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Chebsey Parish Council

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**Minutes of**  **Chebsey Parish Council held on**

**Monday 4th March 2024 at 7pm**

**In Chebsey Parish Hall**

**Cllr’s Present**: Cllr M Ainsworth-Hickman (Chair) Cllr R Hopley (Vice Chair) Cllr D Foster-Birks Cllr S Edge

**In Attendance**: S. Stokes (Clerk) **Members of the public:** Three (Left at 19.27)

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| **24/035** | **Welcome and Public Participation. (Please refer to the Chebsey Parish Council Public Participation Policy which can be found on** [**www.chebseyparishcouncil.co.uk**](http://www.chebseyparishcouncil.co.uk) **)**  The Chair welcomed everyone to the meeting and thanked them for their attendance. |
| **24/036** | **Apologies.**  Cllr J Lawson, Cllr B Samra Cllr P Jones (SBC) Cllr J Pert (SBC SCC) |
| **24/037** | **Presentation on Asian Hornets**  The councillor’s were given an overview of the Asian Hornet. Details included what they look like, where you might find them and what to do if you see one. It was agreed that posters will be put on the Notice Boards, Facebook and the website. The clerk will also provide details of local associations to contact to see if they will help raise awareness.  **Action clerk**  Further information can be found at  <https://www.nonnativespecies.org/non-native-species/species-alerts/#Species_53> |
| **24/038** | **Declarations of interest, to consider written requests from Cllr’s for the Council to grant a dispensation (S33 of the Localism Act 2011.)**  Cllr M Ainsworth-Hickman Old Mill Farmhouse Cllr S Edge Meecebrook |
| **24/039** | **Minutes and Matters arising from the Parish Council Meetings held on 5th February 2024 and the extraordinary meeting on 26th February 2024**  **24/018** C/F the clerk still needs to contact the Elections Office regarding Royal Mail. The clerk will contact Staffordshire County Council to request training on the website.  **24/022** The electric supply at St Luke’s Church Hall has been confirmed. See item 24/042 for an update on the defibrillator cabinet.  **24/023** The pot holes at Scamnel Lane, Parson’s Bank and the flood at Wheelwright Lane have all been reported. Paula Lees met with Cllr J Lawson regarding the state of the Chebsey Lanes.  P. Croxton from Amey will be meeting Cllr M Ainsworth- Hickman on 5th March 2024 to assess the ditch cleaning behind the bus shelter.  **Extraordinary meeting held on 26th February 2024.**  The application for the Railway Inn,paddock and car park to be added to the register for assets of community value was presented to SBC on 1st March 2024. Democratic Services at SBC have confirmed receipt of the application. |
| **24/040** | **Finance and Budget. ( Principal B.S Deputy S.E)**  **Lloyds On Line Account Balance £7944.76**  *Defib 2 cabinet WEL Medical for Norton Bridge defibrillator £490.74 (VAT £81.79 will be claimed back) (*Payment agreed by email paid 1/3/24)  **Payments for approval**  Annual website and domain fee to Staffordshire County Council £157.95  Clerks March salary £322.95  **Account Balance (including £406.25 for defib use) £6973.12**  Awaiting invoice from Pinewood Energy Services for electrician visit to St Luke’s Church Hall to check electricity supply to the defibrillator cabinet. |
| **24/041** | **Technical & Infrastructure Parish Policies. (Principal B.S Deputy J.L)** |
| **24/042** | **Leisure facilities, Recreation Area & Open Spaces (Principal D.F Deputy B.S)**  Five tenders received for the ground maintenance at Norton Bridge Recreation Area  P C Facilities £2800  T Farley £1400  G -Tec £1176 (inc VAT)  Landscapers that care £4620 (inc VAT)  SJL £1356 (inc VAT)  After discussion it was agreed to proceed with the tender from G-Tec. The clerk will write to all the companies advising them of the decision. **Action clerk.**  **Update on Recreation Area**  Cllr Foster-Birks is now liaising with a new contact at Komplan.  **Update on the defibrillator at Norton Bridge.**  The electric supply was checked at St Luke’s Church Hall and it was confirmed there is electric getting to the cabinet. The clerk discussed the cabinet with Mark Farrar from WEL Medical and also Martin Watson who used to be an Eccleshall First Responder. It has been agreed the cabinet is now obsolete. A new cabinet has now been ordered and received. The clerk is waiting for the electrician to arrange a date and time to have it fitted at St Luke’s Church Hall. The defibrillator will remain at St Luke’s now that the electric supply has been confirmed. |
| **24/043** | **Events & Social Funding. (Principal MAH Deputy D.F)**  30th March - Easter Fair, Izaak Walton Brew house, Norton Bridge  8th April - Friends of Norton Bridge Meeting  8th April - Parish Council Meeting  20th April - Civic Amenity Visit  13th May - Parish Meeting and Parish Council Meeting  25th May - Civic Amenity Visit  29th June - Civic Amenity Visit  27th July - Civic Amenity Visit  28th September - Civic Amenity Visit  26th October - Civic Amenity Visit  30th November - Civic Amenity Visit |
| **24/044** | **Highway and Footpath Matters. (Principal J.L Deputy R.H)**  Paula Lees met with Cllr J Lawson on 21st February 2024 to discuss the state of the Chebsey Lanes .It was agreed that the broken drain would be investigated, but any other work is not classed as a priority.  A request was made for the clerk to contact Street Scene to ask for the Lanes to be swept again. **Action clerk.** |
| **24/045** | **Large Infrastructure, Housing & Rail (Principal R.H) (**To include HS2**.** Any updates and funding).  The clerk attended the HS2 Phase 2a meeting via Teams meeting on 26th February 2024. The meeting was to give a general Highways update; the speakers were unable to answer any specific local questions.  Main points were   * Everything is being scaled down Kier have now stepped back and the only contractor is Balfour Beattie. * Design delivery and procurement has been cancelled. * All funding has been closed to new applications. Only applications already agreed will be honoured. * No information available yet on the selling of assets acquired by HS2. The information will be shared when it becomes available * Local HS2 websites have been scaled down. * Still questions being asked about Handsacre-Crewe-Manchester. There is talk about Mayor of Manchester and the West Midlands Mayor trying to get private funding to continue. HS2 said they couldn’t comment any further.   Several of the attendees spoke of their frustration with HS2’s handling of the meeting. Stating there was a lack of useful information, everything was in the future.  It was suggested that the next meeting should include timescales for all actions. |
| **24/046** | **Correspondence.**  Email from SPCA regarding Free portrait of King Charles III. After discussion it was agreed the clerk would apply for the free portrait. **Action clerk.**  Brochure received from NBB Recycled Furniture. |
| **24/047** | **Planning Updates. (Principal S.E Deputy MAH)**  Planning Application 23/37980/HOU Peddlers Pack Park Lane refused on 12th February 2024.  Planning Application 23/38305/HOU Rodgeley Lodge Searchlight Lane allowed on 6th February 2024 |
| **24/048** | **Items for next Parish Council Meeting.**  Assets to be discussed and approved**.**  Railway Inn to be added as a separate item on the agenda. |
| **24/049** | **Date of next meeting. The next meeting will be held on Monday 8th April 2024 in Chebsey Parish Hall.**  With no further business the Chair closed the meeting at 20.24 |

*S*ue Stokes Clerk to Chebsey Parish Council

6th March 2024

Signature......................................................................................Chair....................................Date