

CHELMARSH PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of a meeting of Chelmarsh Parish Council held on Tuesday 24th March 2026 at Chelmarsh Parish Hall commencing at 7.30pm

Present:

Cllrs R Bebb, T Cole, D Garrett, D Strong, P Thomas and R Woods (Chair)

Also Present:

G Bailey, Clerk
Cllr George Hollyhead, Shropshire Council

Public Open Session

There were no members of the public present.

1. Apologies for absence

It was unanimously **agreed** to accept apologies from Cllr Cadwallader.

2. Declaration of Interests

There were no declarations of interest in matters on the agenda.

3. Minutes

It was proposed by Cllr Garrett, seconded by Cllr Bebb and **agreed** unanimously that the minutes of the previous meeting held on 17th February 2026 were a true record. The Chair signed the minutes.

4. Reports

a) To receive a report from the unitary Councillor.

- Shropshire Council tax has increase by 8.99%. Cllr Hollyhead reported that it does not appear that this increase will be linked to any
- Cllr Hollyhead met with the Shropshire Council highways officer responsible for the area; there will be regular bi-monthly meetings. Cllr Hollyhead invited Councillors to contact him with highways issues they would like raised at these meetings. The SC officer is aware of highways issues in the area including the flooding across the B4555 from Astley. Cllr Woods advised that the gully sucker had been out in the area.

Cllr Bebb raised queries about the delays in contractors setting up and being ready to commence work after 9am. He also reported that incorrect signage had been installed locally, the contractor, from Warrington had to return to correct it.

b) To receive a report from the local policing team

No details received.

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c) To receive a report from the Parish Hall committee.

No further update – the AGM will be held Wednesday 25th March.

5. Planning Applications

a) The following planning application was considered:

- i. 26/00684/VAR. Laburnum Cottage. Variation of conditions 2, 4 and 5 attached to planning permission BR/APP/FUL/08/030

It was **agreed** unanimously to object to planning application 26/00159/Ful for the following reasons.

- The proposal involves substantial changes to the original application in scope, design and materials. The Parish Council considers that a full planning review and new planning application available for consultation with residents would be more appropriate.
- The proposed new design and materials are not in keeping with the local area.

6. Chelmarsh Fete

It was **agreed** unanimously to approve the use of the recreation ground for Chelmarsh Fete on 11th July 2026.

7. Parish Hall Committee

It was **agreed** unanimously to confirm the nominations for representatives to the Parish Hall Committee as Cllr R Woods and Cllr T Cole.

8. Shropshire Council Asset Transfer Policy

Information received from Shropshire Council was noted.

9. Grants Policy

Members reviewed the grants policy. It was agreed unanimously that there were not changes to the policy.

10. Banking Arrangements

Members considered a report on banking arrangements. It was proposed by Cllr Thomas, seconded by Cllr Cole and **agreed** unanimously to:

- a) Transfer £5,000 to the Nat West deposit account.
- b) Open a 160 day notice fixed rate interest account with Hinkley and Rugby Building Society with an initial deposit of £20,000. The following committee members shall be named signatories on the account, and any one signatory can instruct a transfer from this account to the council's nominated bank account:
 - a. Richard Woods
 - b. Theresa Cole
 - c. Gillian Bailey

11. Payments

- a) It was **agreed** unanimously to approve the payment schedule for March 2026.
- b) It was **agreed** unanimously to accept the report of payments made in February 2026.

12. Clerks Report

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1. Land registrations for Cricket Ground and Recreation Ground completed. Copy of application for first registration for car park requested.
2. Sutton sign. Ongoing
3. Debit card. Ongoing
4. Correspondence to SSW regarding damage to the bridleway. No response.
5. Repairs to School Lane. Requested, no response.
6. NCN45. Shropshire Council unable to support financially.
7. Website: still awaiting confirmation of WCAG2.2 compliance.
8. Play area and car park signs ready to be installed. Awaiting site visit for quote for repairs to equipment.
9. Directory of services received for distribution.

13. Parish Matters

- a) Cllr Thomas reported issues with scramblers on the paths in Hampton Loade. He has reported to the police.
- b) Cllr Cole reported that the drains under the Severn Valley Railway bridge have still not been cleared.

14. Correspondence

There were no matters for Council to consider.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.28 pm

Signed

Dated