



**CHARLTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 20th JULY 2021**

Present: Cllr J Smith (Chairman), Cllr C Ward (Vice Chairman) Cllr I Smale, Cllr B Hodgson, Cllr Rogers & Cllr P Wylde.

In attendance: Mrs H Bourner – Clerk
PCSO Conor Hill
2 Member of public

1) Apologies for Absence

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

2) Declarations of Interest

Cllr Wylde declared an interest in a planning application at 78a Hatherden Road.

3) Minutes

Cllrs to approve the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th June 2021 as a correct record of proceedings.

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 15th June were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the chairman. Proposed Cllr Smale, seconded Cllr Wylde.

4) Public participation

There were no matters raised from the members of the public present.

5) Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on several items as follows: -

Railings and tree work- land at entrance to fishing lakes

Three tree surgeons have provided quotes. These were discussed and it was agreed to accept the quote from a local tree surgeon who offered all the work and clearance required. The Clerk will arrange for the work to be carried out.

A quote for materials & labour to fit new railings at the entrance was discussed. The Clerk was asked to obtain a breakdown of the costs which totalled £585.00. The Clerk will arrange for the work to be carried out as soon as possible after the tree work is complete.

No Parking Signs

The signs have been purchased and Cllr Wylde agreed to fit these to the posts already at the site.

GDPR declaration

Cllr Rogers completed the necessary GDPR declaration

Request for funding

The clerk confirmed she had received a request from victim support for funding but that it is not possible to give a grant under S137 and the Parish Council no longer have power of competence which could support such a grant.

CFI Traffic Calming work

The Clerk confirmed she had requested a start date for the CFI work to commence from HCC. They were still awaiting confirmation from the contractors who will undertake this work.

6) HCC & TVBC Report-

HCC Cllr Chris Donnelly was not present but details of his recent report are at appendix 1

TVBC Cllr L Lashbrook was not present.

PCSO Conor Hill provided details of the very large area covered by the team of which he is part. Three Police constables and 2 PCSO's cover 77 villages, working from Stockbridge station.

He gave details of recent crimes in the area which included one theft, two public order offences and several offences involving motor vehicles. These incidents alongside the statistics provided by the Parish Council speed awareness signs raise concerns and have resulted in requests for the police to install their own monitoring system and consider deploying a mobile speed van in the area. He agreed to keep in touch with the Parish Council about any matters affecting the Village and try to attend other Parish Council meetings in the future.

7) Finance -

The bank balance at 30th June 2021 was as follows:

Lloyds current £15661.31

Savings £35539.11

Cllrs to consider and approve the financial statement for the period 1st June to 30th June 2021.

RESOLVED: It was resolved to approve the financial statement for the period 1st June to 30th June 2021 as a correct record of accounts. Proposed Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Ward.

Cllrs to approve payments to be made

H Bourner Salary £499.89

H Bourner expenses £18.20

Barry Notley £260.00

Retrospective

Value products £30.66

Payments in August

Clerks Salary £499.89

8) Community day & Queens Platinum Jubilee

Councillors had been carrying out research and considering ideas for Charlton Village to celebrate the Queens Platinum Jubilee. Cllr Smith proposed that on Thursday 2nd of June an event is held in the evening at Charlton Park when a beacon can be lit, and there is a BBQ and live music. All present felt this was a great idea and Cllr Smith agreed to approach TVBC now about using the park in this way.

A second idea was to celebrate on Sunday 5th June with a big lunch which could take the form of villagers gathering again at Charlton Park for a picnic. Again, Cllr Smith will ask TVBC if the park can be used for this event.

After some discussion it was agreed a community day should be arranged at a later date in July. Cllr Smale will liaise with Church to reach agreement on date in 2022.

9) Stream bank repairs-land opposite Carters Meadow

Cllr Ward said he had been in touch with Hampshire & Isle of Wight Wildlife Trust as to the best option for repairing the stream banks and was awaiting advice.

10) Green Space in front of Carters Meadow

Cllr Smale reported the only outstanding issue is the erection of signs indicating the beginning of Carters Meadow. The resident's association are discussing this and he is awaiting their response.

11) Hedging at Peake Way

Cllr Wylde said he has tried to speak to the housing association who own the land but with no success. Cllr Ward has established Trinity Estates manage this land and while he has tried to speak to them has also failed to get a response. He has however met with the HCC arboriculturist who suggests now is the right time to try and improve the hedge and plant some trees. Both Cllr Ward & Cllr Wylde will continue to try and make progress on this issue.

12) Proposals to change Electoral Boundaries

Cllr Smith explained the proposed changes which meant Charlton would become part of North Southampton & Romsey constituency. If agreed a new MP, Caroline Noakes would represent Charlton. After some discussion it was agreed that individuals should respond to the consultation, if they so wished, rather than the Parish Council.

13) Climate Change

Cllr Ward reported that many ideas have been circulated about what villagers could do to help with climate change initiatives. He highlighted a meeting to be held on 18th August when hopefully enthusiasts will attend and make some decisions as to what ideas could easily be put into place now. A member of public suggested a representative from TVBC be asked to talk about kerbside recycling collection which they felt could easily be improved now.

14) Commemoration of previous Parish Councillors

Cllr Wylde said he had tracked how many Parish Councillors there had been since the formation of the Parish Council. Of those that have retired some had been recognised by placing plaques on benches but most had not despite the time they had voluntarily given to the community. After some discussion it was agreed that all would consider what might be an appropriate way to commemorate these people and the matter will be discussed at the next meeting.

15) Wetherby Gardens -problems with flooding & trees.

Cllr Smale confirmed he had still not been able to establish who is responsible for trees and flooding. HCC Cllr Donnelly had agreed to investigate and his response is awaited.

16) Notice boards

Cllr Rogers said he had examined both boards. He believes these can be improved by sanding down the wood and re oiling and will carry out the necessary work shortly.

17) Planning

The following decisions by TVBC were noted –

21/01081/FULLN- single storey extension, 39 Mercia Ave-permission

21/00369/FULLN- drop kerb, install tarmac to create disabled access-40 Armstrong Rise-closed as invalid

The following applications received-

21/02031/VARN- variation to previous application, Plot 1 Churchill way West, Portway Business Park- no objection

21/02057/FULLN- 2storey side and single storey rear extension, Maycroft, 78A Hatherden Road- no objection

18) Survey Monkey Subscription

The cost of renewing the survey monkey subscription along with the volume it was used was discussed. The annual cost for an individual user was £384.00 or £32.00 a month. A team membership for up to three members can be purchased for £75.00 per month. Cllr Smith currently operates the system but if more surveys are required others could help with this. After some discussion it was agreed to keep an individual licence and consider upgrading if needed. Proposed Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Rogers. All agreed.

19) Hand rail footpath 727

This hand rail had recently been installed by the Ramblers Association. A member of the public had asked for the rail to be replaced with smooth hardwood as the rough wood created splinters. Cllr Wylde will alleviate the issue by sanding down the wood. The issue of overgrown grass when exiting the footpath was also discussed and Cllr Wylde agreed to cut this back.

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

Traffic Liaison – There has been no confirmation of a date to start the CFI work.

Community Hall Feasibility- Cllr Ward will update the Parish Council in September

Environment & Rights of Way– Cllr Wylde has cut back the footpath from Enham Lane

Community Emergency Plan – Cllr Ward had nothing to report

Lengthsman scheme- Cllr Hodgson will arrange to meet and discuss the schedule of work with the lengthsman. Cllr Smith asked if the 30mph signs on Goch Way could be cleaned. She also asked that the pavement from Lakeside Close to Foxcote Road be cleared.

Charlton Lakes- Cllr Ward reported on an initiative by TVBC to improve Charlton Lakes however the first step is to draw up a plan upon which there will need to be consultations.

21) Correspondence-

The Clerk confirmed she had received correspondence from a parishioner about the dumping of plaster on a public pathway from Brancaster Ave to Hatherden Road. She confirmed she had asked the resident to report this as fly tipping. Cllr Rogers agreed to speak to the householder.

22) Items proposed for future agendas were: -

Hedges at Peake Way

Wetherby Gardens

Green space in front of Carters Meadow

Stream bank repairs

Queens Platinum Celebrations

Community day

Community Hall

Feedback from Climate Change event

Commemorating past Parish Councillors

Close of Meeting –The meeting closed at 09.50pm. The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 21st September 2021, 7.45pm, in the main church hall.

Appendix 1

HAMPSHIRE COUNTY COUNCIL UPDATES July 2021 Andover West

Please find below an outline of current programmes of work and public information from Hampshire County Council. I hope that this is useful. If you have any further questions, then please don't hesitate to contact me at cllc.donnelly@hants.gov.uk Kind regards Chris

Updates for Andover West Highways

Thrupton road flooding: New drainage will be installed at the A303 underpass in September, alongside more kerbs and overruns for HGVs entering the industrial estate. The road and junction will be resurfaced in October.

King Arthur's Way: I am working alongside Aster to establish a group to discuss parking problems at King Arthur's Way. We will look at potential solutions and then bring it to TVBC and HCC for consideration. I have also submitted King Arthur's Way as a candidate for resurfacing next year.

Other resurfacing will take place over the summer at: Thrupton Hill, Snoddington New House Lane, Appleshaw Enham Lane, Charlton Penton Lane, Penton Grafton/Clanville Georgia Lane, Ampport.

Water

Southern Water have agreed to discuss submitting an application to install kerbs at Penton Pond to prevent embankment damage. The Highways team are clearing out the drains at the same location to solve the flooding problem.

Councillor Community Grants

HCC Councillor Community Grants are still open. You can find the application form and criteria at the attached link: [County Councillor grants | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](#) County Updates Budget The online link to consult on the county budget for next year is still open for the next week or so. Please do encourage residents to engage and fill it in.

Serving Hampshire –

The County Council is planning to send surplus PPE to Nepal , following a request from Nepali community leaders.

Children & Young People Children across Hampshire are being encouraged to go for a nature-inspired reading adventure through this year's Summer Reading Challenge. The theme is 'Wild World Heroes' and the mission – run in partnership with The Reading Agency and the World Wildlife Fund – is to help young readers to learn more about the environment. Hampshire CC has launched a campaign for children which encourages them to eat vegetables. The 'Eat Them to Defeat Them' initiative is a great way for schools and families to get kids tasting and talking about vegetables, supported by our fantastic school catering teams.

HCC's Waste Prevention Community Grants Fund offers grants of up to £5,000 to local community groups, charities, schools and small businesses, to support them in playing a part in helping Hampshire produce less household waste

Recycling Centres Restrictions on the number of visits per day to the recycling centres will soon be lifted.