

**MINUTES OF THE CHEBSEY PARISH COUNCIL MEETING  
HELD ON MONDAY 4 FEBRUARY 2019 at 7 pm  
IN ST LUKE'S CHURCH HALL, NORTON BRIDGE**

- Present:** Councillor Margaret Ainsworth-Hickman, Chair, Chebsey Parish Council (CPC)  
Councillor John Green  
Councillor Richard Hopley  
Councillor Simon Hudson  
Councillor David Williams  
Councillor Mark Wilson
- In attendance:** Liz Harrington-Jones (Clerk)  
2 residents  
Councillor Jeremy Pert, Staffordshire County Council (SCC)  
Councillor Peter Jones, Stafford Borough Council (SBC)
- Apologies:** Councillor David Davis

**856 Welcome and Public Participation**

The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting.

Mr Ainsworth, Mill Farm, gave details of the planning application that had been submitted for the site (S.18/12467). Cllr Hudson raised concerns over the removal of hedges and the filling in of a ditch on land at the rear of Shallowford House. This had been reported to the SBC Enforcement Officer, and the area had been visited by the Arboricultural Officer; the Clerk read out the latter's comments. After discussion it was agreed to contact SBC again, reiterate dissatisfaction with the situation, and ask them to check Google Earth to confirm that a hedge had been removed. The Chairman reported that the Historical Group were planning an exhibition on 6 and 7 April 2019 and would be producing a booklet.

**857. Reports from Borough and County Councillors**

Cllr Jones had been in discussions with SBC over the disputed Civic Amenity vehicle invoice, and was awaiting a reply. Cllr Pert reported that the change to a 30 mph speed limit through Norton Bridge was being progressed. Cllr Pert had held meetings with the bus company, but it would not be possible to continue the service to Norton Bridge after 1 April as there were not sufficient passengers. Cllr Pert reminded Councillors of the meeting to be held on 21 February 2019 at Yarnfield Park. HS2 will be lodging Additional Provisions to the HS2 Bill in Parliament on Friday 8 February 2019

**858 Declarations of Interest**

Cllrs Hopley and Hudson declared an interest in items relating to Network Rail. Cllr Ainsworth-Hickman declared an interest in Planning Application S. 18/12467.

**859 Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 January 2019 and any Matters Arising**

**RESOLVED** – That the minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 7 January 2019 were accepted as a true record of the meeting subject to the correction of the meeting date (Minute 855) and were signed by the Chairman.

Cllr Ainsworth-Hickman reported that she had visited both landowners (Minute 846) and the hedges would be cut by the end of the month.

The Clerk would chase up improved signage to Norton Bridge (Minute 843).

**Action: Clerk**

The potholes on the B5026 had still not been repaired; the lights on the old roundabout had been damaged and were still not repaired. The Clerk would chase up both items.

**Action: Clerk**

Cllr Wilson reported that he had contacted Dawkes, and the outstanding items would be completed by the following Tuesday (Minute 846).

After discussion it was agreed that Cllr Hudson and Wilson would carry out an assessment of what needs to be done to restore the BT telephone box in Chebsey, and report back to the next meeting (Minute 853).

Cllr Ainsworth-Hickman reported that the kissing gates for the new footpath would be delivered on the following Friday; the contractor had done a good job on the fencing (Minute 851).

Sarah Mallen SCC had agreed to attend the next meeting on 4 March 2019 to discuss highway and traffic issues in connection with the HS2 project (Minute 852).

Civic Amenity vehicle visits for the next year had been requested; the programme would be issued shortly (Minute 848.iii).

## **860 Planning**

No planning decisions by SBC had been reported since the last meeting.

### **18/29507/FUL (Amendment) - Drumble House, School Lane, Chebsey**

SBC Planning have been advised that concerns have been expressed about the possibility of further garages being constructed on the site in the future.

**SCC Ref. S.18/12/467 W, Mill Farm, Chebsey** – Application to consolidate the existing permitted Open Windrow composting operations in development permitted under S.13/22/467 W  
Councillors had no comment to make on the above planning application.

### **Appeal in respect of 18/28431/HOU and 18/28436/LBC, Park View, Chebsey**

It was agreed to reiterate previous comments previously submitted, and point out that the application is against SBCs own policies.

**19/29859/PAGR Land to the North West Stone Road, Norton Bridge**, Prior Approval, Proposed agricultural building  
Details of this application had not yet been received; the Clerk would circulate them to Councillors immediately on receipt.

Councillors were advised by the Clerk that discussions have taken place in the past for all planning applications to be circulated by email only, and not by post. All agreed this would not be satisfactory, particularly as broadband provision was patchy and poor in areas of the Parish.

## **861. Finance**

### **861.i Expenditure for January/February**

Clerk salary and expenses to 4 February 2019	168.81
HMRC, PAYE/NI	118.20
Total monthly expenditure	£287.01

**RESOLVED** That the payments for January/February were approved.

## **862. Highway Matters**

### **862.i Routine clearance of gullies**

The gullies on the B5026 have now been cleared. The Clerk would check when the gullies on Scannel Lane, Hilcote, Parsons Bank, and the cross roads off the B5026 were due to be cleared.

**Action: Clerk**

The cones and exposed drain on Station Road, Norton Bridge, were still in place.

**Action: Clerk**

### **862.ii Other Highway matters**

It was reported that water accumulates at the bottom of Shallowford Bank/end of Searchlight Lane.

**Action: Clerk**

It was reported that the road surface on Station Road, treated for the recent Tour of Britain race, now needed attention.

**Action: Clerk**

## **863. Footpath between Shallowford and Chebsey**

Friends of Norton Bridge had suggested the Parish Council approached residents for a name for the new footpath, and this was agreed.

**Action: Clerk**

As reported earlier (Minute 859) the new kissing gates would be installed shortly.

## **864. HS2/Network Rail**

Additional Provisions to the HS2 Bill would be lodged with Parliament at the end of the week. Sarah Mallen, SCC, would attend the next Parish Council meeting on 4 March 2019.

## **865 Correspondence**

The Clerk reported the receipt of SBC Members' Digest Nos 250 and 251; information on elections and an Election Briefing to be held in Stafford on 6 May 2019; invitation from Cllr Pert/SPCA to a meeting a Yarnfield Park on 21 February 2019; SCC letter on local bus services where contracts are due for renewal – none in Chebsey Parish; letter from Sir William Cash MP who has raised concerns over broadband reception in the Parish with SCC and the Secretary of State; Stone Town Council Charity Quiz Night on Saturday 9 February 2019.

Councillors were urged to be proactive and encourage residents to vote in the election on 2 May 2019.  
Cllr Wilson reported that he had received an anonymous letter which, in accordance with the procedure agreed in June 2018, would be placed on file

**866 Items for the next Parish Council Meeting**

Refurbishment of the telephone box, Chebsey; request from the Friends of Norton Bridge for a bin box cover; Councillors were asked to forward any other items for the next meeting to the Clerk.

**867. Date of Next Meeting**

The next meeting of Chebsey Parish Council will take place on Monday 4 March 2019 at St Luke’s Church Hall, Norton Bridge, at 7 pm. There being no further business the Chair thanked everyone for attending, and declared the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.

..... Date .....Councillor Margaret Ainsworth-Hickman ,Chair