



*CHARLTON PARISH COUNCIL*  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> March.**  
**2024 at Charlton Church Foxcotte Room at 7.45pm**

Present: Cllr Ward, Cllr Smale, Cllr N Woods, Cllr D Rawlingson, Cllr P Wylde, Cllr Wilson  
In attendance: E Attwood – Clerk      4 members of public

1. **Election of Chairman** – The Clerk explained that Cllr Smith had resigned therefore, the first item on the agenda was the election of a chairman. Cllr Ward agreed to become Chairman. Proposed by Cllr Wilson Seconded by Cllr Smale. All members agreed.

**Resolved: Cllr Ward was elected Chairman.**

**Chairmans Remarks.** Cllr Ward expressed his thanks (on behalf of the council) to Cllr Smith for her excellent service during her time as Chairman and Councillor.

**2. Apologies for Absence – Cllr Lashbrook & Cllr Donnelly**

**3. Declarations of Interest**

There were no declarations of interest in items on the agenda.

**4.Minutes - Resolved:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 20<sup>th</sup> February 2024 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Rawlinsong seconded Cllr Wilson. All members agreed.

**5. Public participation** – The following concerns were expressed by members of the public Land at Goch Way:

- Could not find any real changes in the Planning application.
- Not sure who the trees belong too as the boundary is disputed.
- Water/springs flow from field above (which is where the proposed build will take place) into lake. Surface water is a huge concern.
- Distance from lake to proposed new build has not changed.
- No information in plans about main sewage and the need for a pumping station.
- Who looks after pumping station if there is a problem.
- Pumping station would need to be on the boundary line.
- Water from Peake Way is currently backing up and causing problems. Water flows into soakaway at Charlies Lake.

**6. Clerk's Report**

- Cllr Smith resigned as Chairman. The Clerk will inform TVBC.
- Cllr Rawlingson booked onto HALC Audit Course.
- Invoices sent out for advertisements in the newsletter.
- Insurance claim has been paid out £667 for burnt out bench less the excess.
- TVBC responded that they could not place cameras in Charlton Waterside as it is too intrusive to residents at Carters Meadow.
- Potholes filled at the bottom of Carters Meadow by Hampshire Highways.
- Replacement Millenium tree has been planted.
- TVBC do not want to remove bench so arrangements will need to be made by PC.
- Report about potholes Foxcotte road not actioned by Highways yet advised Parishioner to upload photos and send a copy to Clerk. Hantsweb report says they have been inspected and are part of scheduled works.
- TVBC have offered site visit and quote for cutting back footpath to Enham for the Autumn work.
- Automatic response to saplings request, no further news

## 7. Cllr Donnelly sent the following in a report:

- HCC Budget 24/25 will rise by 4.99%.
- Has been informed that Foxcotte Lane and Upper Drove resurfacing will be scheduled for 24/25 by Hampshire Highways but no date has been given.
- Rainfall last month locally was double the average - 161.7mm in comparison to a February average of 81.1mm
- Rights of Way issues can be reported on the following link [Problems on rights of way | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/brokensigns)
- Energy Efficiency Support for Voluntary, Community and Social Enterprise Organisations. The government has just rolled out a whopping £25.5m funding package aimed at boosting energy efficiency across various organisations.
- Increase in number of beds in Council owned care homes from 900 to 1000 in next few years.

### Links to report road issues are here:

- **Missing or damaged signs:**  
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/brokensigns>
- **Potholes:**  
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/potholes>
- **Tree/hedge problems:**  
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/treehedge>
- **Flooding/drainage issues:**  
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/flooding>
- **Pavement problems:**  
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/transport/roadmaintenance/roadproblems/paving>
- **Problems with rights of way:**  
<https://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/reportaproblem>

## 8. TVBC Cllr L Lashbrook – No report

## 9. Finance -

9.1 The bank balance as of 29<sup>th</sup> February 2024 was as follows:

### Bank Reconciliation

Treasurers	£459.46
Business	£48,559.61
Fix Term Deposit	£30,000.00

### Resolved: Councillors approved the financial statement and payments for February 2024

E Attwood Tax HMRC	105.40
E Attwood Pay	421.88
Ornamental trees	335.00
Ornamental trees	22.50
E Attwood Exp	58.06
St Thomas Church Charlton	116.00

### 9.2 Approval of March payments to date:

HMRC Tax	£105.40
Clerks Pay	£421.88
E Attwood Exp	£14.04
HCC	£7,785.88
G Lawrence - Newsletter	£200.00

### Resolved Cllrs approved February & March 2024 payments to date.

9.3 Ear marked funds – Resolved: Cllrs approved the earmarked funds for the community hub for six months into a fix term deposit with the bank paying 3.5%.

**9.4 Quarterly Statement Check** – Cllr Ward carried out a balance check of the bank statements against the statement of account.

**9.5 Resolved:** Approval for Cllr Rawlingson to attend the HALC audit course at a cost of £10.00.

**9.6 Resolved:** Approval to pay HCC £7785.88 for traffic calming measures already implemented. Cllr Wilson was disappointed that the white lining work was not effective in reducing the amount of traffic exceeding the speed limit on Hatherden Road and therefore funding should have come from Highways, not the Parish Council, as they recommended the improvements. Cllr Ward explained that this had been agreed in previous meetings as Highways were not willing to add these additional traffic calming measures.

## 10. Policies

- **Grant Awarding Policy Resolved:** Councillors reviewed and approved the policy.
- **Disorderly Conduct Policy Resolved:** Councillors reviewed and approved the policy.
- **FOI Policy Resolved:** Councillors reviewed and approved the policy.
- **Recruitment and selection Policy: Resolved:** Councillors reviewed and approved the policy.
- **Data Protection Policy:** Councillors reviewed and approved the policy.

The Clerk will upload the approved policies to the website.

## 11. Planning

The following decisions by TVBC were noted –

- 23/01717/FULLN Penton Sawmills - Undecided.

## New Applications

**Local Plan Consultation** responses due by 12 noon – Cllrs Smale outlined the Local Plan. It was suggested that it should be made clear that Charlton should be treated as a village and not as an additional part of Andover. It is necessary for Charlton to be identified separately including the inset maps and it will be requested that this is corrected on the next revision. It was agreed that affordable housing should be a top priority and the Parish Council would not want the policy to be eroded by several smaller developments.

- 24/00494/VARN Vary condition 7 of 20/02019/FULLN Foxcotte Barn - **Resolved:** Cllrs objected to this application.
- 24/00516/TPON Charlton Park Crematorium, Charlton Down – **Resolved:** Cllrs had no objection to this policy.
- 24/00559/FULLN Land at Goch Way Andover Charlton - **Resolved:** Cllrs objected to this application.

## 12. Benches & Litter bin

- The Clerk will reorder the replacement bench now the insurance claim has been paid.
- A replacement bench for the weathered one by the millennium tree will be discussed next month.

## 13 Councillors Reports on their areas of responsibility.

**13.1 Traffic Liaison** – Nothing to report.

**13.2 Environment & Rights of Way**– Nothing to report.

**13.4 Lengthsman Scheme** – Nothing to report.

**13.5 Charlton Village Community Association** – The following was reported:

- Meeting on Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup> March
- Community quiz was well attended and an enjoyable event.

**13.6 Newsletter** – The March addition has now been published and looked very professional.

#### **14) Correspondence**

- Parishioner concerned Highways have not repaired potholes – see Clerks report.
- E mail asking if PC were going to object to development to land at Goch Way. See TVBC website for response.

#### **15) New items proposed for future agendas were:**

##### **For April meeting –**

- **Benches**
- **Recognition of volunteers.**

**16 Date of next meeting:** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April at 7.45pm, in the Foxcotte room at St Thomas Church, Charlton.