

## Chelmarsh Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 28<sup>th</sup> February, 2023 at 7.30pm in Chelmarsh Parish Hall.

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

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

Parishioners: 0

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

**1) Apologies for absence:** Cllr A Cadwallader, S Cllr R Tindall, Police 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 – 24<sup>th</sup> January 2023:**

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

**4) Matters arising from minutes:**

a) Clerk's update:

Clothes bank reply:

Thank you for your email. Currently you are set to fortnightly collections, so I have requested this is increased with immediate effect as the tonnage coming through does not warrant a second bank currently.

This should solve the issue but please do not hesitate to come back to me if there are any further issues.

We will always look to increase collections in the first instance.

Police – Speeding

[We still continuing doing speed surveys in Chelmarsh, it does say and other areas.](#)

Cricket Club:

Update on the pitch, After speaking to Sport England, we (the cricket club) are about to raise to a stage 2 complaint, as Sport England insist that they must be contacted on any types of development next to a sports facility.

b) Any others – none.

**5) Planning applications/permissions/refusals received:**

a. Reference: 23/00093/FUL (validated: 26/01/2023)

Address: Proposed Conversion Of Agricultural Building SE Of Dinney Farm, Chelmarsh, Bridgnorth, Shropshire

Proposal: Conversion of an agricultural building to an accommodation range in association with an existing bed and breakfast and tourism business

Applicant: Dinney Farm Country Cottages Ltd (Dinney Farm, Chelmarsh, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6AU)

Cllrs had no objections to this application but asked that this was in keeping/matched the existing and that all Building Regs etc adhered to.

b) Reference: 22/03728/FUL (validated: 17/08/2022)

Address: Proposed Affordable Dwelling To The North Of, Glazeley, Bridgnorth, Shropshire

Proposal: Erection of an affordable dwelling, detached garage and associated works

Decision: **Grant Permission**

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

**6) Reports: (if available)**

a) Shropshire Councillor's report:

Cllr Tindall emailed to say that he hoped to be able to attend our March meeting following his hospital treatment.

b) Police: (unavailable to attend)

Speeding was once again discussed as this is a big problem. Chairman confirmed when The Astbury original plans were all being dealt with there was a clause (s106?) that the infrastructure should be improved with traffic calming measures etc, but this has never been enforced. We understood that the condition was due to come into force 3 months after work commenced but this was possibly relaxed due to highways being unable to cope with more road closures.

Some lodges are on site, but nothing has commenced with traffic calming and there has been numerous accidents in the parish recently. Cllrs wondered if the speed limit could be reduced from 40mph to 30mph along the Bulls Head straight and a refuge by Bakehouse Lane for residents/children crossing after getting off school/service buses. Clerk had a request about this a couple of years ago but heard nothing back.

There have been a few accidents recently, particularly down Hampton Loade.

Clerk was asked to write to Planning regarding this.

c) Parish Hall including Representatives on Parish Hall Committee:

Cllrs Woods and Cole agreed to carry on.

**7) Finance:**

a) Accounts for payment:

- Clerks' salary – standing order.
- HMRC PAYE - February payment - £100.40
- Quote for repairs at Playground - £5050.00 + VAT – **Agreed** for Clerk to obtain 3 quotes for this work and to investigate grants for further play/fitness equipment.
- SALC - £30 training session Cllr Cole
- Scribe Accounts – Clerk informed Cllrs that Scribe are looking into setting up an accounting package for small PC's (50 transactions per year) at a cost of £5 per month, paid annually. Clerk has signed up for further information.
- Any other accounts received since issue of agenda: none.

**RESOLVED to pay these accounts via BACS.**

b) Income since last meeting - £25.53 (January clothes bank) £425 Cricket Club lease, 58p interest on savings account.

**8) Parish problems:**

- GP Practice Highley – Chairman gave a brief update of the meeting he had attended, which all seems positive.
- Dog mess continuing to be a problem.
- Potholes – Chelmarsh Banks and Ingram Lane.

- Double hedges still not cut back.
- Fence damaged on the corner down Hampton Loade (Mr Bebb's field).
- Finger Post at Sutton. Permission given by SC for the PC to have this repaired. Cllr Bebb will look into this again as he has asked for a quote.

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

- SALC Information Bulletins
- SC – Electoral Roll/alterations
- Tree works south of Highley – Numerous problems caused with people ignoring the one way system but the work has all now been completed.
- JACS Village Gateways
- Shropshire Rural Housing Association Board and Committee Recruitment Campaign
- Street Watch [#79260081] - Police
- Kings Coronation gifts? **RESOLVED to purchase 75 coins in Perspex cases with 'presented by Chelmarsh Parish Council on them'.**
- Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill - Amendments supported by NALC and its President.
- West Mercia Police Local Policing Community Charter: 3 priorities sent in – Speeding, Anti-Social Behaviour (dog fouling/fly tipping) Rural Crime.
- Finance training delivered by Parkinson Partnership - January - June 2023
- SALC - Training Programme 2023
- PC - Policy updates required. Clerk will look into updating the Standing Orders and Financial Regs.
- Civility & Respect Policy to sign up to – put on next agenda.
- Any other after issue of agenda:
- Police to crackdown on drivers using mobile phone [#85630022]
- South Staffs Water:  
We intend to take advantage of the dry spell and have an opportunity to remove some of the river silt from site this week. We should be moving tomorrow till Thursday/Friday, we have arranged for road sweepers to be on site for the duration of the tractor movements. Please contact me if there are any issues.
- SALC - Proposed Local Flood Partnership
- SALC - JSNA Presentation
- SALC - FOR ACTION: The Big Health and Wellbeing Conversation - we need your support
- SALC - Levelling Up and Regeneration Bill - Amendments supported by NALC and its President
- Police Newsletter – copied to put on notice boards.
- Letter regarding Clothes Bank:  
Back in September 2021 we made the decision to temporarily increase the payments we make in response to the low MRW prices and a better operational performance on the back of the Covid pandemic. The MRW price had kept at a lower-than-expected rate over the last 18 months which is why we continue to honour this higher than agreed price. However, over the last few months we have seen the MRW textile price starting to increase back to pre-Covid levels.  
Unfortunately, like other businesses we are experiencing greater than expected operational costs, with fuel and general expenditure having increased dramatically.  
The reason for my email is to highlight the current situation we face and the potential longer-

term effect that may mean a return to the contracted/agreed rates. As it stands, we plan to continue with the increased payment, however we will be reviewing these on a monthly basis to ensure that they are in line with operational cost increases and sales revenue. As always, we work with our partners with honesty and integrity and will always ensure we operate a fair partnership for all.

**10) Date of next meeting: 28<sup>th</sup> March 2023**

Payments approved:

SALC training account - £30

Clerk's salary - £401.58

HMRC PAYE - £100.40

**There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.25pm.**

**Signed: Chairman**

**Date:**

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