

Chetwynd Parish Council

Minutes of Chetwynd Parish Council Meeting held at The Three Horseshoes, Sambrook at 7.30 pm on
Thursday 17 January 20

1. Attendees: Jonathan Butler (Outgoing Clerk), Derrick Clancy (Chair), Eileen Dowd, Kevin Grimston, Paul Humphreys (Vice Chair), Mitchel Randle, Neil Robson, Tina Street, David Williams.
Also in attendance: Jane Allman (incoming Clerk).
2. Apologies:
There were no apologies.
3. Chairman's report:
Nothing to report.
4. Minutes from previous meeting;
The minutes were approved and signed.
5. Matters arising:
There were no matters arising. JB confirmed that Mr Chisnal had replaced the broken pane in the Sambrook telephone box at no charge. Councillors expressed their appreciation.
6. Vacancy on council:
PH proposed that JB be asked to re-join the Parish Council, this was seconded by KG. JB agreed on the understanding that there was an election due in April.
7. Planning:
Application TWC/2018/1057 agricultural building Puleston. There was no objection to this application. A statement of "No Comment" will be posted on the T&W Council planning portal.

TWC/2019/0005 Chetwynd Lodge 2 houses. There was much discussion on this matter, with concerns expressed by the Parish Council about the safety of the proposed access and egress from and onto the Chetwynd Road on what is a particularly fast bend.
There was also discussion about the potential impact of the proposed build on the view of Chetwynd Church from the A41 approaching the turn to Newport.
It was agreed that the Parish Council would pass comment to the effect that it requires assurances from the Planning and Highways departments that all current statutory regulations from Highways England would be complied with before any decision is taken by the Planning Department.
8. Finance:
Financial statement distributed with minutes to members.
Cheques for payment and signature
567 Npower £132.45
568 Npower £76.48
569 Outgoing Clerk salary £600.00
570 PAYE £150.00
All payments approved.
Precept for 2019-2020 to be set and application signed: This was discussed in depth. There has been no increase in the precept for several years. There is an ongoing programme to replace the Parish's street lights at a cost of around £800 per lamp.

Additionally, there will be a Parish Council election in April for which a reserve of £1000 should be put in place. There is also a request for funding for Sambrook Village Hall on the table. It was ultimately proposed that the precept should be increased from £3500 to £4000, proposed by ED, seconded by KG and carried unanimously.

NR raised the issue that electricity supplier nPower does not meter the electricity consumed by the Parish's streetlights. In view of the fact that several have now been replaced by LEDs, he suggested that this be investigated. Parish Clerk is to investigate and report to the Parish council.

Application for grant to village Hall: NR left the meeting at this point as he is Chair of the Village Hall Committee. After a brief discussion votes were taken on two options. Firstly a grant of £600 was proposed which gained 3 votes; secondly a grant of £1000 was suggested and this gained 4 votes in favour. The grant was therefore approved at £1000. NR returned to the meeting and expressed his thanks to the Parish Council on behalf of the Village Hall Committee.

9. Correspondence:

There has been no correspondence.

10. Any Other Business;

Bridge signs Puleston. There has been a request from a member of the Parish that the Parish Council make representations to the Highways Department to request that signs showing priority right of way on the Thomas Telford bridge in Puleston Lane be installed. The bridge was partially demolished in 2018 and it was agreed that signs indicating priority in one direction would be effective in slowing traffic at this point. It was also agreed that a request to reinstall a speed limit sign of 30 mph be included. The same member of the Parish requested that the issue of the damaged/failed bollards and lamps on the A41 at the junction with Chetwynd Road and at the junction with Puleston Lane be raised as this has been an ongoing matter for a significant period of time.

ED pointed out that the road markings on the A41 showing the filter lane to Sambrook at the junction of the road to Howle have virtually disappeared and that this presents a danger to drivers turning right to Sambrook. Others concurred that many people choose not to use this turn due to the danger of lorries approaching at high speed down the hill from the direction of Tern Hill, choosing instead to travel the narrower back route via Puleston Lane and Pickstock.

It was agreed that the Clerk would contact the Highways Department on these matters.

It was agreed to approve Clerk's attendance at a training course on Audit/Year end procedures at a cost of £27.00 plus time and expenses.

The Parish Council expressed their thanks to MR for refilling the grit bin at no charge. Councillors also recorded their appreciation of JB's long service as Clerk to the Parish Council.

11. Date of next meeting.

The next meeting will take place on Thursday 9 May 2019 at 7.00 pm. This will include the AGM and Public Meeting. The meeting closed at 8.30 pm.

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