic scoreboard as they have moved up a league.

Happy for the lease to be in Darren Strong's name as Cricket Club Treasurer and Richard Cook as Chairman and then Clerk and Chairman of the PC.

Parish Council meeting commenced 8.30pm.

1) Apologies for absence: Police and Shropshire Cllr R Tindall.

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.

Cllr Thomas items 5b and 5c – family member works at The Astbury. Clerk confirmed this was for information only.

Cllr Cole confirmed an interest in Chelmarsh Toddlers as bank signatory on their account which she was unaware of.

3) Minutes of last meeting – 21st February 2022:

These had been circulated with the agenda and it was **RESOLVED to accept these as a true record and Chairman signed these accordingly.**

4) Matters arising from minutes:

a) Clerk's update:

- Problems raised last month had all been reported but as yet not dealt with.
- Number of children for Jubilee mugs – 45 so far. Suggested order 72.
- Flag – Clerk will ask Church if there is a flagpole there which can be used.

b) Any others – none.

5) Planning applications/permissions/refusals received:

a) If any received after issue of agenda – none received

b) Re-development of Astbury Hall Estate to include the installation of 135 holiday let lodges with raised decked areas; office reception lodge; car parking areas; footpaths/cycle paths and roadways; installation of foul water treatment plants and refuse points (Valley Lodge Phase) - Astbury Hall

Astbury Bridgnorth Shropshire WV16 6AT. Ref. No: 18/05078/FUL | Status: **GRANT** | Case Type: Planning Application

c) Redevelopment of Astbury Hall Estate - Erection of bar/restaurant building with all associated works - Astbury Hall Astbury Bridgnorth Shropshire WV16 6AT.

Ref. No: 18/05159/FUL | Status: **GRANT** | Case Type: Planning Application

6) Reports: (if available)

a) Shropshire Councillor's report – no report

b) Police:

- Clerk confirmed that she had been asked for the 3 priorities in the Police Charter and assumed that these would be the same (speeding/overtaking, fly tipping, thefts from farms). Following a theft of a motor home last week it was suggested that it should perhaps say 'general thefts.' Clerk will email Police.
- Email received re: Smartwater. After discussions Clerk was asked to email for the criteria and costs.

c) Parish Hall:

- Clerk pointed out that the Treasurer had requested the dates the PC had used the hall – these had been forwarded and invoice awaited.
- Cllrs Woods and Cole attended the AGM where new members had come forward and joined the committee. The lease on the building is coming up again and unless there is a committee in place this will fall onto the Parish Council. Revenue at the moment is covering the costs but they do have money in the bank.

7) Cricket Club lease:

Clerk pointed out that this lease had expired and also 3 names on the lease had now passed away so this need updating asap.

After previous conversation with the Cricket Club Treasurer in 'parishioners time' Cllrs agreed the following:

- 50-year lease with 10-year break clauses.
- 10-year rent reviews.
- Cricket Club responsible for maintaining hedges/fences as per present lease.
- No hedges to be removed as per present lease.
- Pavilion is owned by the Cricket Club, and they are responsible for maintenance of it. If the Cricket Club no longer require this, they must remove this with approval of the Parish Council
- Club to pay half towards the cost of the new lease.

Clerk had contacted several Solicitors for quotes and they either did not do this or were not prepared to quote.

Quotes received from Johnathon Ritson, Bridgnorth - £450+VAT (fixed price) and Wellers Hedleys, as recommended by other Clerks at £850+VAT (fixed price). They deal with this work on a regular basis for Parish Councils.

It was **RESOLVED to accept the quote of £850+ VAT and instruct Wellers Hedleys to draw up the lease.**

8) Finance:

a) Accounts for payment:

Clerks' salary (including pay rise, approved by NALC, back dated to 1/4/21) - £xx. **RESOLVED to pay the difference between the Standing Order and the increase of £80.08.**

HMRC PAYE - £111.80 – **RESOLVED to pay.**

Clerk's expenses - £66.58 + £80.08 = £146.66. **RESOLVED to pay this cheque to Clerk.**

Parish Hall account – not yet received,

Donations agreed in precept - It is understood that the Jubilee Club is no longer in operation, but Clerk will look into this.

Clerk pointed out that there appears to be some discrepancies as to whether the Church Burial grants can be paid but is still looking into it.

E-on maintenance contract - £48 + VAT from 1st May 2022. **RESOLVED that Clerk completes the form and await the invoice.**

Any others after issue of agenda – none.

b) Income since last meeting - £19.25 (clothes bank).

c) NatWest Banking signature alterations/online banking application/debit card application.

- Debit card application completed - card to be sent out shortly.
- On-line banking – Clerk has had to re-do this application and Cllr Woods has authorised this, but Cllr Cadwallader will do asap.
- Change of signatories – no emails received by Cllrs Thomas and Cole, but Chairman says this is probably because Cllr Cadwallader needs to complete the form first – in hand to be done asap.

9) Jubilee Celebrations:

It was **RESOLVED to order 72 mugs as per the sample received by the Clerk at a cost of £527.23 and Clerk will write to the Church to find out if they have a flagpole which could be used to fly a flag.**

10) Correspondence: Emails sent out separately, as follows: Noted as received unless comments made:

- SALC Information Bulletins
 - SC – Electoral Roll/alterations
 - Use of playing field and car park - Midland Folk Group weekend 2023.
 - SALC Training session CIL Funding 23rd March 6-7pm – Zoom FREE
 - West Mercia – We Don't Buy Crime Initiative
 - Green Lanes Association
 - West Mids Community Flood Resilience – Launch event
 - Police Charter – priorities/contact details – *dealt with earlier.*
 - Area Committee meeting – 21st March 2022 via Zoom
- Any other after issue of agenda:
- RBL – Planting a Tree for the Jubilee – *this could be accommodated on the playing field*
 - Emails from Robert Moore at Astbury – *Clerk will chase ROW re blocked path and Highways re: road repairs and parking by Astbury Terrace.*
 - Police Crime Commissioner newsletter – *actioned earlier*
 - SALC Training events
 - Keep on Moving Shropshire Festival – launch day 8th May 2022
 - Chair's networking meeting 24th March 6pm
 - Climate Emergency Workshop
 - Insurance renewal questionnaire – *Clerk to complete.*
 - Salvation Army – tonnage prices
 - Shropshire Garden Party – 2 people for work during Covid. *Could not pick out 2 people.*

11) Parish problems:

- Dog mess signs given to Cllr Garrett who will put these up.
- Grid on drain thought to be broken at Sutton corner.
- Fingerpost at Sutton Corner leaning in the hedge.
- Footpath on the bend at Sutton needs cutting – this will be done when RJM Contracts begin their work for the PC.
- Drains still blocked at Hampton Loade.
- Height restriction sign concealed with hedge at the top of the Hampton Loade Road. Lorry went down and could not get under the bridge.
- Visibility coming out of The Astbury not very good as road signs are blocking drivers view.
- Verge being eroded opposite Manor Farm
- Anti-social behaviour at Hampton Loade about a month ago – reported to Police.
- Hedges along Ingram Lane belonging to SC still have not been cut.

12) Date of next meeting: 26th April 2022

There being no other business the meeting closed at 10.15pm.

Cheques written:

Mrs F Morris - £146.66

HMRC - £111.80

CommuniCorp (Jubilee mugs) - £527.23

Signed: Chairman

Date:

Please find enclosed details of a temporary road closure:

Road Closure: B4363 between B4194 and B4199

Start Date: 28th March 2022

End Date: 29th March 2022

Purpose: Urgent Road Closure to enable repairs to carriageway defects

Works Promoter: Shropshire Council

Works Promoter Ref: Unknown (promoter_works_ref)

Enforcement pattern for B4363 between B4194 and B4199:

09.30-.16.00

You can view the closure and diversion route by clicking here: <https://one.network/?tm=127679356>

Please find enclosed details of a temporary road closure:

Road Closure: B4555, Eardington

Start Date: 14th May 2022

End Date: 14th May 2022

Purpose: Carriageway repairs

Works Promoter: Multevo on behalf of Shropshire Council

Works Promoter Ref: UJ214MV-2104

Enforcement pattern for B4555, Eardington:

Saturday 09:30 - 16:00

You can view the closure and diversion route by clicking here: <https://one.network/?tm=127974727>

Should you have any queries regarding this closure, please call Customer Services on 0345 6789006, or contact the Street Works Team on streetworks@shropshire.gov.uk.