

## Chetwynd Parish Council

Minutes of Chetwynd Parish Council Meeting held at Sambrook Village Hall on  
Thursday 22 August 2019

Attendees: Derrick Clancy, Eileen Dowd, Kevin Grimston, Paul Humphreys, Neil Robson, Tina Street, David Williams.

Also in attendance: Mr Terry Griffiths, Mr Mark Stefan, Cllr Stephen Burrell, Jane Allman (Clerk)

### 1 Apologies

There were no apologies.

### 2 Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

An amendment to the Minutes of the AGM held on 9 May 2019 is required and will be made at the next AGM in 2020

The question of whether Mr M Randle of Randle Building Solutions will continue to fill the salt bins now that he has stepped down as a Parish Councillor was raised. DC advised that he has not been able to contact Mr Randle. NR agreed that he would speak to Mr Randle on this matter.

NR was unsure if he had submitted a nil return election expenses form. PH advised that he had submitted all seven completed forms.

There were two vacancies on the Parish Council. Two potential candidates had expressed interest in filling these vacancies and they attended the meeting - Mr Terry Griffiths (TG) and Mr Mark Stefan (MS). After a brief discussion, TR was proposed by ED, seconded by KG. MS was proposed by PH and seconded by NR. Both candidates were elected unanimously. The Chairman, DC, welcomed the new Councillors.

The minutes were agreed as a true record and were duly signed.

### 3 Chairman's Report

Group Captain Mullen had asked to attend the meeting. Having confirmed his attendance, unfortunately he subsequently emailed his apologies to DC.

### 4 Planning

Pre-application advice for the establishment of an independent primary school on the site of Wellbank Farm, Pickstock (T&W reference PE/2019/0471) was discussed in some depth. Although the 10 day time frame for comments had passed, it was agreed that DC would write to the Planning Department to express the concerns of the Parish Council, explaining that the delay was due to the fact that no meeting was scheduled within the 10 day period.

Concerns included potential increased traffic, twice daily, either via Sambrook village or from Puleston Lane, plus commercial vehicles delivering food and other supplies.

The site is off a single track road with limited passing places and there are already issues with large agricultural vehicles passing through. Also, the School Bus which serves Newport's senior schools runs from

Sambrook, via Pickstock and Puleston and the increase in traffic would pose a risk to students as they embark and disembark from the bus.

Cllr Burrell stated that the pre application advice is intended to give advance information to the Fire and Emergency Services so that they can provide feedback to the local authority. It is not intended for sharing with the public but is simply for the purpose of measuring any benefits or negative aspects. Consent has previously been given for the establishment of a small educational facility, so it could be said that a precedent has been set. Cllr Burrell advised that from information gleaned from various contacts within the council, the proposed school would have capacity for 100 pupils, leading to around fifty vehicle movements twice daily. He suggested that the Parish Council raise their concerns regarding the state of the lane which is heavily potholed, the potential increased volume of traffic, the lack of visibility due to untrimmed hedgerows.

Clerk to draft document for DC to email to planners in his capacity as Chairman. Cllr Burrell to be copied in on the email.

## 5 Finance

Financial statements had been emailed to the Councillors in advance of the meeting.

The Clerk presented the Council with a financial report, detailing the current bank balance of £5277.56, with potential future expenditure of £1570 to include refurbishment of the bus shelter, already approved at £320, donation to Chetwynd Church and the replacement of a failed streetlight.

In the light of the £200 donation made to Sambrook Church earlier in the year, it was agreed to make the same amount available for Chetwynd Church. Proposed by NR, seconded by ED and carried unanimously.

The cost to replace the failed sodium light with a new 40w LED unit is £1032 of which £172 VAT is recoverable. This is an increase on the previous cost for the replacement of two sodium lamps. NR to speak to Randle Building Solutions about the possibility of replacing two units for the same, or close to, the cost of two lamps previously installed. Proposed by KG and seconded by NR, carried unanimously.

The Clerk's expenses were approved.

## 6 Correspondence

None

## 7 Any Other Business

The notice board for the bus shelter was discussed again. It was agreed to purchase the largest size possible - A0 which will take 16 sheets A4 size. A budget of around £500 was discussed as the noticeboard would have to be hinged at the side and would therefore be a special manufacture. After some discussion, it was agreed that the wall of the local public house outbuilding would be a more suitable and more visible site. KG to approach the owners of the property. This location would mean that a standard noticeboard with a top hinge would be feasible, thus reducing the cost. Clerk to action once KG has is able to confirm suitable permission has been obtained. Proposed by PH, seconded by MS and carried unanimously.

It was also agreed that a nominal fee would be charged for small businesses to place advertisements on the board - £1 per week was decided. Church and Parish notices would be at no charge.

ED raised the matter of the lack of clear road markings on the A41 at the Howle/Sambrook turnings. This had already been mentioned in the February meeting and the local authority has been asked to rectify the situation. Despite frequently chasing this matter, the Clerk has only had a standard response that it will be dealt with as part of an ongoing programme but that no date has been determined. It was suggested that a request be submitted to reduce the speed limit to 40mph and to paint double white lines at the approaches to the junction.

CLlr Burrell is in the process of seeking funding for a road safety initiative from Lane End Barns on the A41, through The Firs to the end of March Lane in Edgmond. He suggested that, from his experience in this, the Parish Council should ask for site visit.

Clerk to raise this again and will include dashcam footage in an attempt to get the matter resolved.

8 Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place at 7.30 pm on Thursday 21 November 2019 at Sambrook Village Hall. The Hall has been booked.

Meeting closed at 8.30 pm.