

MINUTES FOR THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING OF CHEW MAGNA PARISH COUNCIL

Meeting held in the Millennium Hall on Tuesday 5th April 2016
At 7pm

Present Cllr Jon Wheatley, Chairman Cllr Nick Scholefield, Vice Chairman
Cllr Rodney Andrews Cllr Simon Jerrome
Cllr Andy Matthews Cllr Nick Hasell
Cllr Doris Davis Cllr Ian Cox
Ward Cllr Liz Richardson

Apologies Apologies were received from Cllr Paul Cornelius, Cllr Heather Montague and Cllr Lynne Easton

Item 1 **Chairman's Report to the Parish**

2015 – 2016 has been an excellent year in Chew Magna. We have a new council and a new member in Cllr Andy Matthews who we welcome to the Parish Council.

Volunteering continues to be high on the parish agenda with people involved in flood practices, clearing litter, floral feature provision and numerous community events. A special public thank you goes to former Councillor Colin Timson for his continued community work and help organising the village clean up days.

The pharmacy is a welcome addition to the village centre provision and a number of new businesses have developed, an example being the rebranding and upgrading of The Queens public house. Local employment is still a high priority for the parish and we sincerely welcome the provision of the excellent Salt & Malt establishment at the lake.

We continue to strive for local affordable housing provision and the long term aim of a car park.

Flood resilience planning can only be described as excellent.

Can I take this opportunity of thanking all Councillors, Cllr Liz Richardson our Ward Councillor and Mrs Donna McClelland our Clerk for her hard work and commitment.

In this special year to celebrate HRH Queen Elizabeth II's 90th birthday can I ask that you all join in keeping Chew Magna parish a special place to work and live.

Item 2 **Public Participation**

Mrs Annie Sewart, Little Barn House, Battle Lane, addressed the Council regarding the shortage of parking in the village which can mean less people can stop to shop or socialise. Mrs Sewart impressed the need for more parking restrictions and an alternative public car park in the village. Mrs Cleonie Nicholson, Ivy Cottage, Battle Lane reiterated the above. Mr Brian Smith, 7 Pine Court supported the views above.

The Chairman advised that the Parish Council have been seeking suitable land for an alternative car parking area for many years and will continue to strive to do so. Any suggestions for potential land will be most welcome.

Ward Cllr Richardson addressed the question of time limitation powers in the current car park. B&NES contract lease some spaces in the car park from the landowners (three) and cannot introduce parking fees or time limit restrictions as the car park is not their land and the owners decline the suggestion.

Cllr Rodney Andrews responded to the question regarding double yellow lines and 2 hour enforcement. Cllr Andrews has been liaising with Andrew Dunn, Parking Enforcement Services, B&NES and there will be a greater presence of enforcement officers in the village which will help ease parking abuse and free up spaces from all day users.

Mrs Nicholson asked the Council if the valley still has a special police officer. Cllr Andrews advised that there is regular presence of the acting Beat Manager and PCO's in the parish and valley.

Meeting Closed 7.32pm

Donna McClelland, Parish Clerk 9th April 2016