



CHARLTON PARISH COUNCIL
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 18th JANUARY
2022**

Present: Cllr J Smith (Chairman), Cllr C Ward (Vice Chairman) Cllr I Smale, & Cllr P Wyld

In attendance: Mrs H Bourner – Clerk
0 Members of public

1) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from TVBC Linda Lashbrook & Cllr B Hodgson.

2) Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3) Minutes

Cllrs to approve the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th November 2022 as a correct record of proceedings.

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 16th November were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the chairman. Proposed Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Ward. All agreed.

4) Public participation

There were no members of public present.

5) Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on several items as follows: -

Max Dacre Bench

The Max Dacre bench is the property of the Parish Council. The bench is now showing signs of wear in particular the front plank and this could potentially be repaired. A quote for the repair is awaited from the lengthsmen.

Bus Shelter Repair

The broken glass at the bus shelter has now been replaced with Perspex

Land Registry

A land registry search was made in respect of land that had been included in the latest SHEELA sites report. The owners have now been established as a group of individuals one of whom is listed as living in Foxcote Lane however she does not appear on the current electoral register. The Clerk was asked to liaise with HCC regarding the plot of land registered to them to establish if this could be made available for use by the Parish Council for climate change initiatives.

New Cllr Training

Cllr training is not currently being held in person and can only be done online.

Enquiry regarding allotments

An email has been received from a Charlton resident asking for provision of allotments. Apparently, they have been told they cannot apply for an Andover allotment as they live in Charlton. However an internet search confirmed that Andover Town Council operate allotments in Andover and to qualify you must reside in the parish of Andover- the only exception is Anna Valley which is not in Andover Parish.

6) HCC & TVBC Report-

HCC Cllr Chris Donnelly was not present. The Clerk was asked to approach him to chase the repair of bollards outside the Royal Oak at the crossing point after checking this had been reported online.

TVBC Cllr L Lashbrook was not present but had sent a report expressing gratitude to the residents of Charlton, in particular Sunnyside Close and Mercia Avenue, for all their hard work to brighten a quiet Christmas. The lights and decorations they painstakingly erected were

brilliant and a wonderful show of community spirit.
Thanks, were also expressed to the Parish Council for their fantastic Christmas tree outside the church.

PCSO Conor Hill was not present but had recently sent a newsletter.

7) Finance -

The bank balance at 31st December 2022 was as follows:

Lloyds current £17960.20

Savings £35540.88

Cllrs to consider and approve the financial statement for the period 1st December to 31st December 2021.

RESOLVED: It was resolved to approve the financial statement for the period 1st December to 31st December 2021 as a correct record of accounts. Proposed Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Ward. All agreed.

Cllrs to approve payments to be made

H Bourner Salary £499.89

H Bourner expenses £58.15

Andover Glass Works £462.37

Greening Campaign £50.00

Retrospective

H Bourner Salary (December) £499.89

Elan City (speed sign) £2200.09

Clive Ward (sign fittings) £25.98

T D Milne (Christmas tree) £80.00

Barry Notley £180.00

8) Climate Change

Cllr Ward confirmed The Climate Change Action Plan is available on the Parish Council website. He confirmed the parish will shortly be launching a Charlton Greening Campaign. Details can be seen at <http://www.greening-campaign.org/> The **Greening Campaign** is backed (and subsidised) by Hampshire County Council. Charlton Parish Council agreed this initiative should be adopted and with help from local volunteers will launch the Campaign shortly. It recognises that all lives are different but that everybody can do something to help. Details of how the campaign will work in practise can be seen at appendix 1.

Purchase of the cards referred to in phase one via the Greening Scheme cost is £184 per thousand. Cllr Smale proposed the Parish Council purchase a set of cards and this was seconded by Cllr Smith. Cllr Ward will organise.

9) Stream bank repairs-land opposite Carters Meadow

Cllr Ward reported he now had agreement from the Environment Agency to rebuild the river bank, however a small fee will be payable for the required certificate. Work to remove debris from the river bed is required first as this is causing eddy and forcing water sideways, however this cannot be carried out until flow reduces significantly. In due course the bank will need to be rebuilt with support bags such as Deltalok bags or equivalent and pre-seeded are best. Significant cutting back of trees and bushes under the Charlton Road bridge will also be required.

Cllr Wylde will fit a further no parking sign at the triangle of green space. He also confirmed the knee railing currently missing will be replaced.

10) 20 is plenty campaign

Cllr Ward reported that Hampshire Association of Local Councils took a motion on the 20 is plenty campaign at its AGM but failed to agree on wording. That suggested was *HALC requests that HCC adopts 20mph as the default speed for residential streets in towns, villages, and rural settlements in Hampshire. HALC also calls on HCC to implement the new limit in such a way as to make it enforceable and to ask Hampshire Police to support all efforts.*

A counter motion was made by Clanfield Parish Council:

Clanfield Parish Council would like to propose an amendment that instead of a blanket 20mph speed limit which would be as difficult to enforce as the current 30mph, give councils the power to implement selective 20mph areas, such as at schools and congestion areas. This tends to have more effect in focusing driver attention to areas of danger.

Cllr Ward said he will be suggesting to TVAPTC the motion suggested by Clanfield is put forward. Any signage would have to be paid for by local councils and comply with Highways Regulation. Charlton Parish Council agreed to support this motion.

11) Queens Jubilee & Community Day Celebrations

Cllr Smith reported she had received confirmation from TVBC that all three proposed events are now in their diary. Stage two event forms have been received and further information is now required, this will be provided by the events committee (next meeting 20th Jan)

Beacon Lighting – An initial estimate for the wood fired beacon from a metal forge was £5,500, this included the oak post. A second from a local company Hurstbourne Forge based in Portway Ind Est for a Beacon with Oak post cost £3,800 inclusive of delivery. There is an option of a gas type beacon at approximately £500.00 while not as impressive could be considered more affordable.

While there is a significant difference in the cost of both beacon types the wood fired beacon can be resituated in the centre of the village (final position yet to be discussed) and potentially turned into a flower display.

Cllr Smith proposed the wood fired beacon be purchased as a lasting village commemorative feature. While the Parish Council would pay for the initial purchase funds raised at the event will help to cover some of these costs. This was seconded by Cllr Smale, all agreed. Cllr Ward will place an order for the beacon with Hurstbourne Forge.

Cllr Smith said the committee are also hoping to hire a stage for bands to perform on. Hire charges for the stage are £1000 and it is hoped these costs will also be recovered by ticketing/fund raising. The community day will also take place and some equipment has already been booked.

12) Planning

The following decisions by TVBC were noted –

21/03107/TPON- tree works The Royal Oak- consent

21/03222/PDHN- single storey extension, 9 Hillside Villas-withdrawn

21/02092/FUULN- application for dropped kerb -appeal submitted to Secretary of State

The following applications received-

21/03699/FULLN- demolish & reinstate first floor living accommodation- 9 Mercia Ave

21/03714/FULLN- single storey extension, 9 Hillside Villas- no objections

17) Councillors to provide a report on their areas of responsibility

Traffic Liaison – Cllr Smith confirmed the works for the informal crossing has been accepted by the contractor but no start date has been given as yet.

Speed awareness cameras

Cllr Ward confirmed a new battery-operated speed indicator has been fitted on Goch Way. The battery lasts approximately seven days and is rechargeable. The indicator at the bridge also needs its batteries recharged while solar is not sufficient.

He confirmed he has two spare batteries and a battery charger however he would like to buy another charger and two more batteries so a second person could hold these and assist with the changing of batteries. The costs were, to purchase two batteries at £112.12 and one charger at £108.57 total £220.69. Cllr Ward proposed this expenditure which was seconded by Cllr Smith. Cllr Ward will order the required items. A second person is sought to help with this project.

Lengthsman scheme- Cllr Hodgson reported the work to railings at the bridge is in progress albeit delayed in its completion. The work has been frustrated by a logistical error over the opening times over Christmas and New Year at the material supplier and delays to progress due to weather conditions.

He confirmed he is working on proposals for the Lengthsman Scheme for the growing season in 2022 and will make recommendations for consideration by the Parish Council prior to the February council meeting, to enable debate and consideration.

Community Hall Feasibility- Cllr Ward reported, The Deputy Chief Executive of TVBC has met with representatives of the Salto Centre to discuss terms for leasing land to Charlton Parish Council. The Deputy Chief Executive of TVBC is scheduled to meet Ian Carr to further discuss this shortly. It is hoped a draft Pre-Application can be presented to the Parish Council at their February meeting.

Environment & Rights of Way– Cllr Wylde had nothing to report

Community Emergency Plan – Cllr Ward had nothing to report.

Charlton Lakes- Cllr Ward had nothing to report.

Carters Meadow- Cllr Smale confirmed he had sent an email to the Site Manager and the secretary of the resident's association, following the last Parish Council meeting, detailing the proposals for new signs. The matter has been passed to Anchor Hanover head office for consideration.

18) Correspondence-

Items of correspondence noted were:-

Emails regarding a Community Governance Review from both HALC & TVBC

PCSO newsletter

Information from the environment agency regarding flood prevention

Email correspondence with insurance company regarding cover for the Jubilee celebrations

An email giving the resignation from the village newsletter editor. The Parish Council are actively seeking a replacement. If anyone is interested, please contact the clerk.

19) Items proposed for future agendas were: -

Hedging at Peake Way

Review of neighbourhood Plan (April 2022)

20) AOB

There was no other business

Close of Meeting –The meeting closed at 09.45 pm.

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 15th February 2022, 7.45pm, in the main church hall.

Appendix 1- Climate Change

Greening Campaign briefing notes - Charlton Parish Councillors:

The greening campaign, which we as a Parish Council are just signing up to, provides a structured approach to guiding communities through a process to tackle climate change. It also shares best practice so we have the best chance of succeeding as we move our community along the path towards sustainability.

Split into 4 phases, the Campaign comprises:

Phase one. Which is all about getting the community on board. Using the specialist pack we will strive to get everyone in the community to join together and make 5 significant changes to their lifestyle. We can find out how much CO2 we have all saved together and hopefully get our community to work together to tackle our effects on climate change.

In order to achieve this we will be working with the campaign's organisers to produce our mutually agreed challenges. Once we've completed our training session with the campaign's organisers we will produce a card containing these self assigned challenges, this card will be

distributed to all households and hopefully aid the building of community engagement and ownership.

Should we decide to proceed further, for your information, the remaining 3 phases are:

Phase 2; Using specialist support packs, we will work together in our community to protect the local environment, retrofit homes and support human health. From this point we have the building blocks for a sustainable community.

Phase 3. We will need a vision for our sustainable community. Using a self assessment tool we will identify our strengths and weaknesses. From this we can analyse areas such as: Carbon reduction; saving water; ecology; community energy etc. Support/guidance will be provided by the campaign's organisers.

Phase 4. We will then evaluate the risks climate change brings to our community, understanding the climate and weather leading to possible solutions which can be adopted to adapt our community.

As more communities have now signed up, the cost of the program has been cut to an absolute and affordable minimum. Some district and Boroughs are supporting their communities with funding the campaign.