

At the Annual General Meeting of Chetton Parish Council held on 14th May, 2024

Present Richard Fox, Pam Downing, Linda Jackson, Mark Clarke,
E.Crawford Clarke, Steve Jordan

Apologies Paul Verney, Fleur Whittingham, Cllr R.Tindall

Open Session for Parishioners

1. Any declarations of interest
2. Election of a) Chairman Mr.P.Verney nominated by R.Fox.
seconded P.Downing
b) Vice-chairman Fleur Whittingham proposed by Richard
Fox, seconded by Edward Crawford Clarke

- 3.Appointments a) Responsible Finance Officer The clerk
b) Internal Auditor Mr.B.Williams

Confirmation of competence of a) Clerk
b) Internal Auditor

The competence of the RFO and Internal Auditor were confirmed.

Confirmation of adequacy of a) Standard Orders
b) Financial Regulations
The above were confirmed as being adequate.

4. Confirmation of Minutes of previous meeting.

The Minutes of the previous meeting, having been circulated were
unanimously confirmed and signed as a correct record.

5. Matters arising from those Minutes
6. Correspondence

All SALC Bulletins have been forwarded to Councillors

7. Highways The condition of local highways was discussed with emphasis being
laid on the condition of Chetton Lane and the potholes which had been
previously reported at Eudon George. The clerk would contact Highways again
and ask for remedial work to be carried out as soon as possible.

Lengthsman The clerk had applied for the Lengthsman's Grant of £750. A copy of Nigel Oliver's worksheet/timesheet would be circulated to Councillors.

8. Planning Approval for application 24/00934/FUL Alterations and extensions to Wardens Cottage, The Down, Bridgnorth, formation of new driveway The Hills, The Down Bridgnorth. There were no objections to this application.

9 Reports Shropshire Councillor

Due to illness Cllr.Tindall was unable to attend the meeting. His report is attached to these Minutes.

Chairman Richard Fox said that he wished to thank all Councillors for the support he had received and added his best wishes to the new Chairman.

Village Hall The Village Hall representative reported on the current financial position and forthcoming activities. A full report is filed with these Minutes

Clerk's report The Clerk reported on local highways problems. An application would be made for Environmental Maintenance Grant to ensure the future of the Lengthsman in the Parish.
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8. Finance Cheques required – Clerk £277.46, HMRC £69.20, Lengthsman £550, SALC Affiliation fee £219.88
9. Any Parish matters or problems to be placed on the next agenda.
10. Date of next meeting 17th July (Subject to confirmation)

Richard A Fox

14th

At the Annual Parish Meeting of Chetton Parish Council held on 4th May, 2024

Present Richard Fox, Pam Downing, Linda Jackson, Mark Clarke, E. Crawford Clarke, Steve Jordan.

There were no members of the General Public in attendance.

Apologies Paul Verney, Fleur Whittingham, Cllr. R. Tindall

The Minutes of the previous A.P.M. were accepted and signed as being correct

Reports

- a) Chairman
- b) County Councillor
- c) Village Hall Representative
- d) Responsible Finance Officer

As no members of the general public was present, the Reports were held over to the Annual General Meeting which followed.

Chetton Parish Council Annual Meeting

Tuesday 14th May 2024

Shropshire Councillor's Report

First, many will have heard on Shropshire Council's efforts to balance its budget. One area that will impact directly on residents will be the possible closure of one of the two HRCs in South Shropshire- these being at Bridgnorth and at Craven Arms. Alternatively there has been a suggestion that the HRCs are closed one day a week and a system of prior booking introduced. The other suggestion is that residents pay £52 per year to have their garden rubbish taken away. I have experience of all three proposals with another local authority and the system works well.

Secondly, despite the huge back log (largely caused by chronic underfunding over many years), Shropshire Council is trying to catch up with road repairs in general and potholes in particular. When residents report a problem on FixMyStreet there doesn't seem to be a method of copying the local councillor in so it is difficult for me to follow what has and what has not been done. I will try and see if the programme can be amended to accommodate such a function. If I personally report a problem I like, all others, do get informed when the work has been completed.

Thirdly, Shropshire Council's Local Plan is still being reviewed by the Planning Inspectorate who have raised questions regarding the Green Belt.

Finally, and as ever, if there are any problems in the parish, please let me know and I will see what I can do to help.

Cllr Robert Tindall
Brown Clee Electoral Division
Shropshire Council

9th May 2024

The past year has been very busy with several matters including Highways problems which, at the moment are affecting the whole of Shropshire. Fix-my-street is supposed to deal with them speedily and efficiently but unfortunately, in many cases it doesn't seem to work. At the moment the condition of the Chetton Lane is 'live' having been reported 29th April but I have had no further update regarding repairs. Other problems are also waiting for attention i.e. dangerous potholes in the Millfields Way area. Exceptionally dangerous potholes were eventually dealt with and at the junction of the B4364 and Oldfield Lane and further work was completed along the lane.

The Lengthsman continues with his excellent work around the Parish. I have applied for the grant for the forthcoming year and wait to hear the amount to be allocated.

There have been difficulties with arranging meetings in the Village Hall but hopefully that has now been settled.

Village Hall Report – meeting on 13th May 2024

The Treasurers report was discussed in detail. Village Hall is breaking even and ways to raise more funds was discussed including a Folk evening in October and showing more up to date films at Flicks in the Sticks, and the annual Plant Sale. Chasing up grants is an ongoing process which appear to be getting fewer due to lack of funds.

Charging for hall use for the upcoming election was discussed. Do we know how much other village halls charge for this?

The driveway and carpark maintenance was high on the agenda. Sue has had a quote of £5000 to replace the aggregate and make good the car park. The fencing is rotting in places, the hall needs a re-paint. A team of volunteers is needed to do some of the handy work around the hall.