

## Chetton Parish Council

### Minutes of a meeting of Chetton Parish Council, held on 3rd January, 2017

**Present** Mrs.S.Bayliss (Chairman), Mr.T.Maiklem, Mr.J.Dunn, Mr.R.Fox,  
Mrs.D.Pearce, Mr.J.White

**In attendance** Cllr.Robert Tindall

**Minutes** The minutes of the previous meeting having been circulated, were taken as read and signed as a correct record.

**Matters arising** All matters arising from the Minutes appeared under separate headings.

**Reports** Shropshire Councillor Cllr Tindall reported that the promised signage for B4364 was still not in place.  
Councillor Tindall had met with Crime Commissioner and Chief Constable when questions were raised about the delays with the issue of shot-gun licences in Shropshire. John Campion would look into methods of speeding up the process.  
Cllr. Madge Shineton had made a public commitment to solve the long-standing problems regarding sewerage charges on some properties in the Parish.  
Village Hall The Chairman explained the process of obtaining a NHS grant to run fitness courses at VH. This would be free for people with health problems. It was also hoped, at the same time, to organise a social time for isolated people. 4 independent fitness classes each week were booked for Spring.  
The New Year Party was cancelled due to there being no take up in Parish.  
Flicks in the Sticks - films had been booked for February and March.

### **Correspondence**

- (a) All SALC Bulletins had been forwarded to Councillors
- (b) The following e.mail has been received from Clive Millington and forwarded to Highways

I am getting increasingly concerned about metal posts, concrete blocks and railway sleeper constructions at the Faintree Hall drive way.  
These are being placed on the council verge which pushes the traffic over the road which makes the drive way to Faintree Hall North Farm and the houses at Purton Paddocks more dangerous.

The reply from Highways is as follows -

I have had a look at the metal posts, concrete blocks and railway sleeper constructions at the Faintree Hall drive way. They are over 0.5m from the white line. I do not see how they push the traffic over in to the road making it dangerous. The Verge is well maintained and the metal posts and planter are very visible.'

### **Highways**

Potholes were reported on the lane near to John Hewitt's farm.  
Road surface breaking up at Powell's drive possibly due to the drain grid projecting above the tarmac.  
The overgrown hedge at post box at The Old Post Office on B 4364 was reported. Mr.Maiklem offered to ask the owner if he could cut it back.

### **Planning**

Consent for Planning Application 16/03924/FUL Erection of detached triple bay part open fronted garage/store; installation of entrance gates; elevational alterations to main dwelling including formation of entrance canopies; installation of roof mounted solar panels at The Old Barn, Upper House Farm, Chetton, Bridgnorth

(b) Consent for Application 16/04949/LBC Proposal: Works to facilitate the replacement of one casement window to rear elevation at Wallsbatch Manor, Chetton, Bridgnorth.

(c) Application 16/05121/FUL alterations at The Cruck Barn, Chetton  
There were no objections.

(d) Application 16/05590/FUL at The Down Farm The Down Bridgnorth  
There were no objections.

### **Finance**

Balance at bank on 5th December 2016, c/a £5401.38, d/a £584.09.

Cheques required - Clerk salary £277.46, HMRC 69.20, Lengthsman £500  
Village Hall Insurance £500

Consideration of future Parish support for Village Hall

Mrs.Bayliss declared interest and did not speak during next item. The clerk explained that in view of the decreasing amount of funding from Shropshire Council for local greenspaces, libraries minor highways maintenance and the intention to charge the full amount for parish elections or uncontested elections, it was inevitable that PC precepts would have to increase.

Councillors agreed that the historic annual PC hall grants to the village hall should be confirmed at £1,000, to be used for specific purpose i.e. Insurance, telephone rental, wifi and other goods carrying VAT.

Following a thorough discussion it was proposed that the precept should be increased by £500 and set at £5,000.

It was also agreed that the Financial Regulations should be amended to allow

cheques to be drawn between meetings.

The above section on finance was proposed by Mr.White and seconded by Mr.Maiklem.

**Any Parish matters to be placed on the next agenda.**      There were no matters for the next agenda.

**Date of next meeting** The next meeting was arranged for 7th March, 2017