



*CHARLTON PARISH COUNCIL*  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 16<sup>th</sup> January  
2024 at Charlton Church Foxcotte Room at 7.45pm**

Present: Cllr C Ward (Vice Chairman) Cllr I Smale, Cllr N Woods, Cllr D Rawlinsong, Cllr P Wylde, Cllr Wilson

In attendance: E Attwood – Clerk      0 members of public  
County Councillor C Donnelly

**1. Apologies for Absence** - Cllr Mrs J Smith (Chairman) Borough Cllr Lashbrook

**2. Declarations of Interest**

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

**3. Minutes - Resolved:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 21st November 2023 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Rawlinsong seconded Cllr Wylde. All members agreed.

**4. Public participation** – None

**5. Clerk's Report**

- TVBC contacted and requested to use section 106 money for the path to the park at Armstrong Rise. They will consider.
- £30,000 fix term investment in place but has not been debited (bank phoned but they are yet to debit money) so accounts are showing £30,000 over. £526.44 interest due at end of fix term.
- Parishioner couldn't access website – information sent about changing settings on his PC.
- Clerk has written to TVBC asking about whether a pre application for land Hatherden Road area to be built on as surveyors have been seen on the land. TVBC have treated as FOI, we have to wait 20 working days for the response.
- No response from Penton PC yet about proposal to hold a Dragon Fly event.
- HCC contacted twice about drains flooding tracking no 106583142.
- Newsletter payments are filtering through.
- £35000 Fix term deposit due to expire at end of January. £585.41 interest due.
- Christmas tree purchased cost of £80.00.

**6. Cllr Donnelly reported on the following:**

- DIY recycling charges have now been dropped by HCC at the recycling centre.
- HCC Future Consultation is live <https://www.hants.gov.uk/future-services-consultation>
- 20mph can now be considered along Hatherden Road.
- Local Plan is being should be endorsed on the 17<sup>th</sup> January at TVBC meeting.

**7. TVBC Cllr L Lashbrook** – Absent

**8. Finance -**

8.1 The bank balance as of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2023 was as follows:

Lloyds current £1297.42

Savings £43893.24 should be less £30,000.00 £13893.24.

Fixed Deposit £35,000.00

Fixed Deposit £30,000.00 (phone call needed to bank as they had forgotten to debit the money from the savings account, hence the PC is £30,000 over balance due to bank error.

E Attwood - Tax		74	£98.40
E Attwood - Salary		75	£394.21
C Ward Zoom refund		76	£30.00
E Attwood - Office		77	£14.04
J Lawrence - Newsletter editor		78	£200.00
Backdated payrise H Bourner		79	£64.00
H Bourner - Tax		80	£16.00
E Attwood tax		81	£140.12
E Attwood pay plus backdated payrise		82	560.51
TD Milne Xmas Tree		83	£80.00
Bulpitt Print		84	£808.80
<b>Bank Reconciliation</b>			<b>£2,406.08</b>

**Resolved: Councillors approved the financial statement and payments for November & December 2023**

### 8.2 Approval of January payments

HMRC Tax	£105.40
Clerks Pay	£421.88
E Attwood Exp	£24.04

**Resolved Cllrs approved January 2024 payments to date:**

**8.3 Review of Budget 24/25** – Cllrs discussed the budget and the future of the proposed Village Hall.

**Resolved:** Cllrs approved earmarking £25,000 for a smaller Village Community hub project.

**Resolved:** Cllrs approved the budget for 24/25

**8.4 Approve Precept for 24/25** – It was reported that there was no mandate for a Village Hall at this stage and a smaller Village Community hub was now anticipated. Therefore, the smaller precept of the two discussed last month was approved for £40,000.

**Resolved: Cllrs approved the precept of £40,000 for 24/25.**

**8.5 Approval of further investments** – This will be discussed next month after the current fix term deposit of £35,000 ends.

**9. To discuss Home Farm Gardens** Cllrs discussed this path and decided it was not an official path but an accessway to the back of the houses and therefore responsibility of repair lies with the house owners.

### 10. Planning

The following decisions by TVBC were noted –

- 23/01717/FULLN Penton Sawmills - Undecided.

The Clerk has asked TVBC whether any pre planning advice has been sought for Land behind St Thomas Church/Hatherden road area. TVBC are treating as a Freedom of Information request. No answer has been received to date.

**11 Community Asset Survey Results** – Cllrs are currently awaiting the results from TVBC.

**12. Charlton Village Hall** – The Chairman thanked residents who completed and returned from those who responded. However as only the Village Hall questionnaires. There was strong support for a Village Hall from those that responded. However as only 104 responses were received (87 online and 17 paper), the Parish Council concluded it would be unsafe/unwise to continue with the Village Hall project in its current form.

**Resolved:** Cllrs voted NOT to employ an architect/planning manager but agreed to:

- Change the requirement to a two-phased approach; start small with a community café, book exchange & toilets that could host smaller groups and if successful extend at a later date.
- Ask the Village Hall Committee to produce a conceptual design and engage with Salto and TVBC planning.

Motion carried. 5 agreed 1 opposed.

### **13 Councillors Reports on their areas of responsibility.**

**13.1 Traffic Liaison – Cllr Ward reported that** Speed Indicator by Tesco needed a battery change.

#### **13.2 Environment & Rights of Way–**

- Cllrs Wylde and Ward have arranged a site meeting with the HCC Countryside Ranger for next week.
- It is with great sadness that the Parish Council learned of the death of Mr Barry (Baz) **Marshall** who served the parish for many years, selflessly collecting litter from all areas of the parish on a daily basis and in all weathers. The Parish Council wishes to record their grateful thanks and sends heartfelt condolences to his widow Linda.”
- A Parishioner has expressed concern about litter in the bus shelter and requested a sign was erected. Cllr Smith has replied to the e mail as it was not deemed necessary to have a sign by the bin.
- Gate fastener awaiting completion by Hurstbourne Forge £75.00

#### **13.3 Charlton Lakes –**

- It was reported that the feedback from the TVBC survey is still awaited.
- A 1000 trees to be planted in the BMX area including apple trees.
- Both bridges have now been replaced over the lakes.

**13.4 Lengthsman Scheme –** Cllr Wylde has submitted his estimate for 2024/25 work. He has been asked to complete a return for February to be submitted to the area coordinator.

**13.5 Charlton Village Community Association –** The next CVCA meeting is on the 23<sup>rd</sup> of January 2024. Events planned are:

- D-Day on the 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024
- Community Day 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024

**13.6 Newsletter –** Cllrs commented that the editor was doing an excellent job, and they were very pleased with the layout and content.

### **14) Correspondence**

- Parishioner asked when the Millenium tree would be planted. An Acer Griseum was the favoured tree as this will grow a reasonable size but not too large. It is planned to plant before the end of March.
- The Clerk has asked TVBC if they use some of the section 106 to create the footpath to the play park at Armstrong Rise. This is currently being investigated.
- Local Plan 2040 is on the agenda for 17<sup>th</sup> January to be approve by TVBC.
- HCC Minerals and Waste consultation <https://www.hants.gov.uk/minerals-waste-update>
- HCC Future consultation <http://www.hants.gov.uk/future-services-consultation> 8th Jan - 31st March.

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

**For January meeting –**

- 20mph discussion for Hatherden Road
- Lorries through the Village
- Annual Parish Meeting date

**18 Date of next meeting:** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> February 7.45pm, in the Foxcotte room at St Thomas Church, Charlton.

