

## Chetwynd Parish Council

Minutes of Chetwynd Parish Council Meeting held at Sambrook Village Hall on  
Thursday 23 January 2020

Attendees: Derrick Clancy, Eileen Dowd, Neil Robson, Mark Stefan, David Williams.

Also in attendance: Jane Allman (Clerk)

### 1 Apologies

Apologies were received from Terry Griffiths, Paul Humphreys and Tina Street.

### 2 Matters Arising from Previous Meeting

Road markings on the A41 at the Howle/Sambrook junction have been repainted although there has since been a road traffic incident. It was noted that it is not possible to prevent incidents caused by irresponsible drivers.

There has been no further correspondence from the Pickstock resident regarding nuisance from a neighbouring property. It is presumed that the matters raised have now been resolved.

The issue of overgrown hedges in the village as highlighted to the landowner and was very promptly dealt with. The Clerk sent a letter of thanks on behalf of the Parish Council.

Signage to identify the parish of Chetwynd on the A41 was raised with Telford & Wrekin Council. However, the response was that no funding is available for this although the council would be happy to advise on appropriate size and style should the Parish Council wish to pursue this at its own expense. It was agreed that the matter should be dropped for the present.

The minutes were agreed as a true record and were duly signed. Proposed by NR and seconded by ED.

### 3 Chairman's Report

There is to be an emergency meeting of the Newport Regeneration Partnership regarding the proposed new constitution. Derrick Clancy advised that he will attend and then report to the Parish Council at the next meeting.

### 4 Planning

TWC/2019/0915 Site of Danford Cottage. This application was rejected by Telford & Wrekin Planning Department despite there having been no objections. It is believed that Mr Roberts plans to appeal this decision.

### 5 Finance

Financial statements had been emailed to the Councillors in advance of the meeting. It was agreed that the financial situation was healthy. Clerk's salary & expenses were approved.

The bank balance projected for 31 January was £6368.03 after VAT refunds received, and Npower bill, Clerk's salary & expenses have been deducted.

It was agreed that there was no necessity to increase the precept from the £4000.00 agreed in the previous financial year. Proposed by KG and seconded by MS

6 Potholes

David Williams and Eileen Dowd, plus two other members of the Parish, have reported dangerous potholes to Telford & Wrekin Council. David Williams had also contacted Shropshire Radio about the issue. A reporter visited and was shown the 12 very large potholes within the parish. Twentyfour hours after his report was broadcast the potholes had been repaired. This is an ongoing issue and it will be monitored.

The new storm drains at the entrance to Sambrook village have not been marked with hazard paint, the ironworks stand proud of the road and they are also not functioning effectively. More remedial work is required. Additionally, some form of protection is required as, in the event of a wide vehicle travelling on the road, motorists would be forced onto the verge resulting in potential serious damage to their vehicles.

7 Rubbish in layby

This was shown incorrectly on the Agenda as Rubbish Bin in layby on A41. In fact, it refers to a pile of earth spoil in the layby at the entrance to the village following the restoration of the verges outside the cottages and the number of rubbish bags deposited on land immediately behind the layby. Mark Stefan suggested that Telford & Wrekin Council be asked to reinstate the bin that had previously been located there and that the Highways department be informed of the fly tipping. There is concern that if action is not taken to address this matter, it could become an ongoing issue.

8 Correspondence

It was agreed that the Clerk would submit an application to join the Public Sector Mapping Agreement (PSMA) on behalf of the Parish Council.

9. Any other Business

None

10. Date of Next Meeting

The next Parish Council Meeting will take place at 7.30 pm on Thursday 14 May 2020 at Sambrook Village Hall. Eileen Dowd presented apologies in advance of the meeting.

Meeting closed at 8.20 pm.