

# CHELMORTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of the

## ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

held on **TUESDAY 10<sup>th</sup> March 2015 at 7.30pm**

**Attendance:** electors of the parish: **C Marsden (Chairman), H Mayo, L Simpson, J Skidmore, 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

Cllr M Wheeldon, Cnty Cllr S Spencer, PC Hyde & PCSO Grundy

3. To confirm the Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held on 27<sup>th</sup> May 2014

The minutes were accepted as a correct record and signed.

4. Statement of Accounts and Precept for 2015/16

The parish clerk noted that the accounts had been spent within budget and are being discussed at the council meeting that follows. The precept remains at the same level again for this year.

5. Chairman's Report

This report covers the period from May 2014 to March 2015 during which time the Parish Council members were Charles Marsden, Moira Wheeldon, Harry Mayo, Lee Simpson and James Skidmore. Several issues have involved the Parish Council which are summarised below.

#### Land Registration:

The Council has taken steps to ensure that all land currently owned by the Council is correctly registered with the Land Registry and this process is now complete.

#### Playground:

The playground has been well used during the year. There were some problems with the provision of grass cutting, both in the playground and at other sites in the village but these were resolved and the situation will be monitored during 2015. During the winter there has been an outbreak of mole activity in the playground and this is being dealt with. When the playground was established it was agreed that

ball games should not be allowed due to its proximity to private residential property and the Council have taken steps to enforce this agreement.

The annual external safety inspection of the playground identified only minor issues, such repainting some items of equipment. Where necessary repairs have been made to the equipment installed during 2012.

#### Troughs and Pound

The flow of water from the Illy Willy down then village continues to cause problems at times due to blockages in the pipe particularly in the autumn -apart from ensuring the system is cleared on a regular basis there appears to be no easy long term solution. The Pound has been regularly cleared of fallen leaves and parish benches maintained. The Council are grateful to Lee Simpson for the general maintenance of Parish sites and property during the year. The telephone kiosk will require attention during 2015.

#### Allotments:

All allotment space is occupied and continues to be used for growing fruit and vegetables as legally required. The rents for the year were paid.

#### Chelmorton Festival and Chelmorton Institute:

The Council have welcomed the idea of a Chelmorton Festival to be held during July 2015 and have provided the organisers with a grant to help with the initial funding of the event. The Institute has also been given some funding to help with essential repairs and improvements to this important facility. The Council thank the organisers of the festival for their efforts on behalf of the village and expect the event will be a great success.

#### Planning Applications:

The Council have responded to all planning applications received.

#### Footpaths and Highways:

The Parish Council raised several highways issues with the County Council. The Council have expressed concerns to The County Council and the Peak Park about the state of High Stool Lane due to its very heavy use by off-road vehicles and the issues has been noted. Dog fouling continues to be an issue within the village. A new salt bin has been installed at the Town End cross roads to help with the worst winter weather. Councillor Skidmore has gain taken responsibility for ensuring the salt in the bins are replenished during the winter.

#### Village Website:

The site is now live and contains sections for all organisations within the village - for example The Parish Council, The Institute, Church, Film Society, commercial listing (plumbers, builders etc), holiday accommodation. Some sections need to be improved and there is also a need for more pictures to go onto the site.

#### Village Defibrillator:

The Parish Council has agreed to purchase and install a cardiac defibrillator to be installed at a convenient site in the village (probably on the external wall of The Institute). A public appeal for funding has been initiated and the defibrillator will

be installed as soon as possible followed by a public display of how to use the equipment

Consultation:

The Parish Council has attended meetings and responded to several surveys, questionnaires and requests for views from the CC, DDDC and The Peak Park Authority on issues relevant to the residents of Chelmorton. The Chairman represented the Council at the annual Peak Park Authority Parish Day in October which was mainly concerned with maintaining village vibrancy. There are plans to alter the structure of the how the County is run by reorganisation of District Councils and the Parish Council has responded.

The Parish Council has agreed to keep the precept at the same level for a fifth year (£5435)

I would like to thank all the Councillors for their help and support in the work of the Council, this has not just involved attending meetings but also some physical work Council would also like to extend our thanks to the clerk Matthew who has done so much to ensure that the plans and ideas of the Council came to be acted upon.

Charles A Marsden March 10th 2015

6. District Councillor's Report

Not present and no apology received

7. County Councillor's Report

County Councillor Simon Spencer sent his apologies for absence.

8. Police Report

Apologies for absence received from PC Ian Hyde.

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

Comment was passed on the unsightly look of lower Main Street with the dilapidated Land Rover and Ponderosa site.