



CHESLYN HAY PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on Wednesday 14th April 2021 at the Village Hall, Pinfold Lane, Cheslyn Hay at 7.00 pm

A minute's silence was held following the death of HRH Prince Phillip

1. 14/04/43 - MEMBERS PRESENT

1.1 Councillor S. Hollis (Chair)

Councillors :- P. L. Appleton, B. L. Bladen, T. M. Boyle, E. A. Davison,
J. C. Davison, A. W. Emery, I. E. Emery, L. J. Emery,
J. D. Lockley, C. Wilkinson, A. J. Woolley, B. Woolley.
Melanie Brown – Parish Clerk

2. 14/04/44 – APOLOGIES

2.1 Apologies for absence from Councillors G. P. Keatley and P. Wilkinson. The Chair wished Councillor P. Wilkinson a speedy recovery.

3. 14/04/45 – DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

3.1 No declarations of interest reported.

4. 14/04/46 – MINUTES

4.1 That the minutes of the Budget and Precept Meeting held on Wednesday 13th January 2021 be recorded as a true and accurate record.

RESOLVED:

Proposed by Councillor C. Wilkinson, seconded by Councillor T. M. Boyle all in favour, that the minutes of the Budget and Precept meeting held on Wednesday 13th January 2021 be recorded as a true and accurate record.

5. 14/04/47 - PLANNING

5.1 21/00226/FUL – Re-position boundary fence to enclose additional garden space at 37 Tudor Way, Cheslyn Hay, WS6 7LN

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk inform South Staffordshire Council that Cheslyn Hay Parish Council object to planning application 21/00226/FUL as the property is now encroaching onto a public right of way and this will result in setting a precedent for all other properties along the walk way to extend their gardens, leading to further development.

As shrubbery is very seldom cut back on these pathways it is more important than ever that enough space is left for pedestrians, pushchairs and wheelchairs to pass safely if necessary.

The Parish Council also recommend that planning enforcement visit the site as there are already examples of where properties have extended their gardens without planning permission.

6. 14/04/48 – FINANCE

- 6.1 No financial reports available until year-end closedown.

7. 14/04/49 – CLERKS REPORT

- 7.1 Police Report March 2021 – The Clerk reported that Police reports have been received intermittently during the lockdown and they are now going back to reporting monthly. The Clerk read the anti-social behaviour issues in Cheslyn Hay. Councillor I. Emery requested information as to what video evidence the Police would accept when reporting anti-social behaviour or crime.
- 7.2 Chapel Square – The Clerk issued a map to each Member present detailing the area in Chapel Square earmarked for the Remembrance Garden. A discussion was held regarding entering into an agreement with South Staffordshire Council for the maintenance of the green space and installing gates and fencing, dependant on funds available.
- 7.3 Saredon Road development – The Clerk had distributed the request from Housing Plus Group for the Parish Council to suggest road names for the new development on Saredon Road with the agenda. Councillor Bladen has suggested several ‘tree’ themed road names.
- 7.4 Public Space Protection Order – The Clerk reported that South Staffordshire Council are reviewing how they deal with dog fouling and restrictions such as banning dogs or asking them to be kept on leads in certain areas. A discussion was held regarding issues in the area.
- 7.5 Cheslyn Hay under 8’s play equipment – The Clerk reported that a resident has been complaining for over a year as they want the plastic tubing on the slide re-instating in the under 8’s play area. Cannock Stadium play area has just been refurbished with metal play equipment and Cannock Council have confirmed there is very little they can damage on this equipment. Members discussed the costs involved with replacing the plastic tubing, issues with anti-social behaviour on the children’s play area, reports to Police and the issue with the position and opening of the entrance gate.
- 7.6 Cheslyn Hay Parish Council Insurance – The Clerk reported that Parish Council insurers are now considering business interruption cover after a recent High Court ruling. The Clerk reported that she had applied for all grants available.
- 7.7 Cheslyn Hay Village Hall Inspection – The Clerk reported that the Health and Safety Executive have visited the Village Hall to carry out a Covid inspection and Cannock Fire Station have carried out a building and fire safety risk audit in recent months.
- 7.8 Meeting dates 2021 – The Clerk reported that to maintain Covid safe meetings in the Main Hall on Wednesdays in June and July would not be possible as hirers return week commencing 17th May 2021, Tuesday is the only evening available in the Main Hall at present.
- 7.9 Tractor Equipment – The Chair and Vice Chair discussed the issues with the current tractor and deck equipment.

That the Clerk contact the PCSO's in order to establish if mobile telephone footage is acceptable as evidence when reporting anti-social behaviour or crime.

That the Clerk write to the Chief Executive of South Staffordshire Council in relation to maintaining the green areas of Chapel Square as a Remembrance Garden.

That the Clerk email suggestions of road names for the Saredon Road development to Members in order for them to return their preferred option.

That the Clerk establish if any extra enforcement will be applied with the Public Space Protection Order before a decision is made by the Parish Council.

That Members do not want to pursue the replacement of the plastic tubing from America for the slide as this has already been replaced and vandalised. That the Clerk investigate quotations and funding streams for the purchase of new anti-vandal play equipment, the re-siting of the entrance gate and timer locks.

That the Parish Council Annual Meeting will take place on Wednesday 12th May 2021 and the next two meeting dates will be held on Tuesday 8th June 2021 and Tuesday 13th July 2021.

That the Chair/Vice Chair discuss the purchase of a new tractor deck as a short-term measure and report back at the next meeting.

8. 14/04/50 – CORRESPONDENCE

- 8.1 South Staffordshire Council – nomination for Parish Councillor to sit on the Standards and Resources Committee, closing date 27th April 2021.
- 8.2 South Staffordshire Council – Funding available for Cheslyn Hay High Street for the re-opening of High Streets safely following Covid.
- 8.3 Request from resident for assistance with the closure of bus routes from Cheslyn Hay to Great Wyrley and from Cheslyn Hay to Churchbridge.
- 8.4 Complaint from resident in Rosemary Road regarding the illegal and hazardous parking at the top of Rosemary Road and lack of response to his concerns.

RESOLVED:

That the Clerk inform South Staffordshire Council that Councillor Brian Bladen be nominated to sit on the Standards and Resources Committee.

That the Clerk contact the Locality Enabler for Locality 3 to arrange a meeting to discuss the funding available for Cheslyn Hay High Street.

That the Clerk request the assistance of County Councillors in relation to the issues with the closure of the bus routes.

That the Clerk contact the Chief Constable and the Police and Crime Commissioner in relation to the parking enforcement issues at the top of Rosemary Road.

9. 14/04/51 - TABLED ITEMS

9.1 No Tabled items.

10. 14/04/52 – CHAIRMAN'S ANNOUNCEMENTS

10.1 No Chairman's Announcements.

11. 14/04/53 – SECTION 17 STATEMENT

11.1 Items 7.1, 7.4, 7.5 and 8.4.

12. 14/04/54 – CONFIDENTIAL ITEMS

12.1 Legal issue discussed.

Standing Orders were suspended and the meeting closed at 9.40 pm.