

Chelmarsh Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 28th January 2020 at 7.30pm in Chelmarsh Parish Hall.

Present: Cllrs R Woods (Chairman), P Thomas (Vice-Chairman), M Williams, A Davies, R Bebb, D Garrett, A. Cadwallader

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

Parishioners: 1

Chris Phillips, Director, **MedUK** Group Ltd will attend the meeting to explain costings etc of defibrillators, but did not arrive due to work commitments.

0. Parishioner's time:

Parishioner gave Clerk details of a defibrillator for consideration. Clerk explained that Chris Phillips hoped to attend the meeting but was actually on shift as a paramedic but would attend asap.

1. Apologies for absence:

S Cllr Tindall – poorly.

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 26TH November 2019:

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:

Information from Ditton Priors PC re: road repairs:

The advice from Society of Local Council Clerks has finally got to me. It was lost in the ether!!!

Anyway it is worth knowing.

Yes S56 is a good bit of highways law to use in extreme circumstances for individuals not parish councils. Shh though I thought as SC senior officers are actually trying at the moment means we need to tread carefully. Not sure about your parishes but Ditton Priors is being looked at.

So if you have the general power of competence you can use it as a parish council. So if you decide to go down that route you need to find an individual who is willing to pay the crown court and legal fees. Or get the general power of competence. I have the qualification and Ditton Priors would qualify for the power but so far has not needed it. I thought you should know as soon as I did to ensure none of us to something illegal as parish councils and more importantly as clerks giving advice.

Sludge removal – South Staffs Water

This caused a lot of complaints on Facebook – SSW now joined fb. Tried to move sludge while ground frosty but then had to cancel operations.

Clothes bank – Parish Hall car park:

This should be installed in the next 2-3 weeks.

EMC:

Chased this payment. Need to itemise this year's account for payment.

5. Planning applications/permissions/refusals;

a) Reference: 19/04262/FUL (validated: 09/10/2019)

Address: Spadeley Manor Farm, Chelmarsh, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6BJ

Proposal: Erection of single storey annex accommodation and store

Decision: Grant Permission

b) Reference: 19/04263/LBC (validated: 09/10/2019)

Address: Spadeley Manor Farm, Chelmarsh, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6BJ

Proposal: Erection of single storey annex accommodation and workshop affecting a Grade II Listed Building

Decision: Grant Permission

c) Any others received after issue of agenda – none received.

6. Reports (if available) from:

a) Parish Hall Committee:

Cllr Woods commented following a recent meeting:

- Recent 'open day' was very successful – small grant received for this.

Clerk reported letter received from Dr Price regarding rotting fence posts on the car park/outdated PC Contact list on noticeboards and asking for the PC to make a donation to Severn Valley Country Park.

Cllrs had looked at the posts and Gary Barklam had been asked for a quote to replace these. Clerk had printed out an updated list for the noticeboards and the donation would be discussed under the precept.

Cllr Thomas will chase Gary Barklam also for the repairs to the play equipment.

Clerk pointed out that she had been asked by the Treasurer if they could invoice the PC for the room hire to the end of December to fall in with their financial year. Clerk pointed out that the PC year end is 31st March so if they invoice up to December, they will then have to invoice again up to end March.

b) Police – email received from Crime Commissioner regarding Smartwater – Clerk will find out more details and will report this to the Annual Parish meeting.

c) Unitary Cllr Tindall – Email from Cllr Tindall:

Did the Parish Council think about Airband giving a short presentation at their next meeting- if so could you let me have the date please. Cllr Thomas asked if Clerk could ask Ben Walker for an update as a lot of interest has been registered.

I have just been notified of some work to be done around the site of the Kings Arms which I will forward to you:

I am writing to inform you of the up and coming carriageway maintenance works, we anticipate these works to commence on the 3rd March 2020 (see attached location plan). This process is weather dependant and part of a large programme of works and therefore maybe subject to variations on the planned programme dates. We will also write to

the affected residents and businesses to inform them. However, I thought you would appreciate being informed in advance.

7. Financial matters:

a) Accounts to be paid:

Clerk's fees – December & January (paid standing order) - £xx

HMRC PAYE – December & January -

Eon Maintenance charge - £48 – this had been outstanding since last year as the signed contract had been lost in the post.

Chelmarsh Parish Hall account (room hire) – not received

SLCC & Clerk & Councils Direct subscriptions – this was free, so Clerk has signed up to receive the magazines.

Any others received after issue of agenda.

Clerk asked if a contribution could be made towards the SLCC membership which Stottesdon and Sidbury PC had paid last night £161. **RESOLVED to pay £50 as per last year and to pay accounts as above.**

b) Bank statement – initialled by Cllrs.

c) Accounts/reconciliations/budget – Clerk had sent these out via email and handed out a hard copy of all documents.

d) 2020/21 COUNCIL TAX PRECEPT REQUIREMENTS – Clerk gave figures received from SC and gave Cllrs a 'suggested' budget she had prepared. After working through the figures and with some Cllrs not wishing to increase the precept, although the Clerk explained that the PC require some reserves. Defibrillator costs approx. £1500 – Cllr Garrett confirmed that some residents had agreed to donate a few pounds towards this, but it was felt that if this was purchased through the precept then everyone contributes. It was agreed to give £100 to the Severn Valley Country Park. It was also agreed to increase the grant to Chelmarsh PCC (churchyard maintenance) to £650 and a donation to the Jubilee Club of £50.

After much debate it was **RESOLVED to set a precept of £13773.00 compared to £12407.00 last year.**

8. Parish problems:

- Roads in a dangerous state – see under Clerks update re: s56. Kings Arms bend to be repaired in stages at the beginning of March.
- Covert Lane getting worse.
- Cllr Garrett looked at gully at The Glebe and inspection cover by The Yeomans (now identified as SC issue not STW) with Graham Downes who is now are of both of the issues
- Cllr Garrett asked if anyone knew what was happening with the old Kings Arms site, but no information was available.
- The Astbury – again no further information received but some minor alterations had been approved by planning which did not require consulting with the PC.
- Fingerpost broken at Hampton Loade by the turn to Millfields Farm.
- Mud on roads following sludge removal by South Staffs Water (SSW). Clerk had been in touch with SSW following complaints on Facebook and the Police had been contacted, who had been in touch with the Clerk.

Although there was mud on the road SSW had erected MUD ON ROAD signs and swept the road in between loads (which had at times made the situation worse) and had hired in road sweepers at the end of the day. Hampton Loade road and Church Lane were still quite muddy. It was felt that SSW need to look at using wheel washers or using the fields only (accepted that washer probably costly and fields very wet). Clerk read out email from SSW saying that they had postponed operations until the spring if they could last that long.

9. Correspondence: (emails forwarded to Cllrs). *All noted as received unless comments made.*

- Letter from Dr G Price – Chelmarsh Parish Hall re: car park fencing/PC Directory of Contacts/Grant to Severn Valley Country Park – dealt with through the meeting.
- Mark Povey and Darren Ellis Join Shropshire Council Building Control
- Ditton Priors PC/Cllr Tindall and Chairman response re: Highways s56 Notice
- Buckingham Palace Garden Party 2020 – Chairman unable to attend.
- We Don't Buy Crime Towns & Villages Protected by SmartWater Initiative – Chelmarsh – more information to be sought for Annual Parish meeting.
- SC - Shropshire Council - Register Information
- Reply from Highley PC re: B4555
- Tracey Johnson - Severn Trent Community Fund has launched!
- SC - Shropshire rural bus project January newsletter
- Overnight parking on Parish Hall car park – vehicle moved. Clerk pointed out that she had received a call to say that the car parked there today had broken down and would be moved tomorrow.

SALC Information:

- Section 137 Expenditure - Limit for 2020-2021
- Repairs to property relating to affairs of the church - NALC December legal update
- Monday News in Brief
- Funding Opportunities
- MEDIA RELEASE: Trust works to improve care of patients with mental health concerns
- final Shropshire Council view on 75 BT payphones: both payphones in Chelmarsh will remain until better mobile signal achieved. Hampton Loade phone still not working.
- Shropshire Council Place Plans
- Press Release: Find out more about Proposals for a New Health Organisation for Shropshire, Telford and Wrekin
- Training Programme 2020
- Invitation to get involved in community solar in Shropshire
- February Climate Change Workshop - Shropshire Council – Chairman might be able to attend.

Any other correspondence received after issue of agenda – no further correspondence.

10. Date next meeting:

February 24th, 2020 and to confirm dates for the next year emailed out to Cllrs.
Cllr Davies gave his apologies for next meeting.

Cheques written:

Mrs F Morris – salary Dec/Jan – standing order - £xx
HMRC PAYE – December - £60.20 and January - £60.20.
Eon Maintenance - £48
Stottesdon & Sidbury PC - £50

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.20pm.

Signed: Chairman

Date: