

# CHARLTON PARISH COUNCIL MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19<sup>th</sup> September. 2023 at Charlton Church Foxcotte Room at 7.45pm

Present: Cllr Mrs J Smith (Chairman) Cllr I Smale, Cllr N Woods, Cllr D Rawlingson, Cllr P Wyle

In attendance: E Attwood - Clerk

0 Members of public

# 1) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr C Ward (Vice Chairman)

#### 2) Co-option of Councillors

A parishioner has shown an interest in becoming a Councillor and will attend October's meeting. The Clerk will send him an application form.

## 3)Declarations of Interest

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

#### 4)Minutes

Cllrs to approve the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2023 as a correct record of proceedings.

Resolved: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18<sup>th</sup> July were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Smale seconded Cllr Woods. All agreed.

# 5) Public participation - None

#### 6) Clerk's Report

- Register of Interest forms for new Cllrs lodged with TVBC.
- Flyer from Penton added to noticeboard advertising Penton Sawmills application.
- One prospective Cllr to attend next month's meeting.
- Newsletter No payment for June only received from one advertiser, who said he
  had donated the prize for the raffle draw at Charlton Fun Day organised by
  Councillors. It was approved that; no summer payment was expected. Two
  advertisers have paid in advance for September. Still awaiting Payment from Enham
  Shop (The Clerk will chase and advise should they not pay promptly no more
  advertising will take place.)
- Invoices for September Newsletter will be e mailed out In October. (Allowing time for catch up)
- Applied for debit card, bank lost application reapplied.
- £35000 in fix term account will estimate interest £585.
- The sign for Waterside has been purchased.
- Filing cabinet (two drawer has been purchased)

#### 7) HCC & TVBC Reports-

HCC Cllr Chris Donnelly was absent but had sent in the following report.

<u>School's</u> Hampshire school is being closed. Cranbourne College in Basingstoke is the only site where RAAC has been identified among Hampshire County Council's maintained schools.

<u>New Investment for Adult Social Care</u> The Hampshire Cabinet approved a significant proposal for £173m capital investment in Adult Care. The changes would see HCC Care providing 1,000 beds, an increase of 100 beds across the County, through a streamlined estate of 13 sites

<u>County deal and the local economy</u> The proposed county deal, with the councils across Hampshire and the Isle of Wight seeking substantial devolution and funding of £1.14 billion from central government in return for a more combined structure.

<u>Appleshaw & Penton Cango Bus saved</u> I am pleased that we have been able to save a community bus service to Appleshaw and The Pentons. It will make one return trip per day and is bookable in advance.

<u>Solar panels for homes schemes - Solar Together</u> Residents can join in the bulk buying of solar panels or batteries for their homes, which both reduce energy bills and boost local renewable energy generation. A new round has opened, and residents have until 27 October to register their interest online, for free and without obligation — <a href="https://www.hants.gov.uk/solartogether">www.hants.gov.uk/solartogether</a>.

<u>Roads</u> Hampshire County Council has pledged to spend an additional £7.5m a year over the next three years to fix thousands more potholes.

<u>Covid-19 vaccinations</u> A Covid-19 vaccine programme is to start this month. It will be offered to those most at risk from winter illness, including all adults over 65 years old and over, front line health and social care workers, carers aged 16 to 64 and pregnant women.

<u>Vaping</u> An increase in young people vaping, Hampshire County Council has pledged support to educate young people.

<u>Hampshire Business Awards</u> The inaugural Hampshire Business Awards are being held this autumn. Do you know of a business, organisation or individual who should be nominated for one of the award categories?

You can find out more and how to submit a nomination here:

https://thebusinessmagazine.co.uk/business\_events/hampshire-business-awards/?fbclid=lwAR1mgc8Eqf9FStnm5QqyBdczErcsvhiUrZjKaFb4lO0Hbiorpes6pYYJNZg

**TVBC Cllr L Lashbrook** no report. The Clerk will write to Cllr Lashbrook to see if a deputy or colleague could attend meetings in her absence.

#### 8)Finance -

8.1The bank balance as of 31st August 2023 was as follows: Lloyds current £1932.32 Savings £30725.21 Fixed Deposit £35,000.00

RESOLVED: It was resolved to approve the financial statement for the period 1<sup>st</sup> July to 31<sup>st</sup> August 2023 as a correct record of accounts. All agreed. Resolved: Councillors approved the financial statement for August 2023

8.2 Resolved: Clirs to approve payments for July & August 2023

42	H Bourner salary & hol	less £60.00	627.60
47	E Attwood June salary	06/07/2023	394.21
48	HMRC H Bourner		171.80
49	HMRC E Attwood		98.40
50	E Attwood Expenses		61.31
51	E Attwood Refund filing cabinet		71.89
52	One.com e mail addresses		169.57
53	E Attwood July Salary		394.21
54	HMRC tax		98.40
55	Signomatic/wise payments		60.47
56	CPRE		60.00
57	BDO - External Audit		252.00

# Resolved Clirs approved September payments to date:

Septemb	er Payments		
58	E Attwood August Sa	lary	£394.21
59	HMRC Tax		£98.40
60	Bulpitt Print		£585.00
61	E Attwood expenses		26.06
62	Refund Cllr Ward Hai	mmerite to paint r	ailings £37.99
63	Editor of Newsletter		£200.00
64	Parish Online		£180.00

# 8.3 Approval of Newsletter Editors Fees

Resolved: It was approved to pay the editor £200 for producing each newsletter.

**8.4 Approval to cancel CPRE –** Cllrs discussed the increase in price and resolved that the Clerk can cancel the annual direct debit and request a refund for the price increase.

## 8.5 Approval to pay Website Fees.

Resolved: The Clerk can arrange payment for the bronze package which is £9.99 monthly

# 8.6 External Auditors report & End of Audit

The external auditor had no comments to make. The end of year audit was advertised on the 30/08/2023.

**8.7 Items to be added to draft budget –** 20mph scheme if approved by HCC currently waiting consultation outcome.

## 9. Policies

- **9.1 Approval of Business Plan –** Resolved Cllrs approved the business plan which will be added to the website.
- **9.2 Approval of Training Policy** Resolved Cllrs approved the training policy which will be loaded to the website.
- **9.3 Approval of Planning terms and conditions** This was discussed alongside the draft policy from last year. This has been circulated so it can be represented at next month's meeting.
- **10. Approval to purchase bulbs for Charlton Waterside** It was resolved to spend £100.00 to purchase bulbs for the area. Cllrs will plant them.
- **11. Lengths man Scheme –** The forms have been issued to record completed work. These must be complete and returned to the lead of the scheme Heather Bourner on a quarterly

basis. The Clerk will e mail the contract to Cllrs for approval. It was approved to pay £25 per hour. The lengths man will be asked to clean and paint the noticeboard.

**12)** Railings at Waterside – Cllrs have completed the preparation and Cllrs Rawlingson and Wylde are happy to paint the railings.

## 13) Update on Charlton Village Association - The following was reported

- Annual General meeting will be held on 10<sup>th</sup> October at 7.45pm
- Officers and Committee members will be appointed.

# 14) Planning

The following decisions by TVBC were noted -

15 Bradwell Close Permission granted.

## The following applications have been considered -

• 23/02368 Dale Cottage 84 Hatherden Road Charlton – No objection

#### 15) Councillor reports

**15.1 Traffic Liaison-** Nothing to report.

# 15.2 Environment & Rights of Way- The following was reported.

- · Grass cutting on footpaths.
- · Waterside garden grass cut.
- Lid on compost bin
- New waste bin installed.

## **15.3 Charlton Lakes**- Nothing to report Feedback of survey awaited.

**15.6 Community Hall update –** No update available.

#### 16) Correspondence

- Parking outside property at Armstrong Rise-The Clerk will reply to the parishioner and ask TVBC if they are aware of the parking spot. The concern about parking will be logged with Highways to investigate.
- Sub Station Foliage Hatherden Road & Sunnyside Close Cllr Wylde will cut back.
- Letter requesting path at Play Park Armstrong Rise The Clerk will write to Aster to see if they can provide a footpath to the play park.
- Any e mails about traffic along Charlton Road were given the link for the planning application at Penton Sawmills to make comments and TVBC Cllr's e mail address.
- Hampshire Forest Partnership plant trees along Highways
- TVBC Consultations PSPO Dog control and Alcohol laws in public have both been extended to June 2026
- TVAPTC Annual Conference 30<sup>th</sup> September Cllr Ward attending
- Thriving Communities Tuesday 2<sup>nd</sup> Oct Cllr Ward is attending.
- A parishioner will attend October's meeting with the view of becoming a Parish Councillor

## 17) New items proposed for future agendas were:

#### For October meeting -

- Approval to close climate change Facebook
- Review of 20mph consultation
- · Replacement tree for Millenium Stone Area

#### 18) Close of Meeting –The meeting closed at 10.00 pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> October 7.45pm, in the Foxcotte room at St Thomas Church, Charlton. This will be the Annual Parish Council meeting.