

## MINUTES OF CHARLTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 4 JUN 26

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CHARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Held on Thursday 4 June 2026 at 7pm in the Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs Tom Blanden (Chairman), Marion Adkins, Philip Baffour, Liz Garforth-Bles, Hannah Piet, David Rawlings, Philip Thompson; M Bromley Gardner (Clerk); Wilts Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall; 6 members of the public.

1. Apologies. Cllrs Jonathan Branton, Lord Suffolk.
2. Public Questions/Points. None.
3. Declarations of Interest. None.
4. Urgent Items at Chair's Discretion. None.
5. Last Minutes. The Minutes of the PC meeting of 7 May 26, having been circulated in advance, needed 2 more Cllrs' names adding as having attended – Lord Suffolk and Hannah Piet, after which they were approved and signed.
6. Planning Applications.
  - a. **PL2026/02231 Land Adjacent to Coombe Cottage**. The Clerk introduced the item and explained (his wife's) application. A resident then read a long and detailed statement in objection. After the opportunity for Cllrs and other residents to ask questions the Clerk left the room while Cllrs deliberated. The PC decision was: No objection subject to the planning officer giving consideration of applying conditions on the days and hours of operation, the maximum numbers attending any event and the levels of sound amplification. Also consideration of the inclusion of a sunset clause applying to the current owners. The Clerk then returned.
  - b. **PL/2026/02920 Land South of B4040**. This concerned the Pond Lane BESS. The permitted grid connection cable ran north up Pond Lane then west along the B4040, requiring to be buried sometimes in the verge and sometimes in the road. This application was for a new route, cutting the corner under agricultural land; and not digging northward through the B4040 and the shelter belt of trees but using Horizontal Directional Digging to go under both. The PC had no objection.
7. Payments. The following 2 payments were approved:
  - 2026.6.1, Countrywide Grounds Maintenance, £150 for verge cutting on 18 May.
  - 2026.6.2, Community First Trading Ltd, £18.85 additional premium for adding insurance cover for the 2<sup>nd</sup> SID.After these 2 payments the account balance would be £21,045.58.
8. Councillors' observations and items for the next meeting.
  - A Cllr requested that PC meeting start times should be reviewed, preferring 6pm.
  - Footpaths – use of a Bristol 2-in-one gate.
9. Dates of Next Meetings. 2 Jul, 3 Sep, 5 Nov.

The meeting closed at 8.37 pm.

Chairman