

Chebsey Parish Council

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Minutes of the Chebsey Parish Council held on

**Monday 10th October 2022 7pm**

**In All Saints Church Chebsey**

**Cllr’s Present: Cllr M Ainsworth-Hickman (Chair) Cllr R Hopley (Vice Chair) Cllr B Jones**

**Cllr B Samra Cllr S Edge.**

**In Attendance: S. Stokes (Clerk) Cllr J Pert (SBC SCC)**

**Members of the public: 2**

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| **22/144** | **Welcome and Public Participation. (Please refer to the Chebsey Parish Council Public Participation Policy which can be found on** [**www.chebseyparishcouncil.org.uk**](http://www.chebseyparishcouncil.org.uk) **)**  The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and apologised for the change of venue due to the fire at St Luke’s Church Hall Norton Bridge. Any discussions about the Meecebrook proposals will be covered under the Planning item 22/148. Mr D. Davis asked if he could give custody of the Parish Lawnmower to Mr Wilshaw from Friends of Norton Bridge. He also requested reimbursement for petrol costs of £20. The chair thanked Mr Davis for cutting the grass and said the costs would be discussed at item 22/149 (Finance). Mr Davis reported damage to Bridge 20 on the West Coast main line at the north end of Station Road. The Clerk will report the damage to network rail. **Action Clerk.**  Feedback from Friends of Norton Bridge meeting.  A request to the Parish Council to ask Safer Roads for the speed measurement device to visit Norton Bridge.  A questionnaire regarding the 103 bus route will be sent out to residents.  The History Society will be having a free exhibition in Chebsey Parish Hall on 5th and 6th of November 2022.  The next Civic amenities visit will be on the car park at Norton Bridge on 28th October 2022.  Advance notice of the Afternoon Tea on 10th December 2022. |
| **22/145** | **Apologies.**  **Cllr D Foster-Birks, Cllr J. Lawson, Cllr P. Jones (SBC)** |
| **22/146** | **Declarations of interest, to consider written requests from Cllr’s for the Council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011.)** Councillor Sarah Edge declared an interest in item 22/148 Meecebrook proposals. |
| **22/147** | **Minutes and Matters arising from the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th September 2022.**  No further information received on the Lawful Development Certificate at Old Mill Farmhouse. A similar case in Pendle Council went to committee for a decision. Stafford Borough Council planning department have said a Lawful Development certificate request cannot be “called in “The Clerk will contact the planning department for clarification (A copy of the newspaper article will be attached.) **Action Clerk**  Still no information on CPR training pending the future of Eccleshall first responders after the retirement of Martin Watson.  The Drop-in at St Luke’s Church Hall has been postponed because of the fire.  Network Rail will be clearing the ragwort at Norton Bridge by the end of October.  Thank you to Councillor B Jones for sourcing the commemorative bench and getting it installed in the recreation area.  Minutes of the meeting held on the 5th September 2022 approved as a true record by all present. |
| **22/148** | **Planning Updates.**  21/34236/FUL Land adjacent Hill Crest Shallowford Glamping site approved on 6th Sept 2022.  20/32290/FUL Land opposite Keepers Cottage Hilcote Lane appeal made 27th Sept 2022.  21/34769/FUL Land off Searchlight Lane. Widen an existing gateway. Allowed 6th October 2022.  **Update on the Meecebrook development.**  Councillor Sarah Edge left the meeting whilst the Meecebrook proposals were discussed.  A long discussion was held on the proposals for Meecebrook.  **Key facts:**  Consultation period 24th October to 12th December 2022 for the Local Plan which includesthe Meecebrook proposals.  Public presentations will take place between 10th and 19th of November 2022.  Very important that everyone comments, not to just rely on a group response.  Councillor B Jones requested that his disappointment with Stafford Borough Councils lack of communication be minuted. |
| **22/149** | **Finance.**  **Balance from meeting on 5th September 2022 £5069.45**  Cheque 960 for reimbursement Cllr B Jones  For commemorative bench - £385.00  Payment rec’d from Midland Rural for leaflets + £20.00  **Nat West Current Account on 23rd September 2022 £4704.45**  To approve expenditure for October 2022  Cheque 961 HMRC Payment July –Sept PAYE £45.60  Cheque 962 Clerks October Salary (£224.20)  and reimbursement for printer paper(£5.00) £229.20  Cheque 963 Payment to D. Davis for maintenance and petrol  For the parish lawnmower £20.00  **Balance £4409.65**  All payments discussed and approved by everyone present  Precept payment due October (£3633.99)  **Discuss the budget.**  Cllr B Jones produced the Chebsey Parish Council Financial projections updated until July. This will help to make sensible decisions on the precept. To be included on the website for parishioners to be aware of how their money is being spent.  The clerk will contact Stafford County Council to get confirmation of the total of houses in the parish for the precept calculation. **Action Clerk.** |
| **22/150** | **Highway and Footpath Matters.**  Notification received of the closure of Parsons Bank on 2nd December 2022. Details are on the notice boards and on the website. |
| **22/151** | **Discuss Councillor Responsibilities.**  The sheet of responsibilities was discussed and agreed by all. Everyone was happy to adopt their duties. It was agreed that adopting this way of working would provide a more effective and efficient Parish Council. The Chair read out the Terms of Reference which were accepted by all present. |
| **22/152** | **Update on the website.**  The new website supported by Staffordshire County Council is being set up by the clerk. After discussion it was agreed to pay for the Gold Package at a cost of £150 per year plus domain name at £9.99 per year.  It was agreed to ask the History Society if they could provide some historic facts on the Parish of Chebsey to be included on the website. |
| **22/153** | **Discuss ordering the commemorative plaque for D. Davis and J. Green.**  Wording for the plaque agreed and a budget of £40 set. The clerk will source a plaque and receive approval from the Councillors before ordering. A date will be set to arrange an “unveiling” of the bench. **Action Clerk.** |
| **22/154** | **HS2.**  The SRCG held a public meeting and presentation, on 30th Sept, to update residents on the state of play in objecting to, and proposing an alternative Maintenance Rail Base location away from Stone. Work continues, by HS2, within the area although it remains a possibility, according to the press and from public pronouncements by some MP’s, that HS2 beyond Birmingham should be scrapped due to the need to preserve public money. The SRCG have received a letter from a Parish Council in Buckinghamshire where HS2 construction is underway. The letter lays out the massive disruption being suffered by local residents due to the presence of HS2 Ltd and its contractors not complying with rules relating to transport routes or concerns of residents. It is feared that the Stone area will be affected likewise. Bob Jones  **Funding**  Details of funding request under HS2 Community Funds for Highways needs to be presented to Staffordshire County Council by 21st October 2022.  Suggestions for speed reduction and traffic calming on the bend at Norton Bridge.  Footpath and cycle way from new development to Cold Norton. **Action Clerk and Cllr B Jones.** |
| **22/155** | **Correspondence received.**  **E mail regarding Warmer Spaces.**  Cllr D Foster-Birks expressed an interest on behalf of the Parish.  The Chair has been making enquiries and hopefully, getting together with other communities in the area the Parish Council will be able to provide “warmer spaces”  There is a possibility of some funding, including help with community transport.  Cllr J Pert said that sadly there had not been much interest from the 64 parishes. Funding has not yet been decided.  Cllr Pert left the meeting at 20.42. |
| **22/156** | **Items for next Parish Council Meeting.**  Discuss and adopt parish council policies |
| **22/157** | **Date of next meeting. The next meeting will be held on 7th November 2022 Venue to be arranged.**  The venue was discussed and the next meeting will be in Chebsey Parish Hall. |
| **22/158** | **Discuss the Clerk’s Appraisal.**  The Councillor’s present updated their pecuniary interest and personal interest forms for inclusion on the website. The Clerk left the meeting to allow the Councillors to discuss the clerk’s yearly appraisal.  Meeting closed 21.45 |

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12th October 2022 Clerk to Chebsey Parish Council

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