

# CHELMORTON PARISH COUNCIL

## *Minutes of the Meeting of Chelmorton Parish Council held in the War Memorial Institute on Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> November 2023*

Present: Cllr S Cooper, Cllr R Jones(Chair), Cllr J Skidmore and Cllr W Mosley

In attendance: Matthew Lovell (Clerk) and 0 members of the Public.

### Co-Option of One Member

Emma Beresford was the only candidate and council welcomed her to take up the vacancy. She signed the declaration and joined the meeting.

### 891 Apologies for Absence

Apologies were accepted from – none required

### 892 Variation of order of business and clerk's notification of time constrained items

No variations required.

### 893 Declarations of Members Interests

In respect of this meeting: none required

### 894 Public Speaking

An update on the drains was received. Funding is in place for all he cracked and damaged sections to be replaced and DCC is now to carry this out in house. Catch pits are needed but the woks will include a schedule for regular cleaning including at the soakaway from Spring 2024. Keith was thanked for his efforts and will continue to liaise with the DCC Engineers to ensure the replacement work covers all affected areas.

Apologies were received from County Councillor Simon Spencer and PCSO Anthony Boswell.

### 895 To confirm the Non-exempt minutes of the previous meeting

RESOLVED to confirm as a correct record the minutes of the meeting held on 5<sup>th</sup> September 2023 The minutes were signed by the Chair.

### 896 To determine which if any from Part 1 of the Agenda should be taken with the public excluded – Clerk's pay award

### 897 Planning decisions/applications received since last meeting & planning related matters

Decisions received: None

Applications returned to meet deadline:– none

Applications for discussion: NP/DDD/0923/1092 Meadow Barn - S.73 application for the variation of condition 3 on NP/DDD/0720/0629

Council supports this variation as a practical solution.

NP/DDD/1023/1210 Pomeroy War Memorial Hall - Improve access to the hall by widening the gateway and surfacing the section between the road & the existing car park which we previously covered with chatter but is now overgrown.

Council supports this work to provide infrastructure that will enhance the practical necessities for a working community hall.

Other PDNPA: no direct response to utilities installed in temporary field yet.

898 Footpaths and Highways and related issues

Common Lane has been repaired but there are emergency repairs needed to the collapsed drains at the green.

High Stool Lane to be reported again for the potholes.

899 Reports from Village Organisations

Village Institute – no report – has received a £500 donation from the festival.

Trust – no report - £400 received from the festival.

Festival – profits have been distributed and the balance retained ready for next year. A new Chair will be needed.

900 Community planting, transport, defibrillator for The Ditch

Questionnaire results.

64 responses were received. 45/19 vote for a defibrillator but 20 at the Ditch and 13 near the Church/Pub. 30 people are willing to join the planting scheme and 10 expressed an interest in editing a newsletter. A follow up will be needed as no personal details were asked for. Ideas for events at the Institute have been copied to the committee and the results in full will be circulated to all councillors.

901 Village Assets/Website/Allotments:

Play Area – the rotten sections of wood are currently being replaced.

Allotments - all in full use. Plot 1 may be relinquished but we currently have no waiting list.

Website – no issues. The annual Christmas tree was authorised for purchase.

902 Items for Information

DALC Circulars and briefings.

903 Precept for 2024

Accounts for year to date were circulated and an increase of £ 208.00 was resolved. This amounts to £0.03 per week per household and raises the precept to £5902

904 Finance

Council resolved to authorise the following:

| (a) | Accounts for Payment            |         | vat |
|-----|---------------------------------|---------|-----|
| Ubd | HM Lovell wages November        | £194.74 |     |
| Ubd | NEST monthly                    | £14.41  |     |
| Ubd | PJ Swindell – Pound maintenance | £80.00  |     |
| Ubd | HM Lovell expenses              | £28.08  |     |
| ubd | HM Lovell wages December        | £354.40 |     |
| ubd | NEST monthly                    | £25.57  |     |

(b) Income Interest 41.95 Wayleave £11.33

(c) Budget Appraisal/Risk Assessment

Current account Balance at 31/10/23 £2747.48

Deposit account balance at 31/10/23 £6218.95

Reimbursables will be claimed once the receipt from the Church Grant is Received

905 Date of next meeting – 9th January in the Village Institute

2024:, 5th March (APM), 7th May, 9th July, 10th September, 5th November

Exclusion of the Public

906 NALC Pay Award – agreed backdated to 1<sup>st</sup> April in accordance with the contract

The meeting closed at 8: 11 pm