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Minutes of Chebsey Parish Council meeting held on

**Monday 8th April 2024 at 7pm**

**In Chebsey Parish Hall**

**Cllr’s Present:** Cllr M Ainsworth-Hickman (Chair) Cllr R Hopley (Vice Chair) Cllr J Lawson Cllr B Samra Cllr D Foster Birks.

**In Attendance**: S E Stokes (Clerk) Cllr P Jones (SBC) Members of public: None

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| **24/050** | **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.  The clerk passed on details of a phone call from a concerned resident from Cold Norton. The resident explained the speeding traffic causing problems. There are a lot of dog walkers and there have been “near misses”. There was a serious accident a couple of months ago. The resident asked if planters could be considered for Cold Norton like those at Norton Bridge. The missing Cold Norton sign was also mentioned.  The Cllr’s discussed the request. It was agreed the clerk should contact Staffs safer roads. Also for the community to report any incidents themselves. This was done at Norton Bridge resulting in a monthly speed camera van on Station Road Norton Bridge. **Action clerk.** |
| **24/051** | **Apologies.**  Cllr S Edge |
| **24/052** | **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. |
| **24/053** | **Minutes and Matters arising from the Parish Council Meetings held on 4th March 2024.**  **24/039/24/018** The clerk contacted the Elections Office regarding the late delivery of postal vote documents by Royal Mail. The Elections Office replied stating that Royal Mail was contacted, but no compensation was offered. The Cllr’s agreed for Cllr P Jones (SBC) to speak with the Elections Office regarding the Election recharges for the postal votes**. Action Cllr P Jones**  **24/046** The clerk applied for the free portrait of King Charles III. The application was accepted. Delivery expected w/c 8th April 2024  **24/039** The ditch behind the bus shelter has now been cleared by Amey Volunteers. A good job has been done taking 7 men a whole week.  **Everyone agreed the minutes from 4th March 2024 were a true record of the meeting.** |
| **24/054** | **Finance and Budget. ( Principal B.S Deputy S.E)**  **Lloyds On Line Account Balance at 28th March 2024 = £7143.50 (Includes £408.95 for Defib use)**  Chebsey Parish Hall hire was approved by email. (Payment of £125.00 for Dec-March)  **Payments to be authorised for April 2024**  HMRC PAYE Q4 £34.80  Clerk’s April salary £325.88( includes £2.20 arrears for Q4)  SBC Contested Election Recharges 4th May 2023 1st Instalment £569.19  **Payments approved by everyone present**  The precept and grant totalling f £3870.17 was received 8th April 2024  After approved payments and precept receipt  **Lloyds On line bank balance is £10083.80. (includes £408.95 for Defib use)**  Awaiting invoice for SPCA annual subscription  Awaiting invoice from Pinewood Energy for fitting the defibrillator cabinet  Awaiting invoice for the civic amenities visits.  **To discuss and approve the assets register.**  The assets register was discussed and approved by everyone present. |
| **24/055** | **Technical & Infrastructure Parish Policies. (Principal B.S Deputy J.L)**  No updates |
| **24/056** | **Leisure facilities, Recreation Area & Open Spaces (Principal D.F Deputy B.S)**  Cllr D Foster-Birks has received a quote from Kompan for items not covered under the warranty. The quote will be looked at and a decision will be made on items required. The parts covered by the warranty have been ordered and a community team will be set up.  A community event will be arranged for a general clear up and jet wash of the area. M. Wilson from FONB will go through the annual inspection to sort out what needs to be done to bring the area up to standard.  It was agreed that the benches offered to the Parish Council should be placed at the Railway Inn to be used for public events.  It appears that the bus service is being well used; however, the bus company do not have accurate figures. |
| **24/057** | **Events & Social Funding. (Principal MAH Deputy D.F)**  The Easter Saturday event held at the Railway Inn was a great success with lots of people attending.  Friends of Norton Bridge made a profit of £93.00 and the History Society made £265.00.  20th April - Civic Amenity Visit  13th May – Parish Annual Meeting and Parish Council Meeting  25th May - Civic Amenity Visit  3rd June- Parish Council meeting  29th June - Civic Amenity Visit  1st July- Parish Council meeting  27th July - Civic Amenity Visit  2nd September- Parish Council Meeting  28th September - Civic Amenity Visit  7th October – Parish Council meeting  26th October - Civic Amenity Visit  4th November – Parish Council meeting  30th November - Civic Amenity Visit  2nd December – Parish council meeting. |
| **24/058** | **Discuss ACV for Land at Station Road Norton Bridge.**  The ACV application was submitted to SBC on 1st March 2024, a decision will be made after 26th April 2024.  In relation to the sale of the Car Park and Land it is understood a local benefactor who wishes to remain anonymous for the time being has made the purchase. It is believed the individual aims to retain the status quo for the area. |
| **24/059** | **Highway and Footpath Matters. (Principal J.L Deputy R.H)**  Concerns were raised about the dangerous parking at the top of Scamnel Lane, making it difficult to turn right. The clerk will report it to Highways. **Action clerk**  It appears that the granite sets are being taken from the roadside between Shallowford House and Norton Bridge. The clerk will notify Highways. **Action clerk**  A request was made for an update on the speed camera van at Norton Bridge. **Action clerk**  Cllr B Samra will check to see if he can find the missing Cold Norton sign. **Action** **Cllr B Samra**  Cllr R Hopley will have a look at the Norton Bridge notice board to see if it is possible to strengthen the legs to make it more stable. **Action Cllr R Hopley** |
| **24/060** | **Large Infrastructure, Housing & Rail (Principal R.H)**  No new updates on Meecebrook. |
| **24/061** | **Correspondence.**  Email from J Shaw at Lakesedge. The defibrillator pads for the Cold Norton Defibrillator are due to expire in June 24. Request received for replacement pads.WEL Medical pads are £71.94 inc VAT. (The VAT can be refunded making the cost £59.95)  It was agreed to order replacement pads before the expiry date.  Email showing an interest in the Parish Council Councillor vacancy. The clerk has replied asking for further details and advising the date of meeting. |
| **24/062** | **Planning Updates. (Principal S.E Deputy MAH)**  Application 23/3851/FUL at Hilcote Cottages. The councillors looked at the documents associated with the application. No one objected to the application in principal but there was a question as to whether the 70% increase had been exceeded. The clerk has written to the Case Officer for clarification. |
| **24/063** | **Items for next Parish Council Meeting.**  Discuss the Parish Newsletter. Discuss and agree the 23/24 AGAR.  Apologies from Cllr P Jones (SBC) for the meetings on 13th May 2024 |
| **24/064** | **Date of next meeting.**  Chebsey Parish Council Annual Meeting at 7pm followed by the monthly meeting on Monday 13th May 2024 in Chebsey Parish Hall.  With no further business the Chair thanked everyone for their attendance and closed the meeting at 19.55. |

*S*ue Stokes Clerk to Chebsey Parish Council

9th April 2024

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