

Chelmarsh Parish Council

Chelmarsh Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 27th February 2018 at 7.30pm in Chelmarsh Parish Hall.

Present: Cllrs R Woods (Chairman), M Williams (Vice Chairman),
R Bebb, P Thomas, A Davies, D Garrett.
Unitary Cllr R Tindall
Clerk: Mrs F Morris
Parishioners: 0

0. Parishioner's time:

No parishioners present.

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 2018:

These were 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:

Speeding update: Clerk read out email received from Alice Croft:

Thanks for forwarding this – the speed limit reminder sign (with slow down text) is the only one that we would endorse on the public highway in Shropshire as the other ones, that shows the driver's speed, have been used before in Shropshire and do not tell the driver what speed they should be driving at, only the speed they are going, so this does not promote drivers going at the correct or appropriate speed for the posted speed limit.

I have copied Jason Hughes in to this email to comment if he has any concerns or items to note. Also it is worth noting that although the signs all have their own built in rechargeable batteries, we have found in the past that when these signs are triggered on a frequent basis, the batteries can run down quite quickly which is why we use mains power where it is available. You may well need to be recharging the batteries on a very regular basis. Just a note to be wary of but if you have the means and the manpower then this is maybe not an issue!

With regards to the email from Cllr Philip Thomas

What he has highlighted with regards to village speed limits is correct. Shropshire Council introduced a Village Speed Limit Policy in 2007 which enabled all villages without a 30mph speed limit to be reviewed to see if implementation of one would be suitable for the 3 year implementation programme.

Chelmarsh was highlighted as a village that had a 40mph speed limit so was considered for potential reduction to 30mph. I met with the Parish Council and Local Member at the time, on site, to discuss the matter and it was agreed by all that the present 40mph limit was working well with speeds

appropriate for the speed limit and that the community felt they wished to keep the limit. The village also received police support and enforcement for the 40mph limit so the limit was left as it was.

This policy has since been replaced with an "all encompassing" Road Safety Policy that gives the opportunity for Parish and Town Councils to raise items that they felt were of a community concern and or of a road safety matter and these will be prioritised and reviewed annually for funding and further investigation in a future year.

There is no reason why Chelmarsh Parish Council cannot put forward a submission this year for consideration of a reduced speed limit but it will have to go via the Road Safety Policy process – this is the only mechanism to take such a request forward at present.

We are all trying to ensure that the 40mph speed limit is adhered to and are proposing to refresh 40 carriageway roundels and other markings and the Police are carrying out speed enforcement and the Safer Roads Partnership have started the ball rolling with taking forward the Community Speed Watch programme in the village. We are also aware of the issues with the existing vehicle activated sign that I have asked to be checked to ensure that it triggers at speeds of 46mph – which is the recommended as the appropriate speed by the Department for Transport (10%+2mph).

I have looked back at my previous emails regarding speed data that was gathered last summer by the Safer Roads Partnership and this shows that the average speeds (2 directional) are 38.3mph and the 85thile (2 directional, speed at which 85% of the traffic are travelling at or below) is 44.6mph. the Police enforce at 10% + 2 = 46mph in a 40 limit. They are therefore confirming that speeds are in line with the speed limit below the enforcement levels and will not be taking any further action at present.

Also, just as a reminder, overtaking on double white lines is also only something that the Police can enforce.

I hope that this helps address the issues raised and confirms what course of action the Parish need to do to take this request further if required.

Councillor Tindall offered to write to Alice Croft regarding the VAS being activated at 46mph. Cllrs felt that this was incorrect as motorists being flashed at 46mph in a 40mph are speeding. It currently activates at 38mph which is better than 46mph!

It was **RESOLVED to accept Cllr Tindall's offer and the PC would also write and ask for the speed limit to be reduced to 30mph under the Road Safety Policy.**

Community Speedwatch reply:

Clerk gave to Cllr Garrett the forms which need to be completed by anyone wishing to be trained under this scheme.

At this point Unitary Cllr Tindall gave his report:

- Disappointed that the Astbury Hall plans were not turned down but stressed the need for the PC to be represented when they are objecting to an application.
- Springvale Farm finally received planning permission.
- At SC Full Council meeting a 5.9% rise in Council Tax was approved.
- Independent Remuneration Panel looked at Councillors allowances and the Leader refused to accept the proposed increase which caused the Chairman and another on the panel to resign.
- Cllr Bebb asked if he reports the state of the Highley road. Clerk confirmed that Highley PC are regularly reporting defects and Cllr Tindall would speak to Unitary Cllr Tremellen about this.
- Cllr Thomas brought up the unsatisfactory responses re: broadband at Hampton Loade from Ben Walker. Cllr Tindall suspected that the only way forward would be to contact the MP who might be able to help. Clerk also confirmed that she had invited the Airband Team to the next

meeting but wondered if this might be best left to the Annual parish meeting as bowls use the main hall on the same night as the PC and Clerk didn't think that the small room would be big enough. This was considered a good suggestion.

5. Planning applications/permissions/refusals:

a) Reference: 17/02441/FUL(validated: 22/05/2017)

Address: Proposed Affordable Dwelling North Of Spring Vale Farm, Occupation Lane, Chelmarsh, Bridgnorth, Shropshire

Proposal: Erection of an affordable dwelling, with detached double garage, alterations to existing vehicular access and installation of a septic tank

Decision: Grant Permission

b) Reference: 18/00161/VAR (validated: 01/02/2018)

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

Proposal: Removal of Condition No. 10 attached to Planning Permission BR/APP/LBC/07/0060 dated 22 May 2008

Applicant: Mr & Mrs A & J Maiden (Spadeley Manor Farm, Chelmarsh, BRIDGNORTH, WV16 6BJ)

Clerk showed photos of the proposed work and read out the email from SC – this is to remove the condition relating to the removal of cement repointing.

Cllrs **RESOLVED to accept this application.**

c) Reference: 17/05426/VAR (validated: 07/12/2017)

Address: Astbury Hall, Astbury, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6AT

Proposal: Variation of conditions 21 & 34 attached to planning permission 98/0829 dated 07/03/2000 (and 11/01774/VAR) to allow for continued use of marquee for a further five years

Decision: Grant Permission

d) Reference: 16/05874/FUL(validated: 19/01/2017)

Address: Proposed Affordable Dwelling South Of Sutton Barn, Chelmarsh, Bridgnorth, Shropshire

Proposal: Erection of an affordable three bedroom dwelling and parking; formation of vehicular access

Decision: Grant Permission

e) Reference: 18/00613/FUL (validated: 19/02/2018)

Address: Proposed Holiday Lodges At Dinney Farm, Chelmarsh, Bridgnorth, Shropshire

Proposal: Change of use of land to allow for siting of 11No. luxury holiday lodges together with supplemental landscaping and access improvements

Applicant: Mr Hedley Roberts (Dinney Farm, Chelmarsh, Bridgnorth, Shropshire, WV16 6AU)

Councillors object to this application for the following reasons:

1. Very visible site which Cllrs feel will be detrimental to the visual impact of the village - this site will be clearly visible from the main road especially along by the Bulls Head.
2. Concern regarding additional traffic which will be joining the main road which is considered to be a road hazard especially drivers who are unfamiliar with the road and in particular as this is within close proximity to the access to Astbury Hall.
3. Cllrs feel that there are enough of these developments in the parish, i.e Denn Farm and the approved application for Astbury Hall.
4. Q12 on the application form asks if the development is close to a watercourse which is answered 'no'. Cllrs feel that this site is within close proximity to the reservoir and expressed concern that any water from the soakaways could enter the reservoir which is the major source of drinking water for the West Midlands.

Cllrs would also like to make a comment that local residents have encountered difficulties in obtaining planning permission for 'low cost housing' yet developments such as this have been permitted.

f) Any received after issue of agenda:

No further plans received.

6. Financial matters:

a) Accounts to be paid:

Clerk's fees (paid standing order) - £xx, HMRC PAYE - £73.80, Parish Hall hire account - £100 (Hire for year). It was **RESOLVED to pay these accounts.**

Any others received after issue of agenda – none.

b) Bank statement – initialled by Cllr Davies

c) Transparency Code Funding – Clerk confirmed that an application had been completed for £300 towards the Clerk's work of updating the website.

7. Parish problems:

- Chevron on Kings Arms bend has been knocked over and is leaning against the verge.
- Covert Lane potholes from Kings Arms junction to bridge.
- White lines need replacing on Kings Arms bend
- Road edges opposite Manor Farm – vehicles are likely to drop into these
- Potholes along the main road in numerous places

8. Reports (if available) from:

a) Parish Hall Committee:

Clerk had received a request for 2 nominations from the PC for the Parish Hall Committee – **RESOLVED that this would be Cllr R Woods and D Garrett.**

Clerk also brought to Cllrs attention which had been sent to the PC from Mr Russell at The Old School regarding damage caused to paving on his property. As this is nothing to do with the PC Clerk had acknowledged the email and passed it onto the Parish Hall. Cllr. Woods reported that a reply had been sent from the Parish Hall.

The Parish Hall Committee had also asked for permission to use the cricket field and recreation ground for the fete on 14th July. After discussions it was **RESOLVED to write back to the Parish Hall confirming that the use is approved but asking if they would like to make a donation towards the resurfacing of the playground as this is deteriorating and needs attention.**

b) Neighbourhood Watch: Clerk will try to find out details to get this up and running again.

c) Police – reply read out from Police Commissioner regarding speeding issues

d) Unitary Cllr Tindall – report given earlier.

9. Correspondence:

SALC : (all noted as received unless comments made)

Information Bulletins

GDPR – notes

GDPR – training session 15th March, Shirehall

Meeting with MPs – notes

SALC AGM - Reconvened meeting – Friday 23rd February. Clerk commented that there had been quite a good turn out.

Connecting Shropshire update – dealt with earlier

Shropshire HR Service

SC - Self Build Newsletter February 2018 Issue 2

News from NALC's Chief Executive

Date of the next Town and Parish Council Forum - Wednesday 7th March 2018 at 10am – 12pm in the University College Shrewsbury, The Guildhall, Frankwell, Shrewsbury.

Silent Soldier Campaign – Clerk has requested prices.

Area Committee 14th March 2018 – Speakers on Universal Credit and Shropshire Rural Housing on delivering rural housing for communities. This will be held at The Red House, Albrighton.

Mental Health Awareness Training for Sport and Physical Activity

Chelmarsh Parish Hall – request to use recreation field and car park on July 14th for fete – dealt with earlier

Job Centre Resource Link Near Chelmarsh Parish Council – decided not to allow this link on the website.

Keep Shropshire Warm Grants and Support – posters put on notice boards

Healthwatch Shropshire Hot topic – Equipment services and assistive technology – poster put on notice board.

Village Hall Committee representative request – dealt with earlier.

Complaint - OLD SCHOOL HOUSE BROKEN SLABS (forwarded to Parish Hall Committee) – dealt with earlier.

Any other correspondence received after issue of agenda:

Vicky Turner re: LJC. No meeting planned at present but need to spend the £380 in the pot before the end March and have suggested £300 to the Skate Park project and £80 for holiday activities at Chelmarsh, subject to the Parish Council funding the room hire again.

Clerk pointed out that the Severn Centre had paid the room hire last year by mistake.

Cllrs **RESOLVED to agree to the distribution of the funds and pay for the room hire in the summer.**

Chairman also raised the issue of electricity charges and confirmed that he had been obtaining quotes from other suppliers for the street lighting as it appears that our bills could rise from £247 to £600 per year.

10. Date next meeting:

27th March 2018

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

Signed: Chairman

Date: