

# PARISH OF CHELMORTON

Minutes of the

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

held on TUESDAY 12<sup>th</sup> March 2019 at 7.30pm

**Attendance:** electors of the parish: C Marsden (Chairman), H Mayo, R Jones, J Skidmore, M Wheeldon, 0 parishioners and 1 member of the public

### ORDER OF BUSINESS

1. Appointment of Clerk to the Meeting.

The meeting appointed the Parish Clerk Matthew Lovell to take the minutes

2. Apologies

County Councillor Simon Spencer, PCSO Boswell

3. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 13<sup>th</sup> March 2018

The minutes were accepted as a correct record and signed.

4. Statement of Accounts for 2018/19

The parish clerk noted that the accounts have been within budget. The draft accounts will be presented to council following this APM and finalised at the May meeting.

### Chairman's Report

This report covers the period from March 2018 to March 2019 during which time the Parish Council members were Charles Marsden, Richard Jones, Moira Wheeldon, James Skidmore and Harry Mayo. This report records the main issues discussed and acted upon by the Council.

### Special Event:

A major event during the past year was the commemoration on November 11<sup>th</sup> 2019 of one hundred years since the end of the Great War. The Parish Council funded the purchase of a commemorative soldier to be placed on the village green from The British Legion. The formal Service was held in The War Memorial Institute as usual in the morning. The Parish Council also signed on to light one of the National beacons on the top of Chelmorton Low on November 11<sup>th</sup> at 7pm. We were lucky with the weather, it was a mild, calm night and James Skidmore and friends organised a really massive bonfire which was enjoyed by the many that climbed the Low in the dark to be there as well as others back in the War Memorial Institute who were able to witness the event on TV. The Institute Committee complimented the beacon by holding a very successful indoor "street party" to which over 80 people came. It was a real village event and I would like to thank all of those who provided time and energy to make it such a memorable day.

Improved Internet Access for Chelmorton:

As reported last year we were in discussion with BT OpenReach to sign a contract to provide fast fibre based internet access to the village. The contract was signed by The Parish Council and BT in April 2018 and the work, which is due for completion in April 2019, has progressed with the cable laying now complete and connection to the Taddington exchange near completion. We very much hope that residents will obtain improved internet access, provided by their chosen internet supplier, when the new infrastructure is switched on. The Council would like to thank Richard Maher for the sustained hard work that he has put into this project

#### Playground:

The playground continues to be well used and the annual external review only identified minor issues requiring attention. The all- weather safety surfacing for the major items of equipment has continues to improve the quality of the playing surface particularly during adverse wet weather. There again has been some mole activity in the playground but this has been kept under control.

The Council has been in discussion with a former resident of Chelmorton about obtaining an area of land behind the Institute that could be used as a play area for older children. To date the discussions have not reached a conclusion but the Council has maintained a playground fund to allow necessary actions to be taken should the land become available as a playground.

#### Village Assets:

For several years Lee Simpson has had responsibility for the general maintenance of the village assets. Lee has now stepped down from this role and The Council would like to extends our thanks to him for all his work. The Council is pleased to record that Sally and Phil Swindell have now taken on the maintenance role and have already cleaned the Village Pound and repaired items.

#### Allotments:

To ensure that all residents on the waiting list had an allotment it was agreed to split one allotment into two. Since then one person on the list has decided they do not want an allotment. The new all- weather bench has been well received by residents. The Council is committed to ensuring that the tenants of the allotments only use them for the purposes allowed by their tenancy.

#### Village Organisations:

The Council are delighted by the continued success of the Village Festival and would like to thank all those involved. The Institute continues to improve facilities and with a grant of £2000 from the Parish Council they have installed a new heating system.

#### Planning Applications:

The Council has responded to all planning applications received.

#### Footpaths and Highways:

There has been an improvement in the rate at which the County Council deals with potholes in the roads and The Parish Council hope that this will lead to long-term improvements to local road services.

The Council continues to be concerned about the issue of illegal parking of a caravan as well as the ever increasing residents parking in Main Street. The white line

placed across the entrance from the village into Common Lane appears to have improved the safety at the entrance.

Consultation:

The Parish Council continues to participate in discussions with the Peak Park and Council authorities on issues of importance to the village and the wider community. Discussions with the local police continue and crime levels in the village remain low. For the 8th year in succession the Council has been able to maintain the precept at the same level (£5435).

Once again I would like to thank all Councillors for their help, advice and support during the year. I am grateful to Richard Jones for his help as Vice -Chair. The Council would like to extend their thanks to the Clerk Matthew who by his diligence makes sure what is discussed in Council is then acted upon.

Charles Marsden

March 12th 2019

5. District Councillor's Report

Not present and no apology received

6. County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Simon Spencer sent his apologies for absence.

7. Police Report

PCSO Boswell sent apologies - 1 incident of a stolen caravan in last 3 months

8. To consider any other Parish matter that may be brought forward by the Council or local government electors:

No matters raised

There was no other business and the meeting closed at 7:47 pm