

**MINUTES OF THE CHEBSEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING
HELD ON MONDAY 13 MAY 2019 at 7 pm
IN ST LUKE'S CHURCH HALL, NORTON BRIDGE**

Present:

Councillor Margaret Ainsworth-Hickman, Chair
Councillor Richard Hopley
Councillor John Green
Councillor David Williams

In attendance: Liz Harrington-Jones (Clerk)
10 residents

Apologies: Councillor David Davis
Councillor Peter Jones, Stafford Borough Council (SBC)
Councillor Jeremy Pert, Staffordshire County Council (SCC)

896 Welcome and Public Participation

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting. A resident reported that the telegraph poles being installed opposite the Katharine House site were for future communication cables. Another resident suggested using the bus shelter at Norton Bridge for posting public notices. Councillors discussed the dumping of hazardous waste outside a property in Chebsey village, and fears of rat infestation. The Clerk would investigate and contact the Environmental Services or appropriate authority. **Action: Clerk**

897 Reports from Borough and County Councillors

There were no reports from Borough or County Councillors.

898 Declarations of Interest

Cllr Hopley declared an interest in any items relating to Network Rail.

899 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Monday 1 April 2019 and any Matters Arising

RESOLVED – That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1 April 2019 were accepted as a true record of the meeting and were signed by the Chairman.

The Chairman reported that there had been an excellent response to the display of photographs organised by the History Society.

It was agreed to report the blocked gullies again (874).

Volunteers were being sought to re-furbish the telephone kiosk in Chebsey (876).

The Chair had met the Footpaths Officer and the installation of the kissing gates was now in hand (875).

The next Litter Pick would be held on 6 July 2019.

Grass cutting had re-commenced at the recreation area, Norton Bridge ((891).

Cllr Pert had confirmed that the 30 mph speed limit should be installed in Norton Bridge during the second week in June ((883).

899.i Letter of thanks to Mr Mark Wilson, Mr Simon Hudson

Councillors agreed unanimously that letters of thanks should be sent to Mr Wilson and Mr Hudson for their service as Parish Councillors. **Action: Clerk**

899.ii Vacancies on Chebsey Parish Council

Notices had gone up on all boards to advertise the two vacancies on Chebsey Parish Council, and it was agreed to contact the church magazine and Cllr Peter Jones to further publicise the vacancies. It was agreed it is important for the Parish Council to be up to full strength to enable it to function fully. **Action: Clerk**

900 Planning

19/30476/HOU Croft House, School Lane, Chebsey
Proposed garden shed

RESOLVED That Councillors had no comment to make on the above planning application.

A planning application had been received for the placement of a log cabin in the curtilage of Barncroft, Scamnel Lane, Chebsey, and had now been withdrawn (19/30188/HOU).

The following planning decisions have been made since 1 April 2019:
19/30014/COU and 19/30091/LBC Soapsuds Cottage, School Lane, Chebsey - ALLOWED
Change of use from holiday let to ancillary aged relative accommodation

901 Finance

001.i Expenditure for May

Clerk salary and expenses to 13 May 2019	168.81
Oak Tree Farm, grass cutting	45.00
SBC, Civic Amenity vehicle visits (one year)	882.00
BHIB insurance	451.42
Total monthly expenditure	£1,547.23

RESOLVED That the payments for May were approved.

The Clerk confirmed that HMRC had approved the payment of reclaimed VAT, and that it should be in the current account later that week. HMRC have also issued a paying in book for PAYE and NI.

After discussion it was agreed to contact Dawkes and suggest that the Parish Council could purchase the disputed notice board and then issue a cheque in payment of the withheld amount, less that cost. **Action: Clerk**

902 Highway Matters

There was nothing further to report as yet on the removal of a hedge from Hilcote Lane, or the removal of hedges and trees from land off Searchlight Lane.

903. Former BT Telephone box, Chebsey

This had been discussed earlier in the meeting – Matters Arising (899).

904. HS2/Network Rail

There was nothing further to report.

905 Correspondence

The Clerk reported the receipt of SBC Members’ Digest No 254 ; SBC information re European elections, displayed on notice boards; Zurich offer to quote for insurance; Clerks’ and Councils’ Direct May 2019; HAGS play equipment information; correspondence reporting the hazardous waste tipping at Old Mill Farmhouse.

906 Items for the next Parish Council Meeting

Progress on co-option of Parish Councillors.

907. Date of Next Meeting

The next meeting of Chebsey Parish Council will take place on Monday 3 June 2019 at St Luke’s Church Hall, Norton Bridge, at 7 pm. Councillors confirmed that further meetings during the year would take place on 3 June, 1 July, 3 September, 7 October, 4 November, 2 December 2019.

There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for attending, and declared the meeting closed at 8.20 pm.

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