

Chelmarsh Parish Council

Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 26th July 2022 at 7.30pm in Chelmarsh Parish Hall.

Present: Cllrs R Woods (Chairman), S Garrett, T Cole.

Parishioners: 0

Clerk: Mrs F Morris

0) Parishioner's time: None present.

1) Apologies for absence: Cllrs A Cadwallader (work), D Garrett (not well), R Bebb (wife has Covid). Shropshire Cllr R Tindall (prior hospital appointment). Police (all on rest days). **RESOLVED to accept these 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 – 28th June 2022: These had been circulated with the agenda and it was **RESOLVED to accept these as a true record and the Chairman signed these accordingly.**

4) Matters arising from minutes:

a) Clerk's update:

Footpaths: Reply from Richard Knight: Hall Farm to Dinney:

I have asked for these issues to be logged. We are unlikely to be able to attend anytime soon as we are behind on our regular annual clearance programme already. I am recruiting two new Maintenance Officers soon, which should help!!

b) Response re: road closures/signage:

Email confirming that Kier will speak to those responsible, but nothing appears to have been done. Clerk has complained again regarding the ROAD AHEAD CLOSED blocking visibility at the junction of B4555 and B4363 at Bridgnorth. An email was also read out from Cllr Tindall.

c) Any others: none.

5) Planning applications/permissions/refusals received:

a. Any others received after issue of agenda – none received.

6) Reports: (if available)

a) Shropshire Councillor's report:

I have only one matter to report and that is, following, the Lib Dem by election success in Highley the political balance of the Council has changed such that the Independents no longer have a seat on the Southern Planning Committee. So, for the first time since 2009, I am no longer a member.

b) Police:

Clerk reported that they had attended Stottesdon PC last night and urged as many people as possible to sign up to the Neighbourhood Alerts. Chairman pointed out that all he receives from it is Spam Alerts.

Meeting at Cleobury Wednesday night, open to all, with Police to discuss the drugs and ASB problems in Cleobury.

Cllr Cole reported that the Police were out with the speed gun last week.

c) Parish Hall:

Emails received from Chairman and Secretary:

From Geoff Price:

I was checking the state of the recreation Ground yesterday prior to the Fete on Saturday, and found the litter bin pretty well full, mainly with dog poo bags.

I have emptied it and transferred the waste to the black bin at the Parish Hall, but it seems to me that again the bin is not getting any regular emptying. I rather think that the same would apply to the bin by the bus shelter on the B4555 – there is certainly litter in there from a month or so ago. They just need to be looked at on a regular schedule – say every 3 months?

Can you pass on our thanks to the Chelmarsh Parish Council for the use of the recreation Ground on Saturday for the Fete. We all had a great time, with visitor numbers the second best for the last 11 years.

I hope people went away with a smile, and that the reputation of Chelmarsh for holding good Fetes was further enhanced.

Hallo Hall users!

With the current heatwave set to continue for some time, please do make use of the air conditioning facility in the Heat Pump.

It is currently set to 'Cool', to bring the temperature down to 21C. Just press the chrome bar and remember to turn it off when you leave.

BUT please do not also throw open all the windows! That is as wasteful as opening them in the winter with the heaters on!

From Jane Harding:

I have just been contacted by our window cleaner Dave who kindly let me know that the Hall's rear fire doors at the side had been left open/unlocked. I don't know when they were opened or how long they have been open, but I have just been up to shut/lock them and have not been able to do so.

The fit of the doors and bolts is very awkward, and it may be that the doors have warped/swollen in the heat whilst open. We have a meeting this evening so I will ask Geoff to assist with closing them properly as he may have a knack I don't!

I appreciate that we are enjoying some hot weather at the moment, but please could I ask you not to open the rear doors during your sessions for the time being, as they are clearly difficult to close properly and leaving them unlocked compromises the security of the Hall.

By all means open windows of course, as long as you check all are securely closed before leaving, please.

7) Cricket Club – any further updates, if available:

A meeting has been arranged with the MP for 2nd August 1pm at the Sports & Social Club between the PC, Cricket Club and Mr Russell (who instigated this). Sports & Social Club member will also attend as this could be affected.

Clerk had received two further quotes to deal with registering the land at the Cricket Club, Recreation Field and Car park on behalf of the PC.

The original quote following the lease being drawn up was £999+VAT per plot. Manby Bowdler quoted £1300 + VAT (£260 per hour) but if they could register all 3 together, they would do. If no deeds are available, then they will have to obtain statutory declarations and cost would rise to £2080 + VAT plus Land Registry charges.

Underhills at Bridgnorth quoted £600 + VAT per application with a limit of £1200 + VAT for the 3 plus £40 Land Registry charges (but this depends on value of land, but they (or PC) will have to establish ownership. Land will have to be valued beforehand.

After discussions it was **RESOLVED to ask the original Solicitors used for the lease to deal with this as they already know some of the history. Clerk will check if quote is still valid.**

8) Finance:

a) Accounts for payment:

Clerks' salary – standing order

HMRC PAYE – July (£93.60) and August payment to be calculated

SC – election costs £693.79

Reimburse – Cllr Woods for padlock/chains for playing field gates - £52.75

Invoice – Information Solutions (Website support renewal) - £228

It was **RESOLVED to pay these accounts with a cheque signed for the August PAYE as there will be no PC meeting.**

Receipt from Information Commissioners Office – Data Protection renewal

Any others after issue of agenda – none.

Bank Statement initialled by Cllr Garrett.

b) Auditor's – Exemption Query. PC can register as exempt from full review:

Clerk explained that PKF Littlejohn had emailed to say that the PC can register as exempt as the gross income or gross expenditure did not exceed £25,000. It was **RESOLVED to complete the AGAR Form 2, page 3 and return this to PKF Littlejohn. This was duly completed and signed by Clerk and Chairman.**

c) Income since last meeting - £20.58 (clothes bank)

9) Jubilee mugs: sixty mugs had been handed out to children and as there was a surplus it was **RESOLVED to ask for a donation towards providing the Jubilee memorial tree from the residents who had shown an interest in purchasing these.**

10) Correspondence: including Emails sent to Cllrs: *Noted as received and read unless comments made:*

- SALC Information Bulletins
- SC – Electoral Roll/alterations
- Police Commissioner survey – acknowledgement
- Email from Hannah Maiden:

Hannah asked if there were any plans to cut the grass opposite the Kings Arms site and also the pavement going from Spadeley entrance towards the village as it is very overgrown, and the soil has come up onto the pavement so it's very narrow.

Do we know anything about the kings arms site? It does look a bit of a mess and it seems to have been like that for a while. Such a shame.

Also, if there a jubilee mug for my son Lenny.

Clerk's reply:

The overgrown paths were discussed at the PC meeting Tuesday evening, and I have reported these to Shropshire Council.

With regards to the Kings Arms site the owner told me that the site would be 'left in its present state for the foreseeable future'.

I will pass on your name to Theresa Cole regarding the mug. Is your son under 16 and I assume you live in Chelmarsh? Reply: Shame about the Kings Arms site and that her son was 16 months old.

- Fireworks at The Astbury: Clerk had seen posts on Facebook regarding fireworks being let off at The Astbury and causing problems to animals. Clerk emailed and asked The Astbury if it were them letting them off and in future could they let the PC know so residents can be warned.

The Astbury confirmed they would let us know if they were using fireworks at any future events.

- Volunteer Recruitment – POSTER PUT ON NOTICE BOARDS.
- SALC – Biodiversity Net Gain and Levelling Up & Regeneration Bill Briefings – 7th & 14th September via Zoom
- Shropshire’s Draft Economic Growth Strategy – 2022-27
- SALC – Neighbourhood Planning training – 20th and 27th October via Zoom
- Any other after issue of agenda
- RBL Sign for trees planted on behalf of the Queen’s Green Canopy - £129.99 + VAT. Clerk pointed out that Stottesdon were going to seek getting a plaque manufactured locally and mount on a piece of oak and source a tree from Farlow Farm Nursery. It was **RESOLVED to proceed with this suggestion.**
- Governance Review October 2023 and PCs are being asked to talk to neighbouring Councils with a view to merging – no interest shown in merging. Highley PC happy to host meeting.

11) **Parish problems:**

- Complaint regarding the amount of dog mess in School Lane. One property has CCTV, and this will be looked at.
- Clerk showed signs on Amazon to Cllrs present and advised to purchase these, together with five dog mess signs.
- Hampton Loade drains blocked – Clerk asked Cllr Cole to forward photographs she has.
- Ingram Lane trees hit by lodges going to The Astbury and gullies also need clearing along this road. Some gullies were cleared but not all.

Clerk will report these problems.

12) **Date of next meeting:** 27th September 2022

Any urgent correspondence coming in before the next meeting will be dealt with.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 8.45pm.

Cheques written:

Information Solutions - £228

SC – election fees - £693.79

R J Woods - £52.75

HM Rev & Customs - £93.60