



**CHARLTON PARISH COUNCIL**  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 20<sup>th</sup> February.**  
**2024 at Charlton Church Foxcotte Room at 7.45pm**

Present: Cllr N Woods, Cllr D Rawlingson, Cllr P Wylde, Cllr Wilson  
In attendance: E Attwood – Clerk      4 members of public  
County Councillor C Donnelly

**1. Apologies for Absence** - It was proposed that Cllr Wylde would Chair the meeting in the absence of the Chairman and Vice Chairman. Cllrs Mrs J Smith (Chairman) & Ward (Vice Chairman) *Post Meeting:* Apologies Cllr Smale.

**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 16<sup>th</sup> January 2024 were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Rawlinsong seconded Cllr Wylde. All members agreed.

**4. Public participation** – The Chairman of Carters Meadows Residents association attended the meeting:

- An update by the Clerk was made about a concern raised; the dropped kerb between the pavements at the entrance to Carters Meadow are facing into the road at an angle causing pedestrians with mobility aids a dangerous passage as they have to swing out into the road to be able access the pavement. Both the kerb and potholes were discussed at a site meeting with the highways engineer. He advised to report the potholes directly to [Report a problem | Hampshire County Council \(hants.gov.uk\)](https://www.hants.gov.uk/report-a-problem) and he would investigate whether the kerbs met the criteria for alterations, he did agree the road was very busy. The Clerk shared with him information about section 106 money that he may be available to claim to pay for the alterations as this is not in the current Highways budget.
- Potholes procedure and how to report was shared with members of the public to make highways aware a repair is required. See link above. This may be carried out by anyone who becomes aware of a pothole.
- Heavy lorries were also discussed but still awaiting outcome of planning application at Snows.

**5. Clerk's Report**

- Carters Meadow kerb- met with Cllr's Ward & Smale and Hlghways representative to discuss repositioning dropped kerb Not heard anything since.
- Home Farm Gardens - HCC unlikely to adopt, this is not an official footpath as there is guttering & drains. and it is less than a metre wide which indicates it is not a public path.
- No response yet from TVBC re footpath in playpark using section 106 money.
- Police contacted about burnt bench and subsequent info sent about anti-social behaviour which really needs reporting as it is happening to catch the culprits.
- Insurance claim started for replacement bench.
- Tree and stake on order. No delivery date yet.
- Most newsletter payments received One currently unpaid.
- Flooding at bottom of Armstrong Rise – HCC were asked to clean the drains.
- FOI response from TVBC - No pre application on land

## 6. Cllr Donnelly reported on the following:

- Local Plan Consultation – open for comments until 12 noon 2<sup>nd</sup> April available. See below for public exhibitions or use the online link to TVBC [Draft Local Plan 2040 | Test Valley Borough Council](#).

Picket Twenty Sports Pavilion	Picket Twenty Sports Ground, Sports Pavilion, Telegraph Rd, Andover SP11 6UF	Monday 26 February	3.00pm to 7.00pm
Memorial Hall	Andover Road, Ludgershall, Andover, SP11 9LZ	Monday 4 March	3.00pm to 7.00pm
The Guildhall	Andover, SP10 1NT	Tuesday 12 March	3.00pm to 7.00pm

- Police & Crime – Extra funding available for anti-social behaviour.
- HCC have Elm trees available – Cllr Wylde will identify some sites for the saplings.

## 7. TVBC Cllr L Lashbrook – Absent

### 8. Finance -

8.1 The bank balance as of 31<sup>st</sup> January 2024 was as follows:

Lloyds current £1478.30

Savings £48524.31

Fix Term Deposit £30,000.00

### Resolved: Councillors approved the financial statement for January 2024

E Attwood - Tax		£105.40
E Attwood - Salary		£421.88
E Attwood Exp		24.04
HALC Cllrs Course K Wilson		117.60
HALC Cllrs Course D Rawlinson		117.60
HALC Cllrs Course N Woods		117.60

### 8.2 Approval of February payments to date:

HMRC Tax	£105.40
Clerks Pay	£421.88
E Attwood Exp	£58.06
St Thomas Church Hall	£116.00
Ornamental Tree Stake	£22.50
Ornamental Tree	£335.00

### Resolved Cllrs approved February 2024 payments to date:

8.3 Approval of further investments – This will be discussed next month.

### 8.4 Quarterly Statement Check - Deferred

9. **20mph Hatherden Road** – The Clerk advised a consultation with the community was required to reduce a speed limit. Evidence of this was needed to accompany an application. The Parish Council would also need to fund the reduction of speed. Cllrs did not feel a blanket

20mph for the entire length of the road was justified even though traffic has increased and was particularly busy in the morning and evening rush hour. Some ideas include speed cushions or a mini roundabout at the Mercia Avenue junction. Cllrs agree the road is not suitable for lorries and 90% are going to Snows so the outcome of the planning application is awaited. Concern was expressed that lorries have been seen mounting the pavement.

## **10. Planning**

The following decisions by TVBC were noted –

- 23/01717/FULLN Penton Sawmills - Undecided.
- Local Plan Consultation responses due by 12 noon 2<sup>nd</sup> April.

**11 Charlton Park Consultation** – The report has been shared with Cllrs. Andy Pilley TVBC will be invited to the Parish Council's March meeting to share results with the Parish Council.

## **12. Benches & Litter bin**

- The picnic bench at Charlton Waterside was found smouldering on 3<sup>rd</sup> February 2024 at 7am. The fire damaged bench has been reported to Police. The insurance claim has been started and TVBC asked to remove the bench. Since then, further fly tipping of chairs and rubbish have been retrieved from the area. Further reports have been made to the Police who said they would increase patrols. The Clerk will investigate the GDPR position and contact the fly tipping team at TVBC to see if any measures can be undertaken.
- New bench in memory of Village Volunteer – Deferred until the next meeting.
- Cllrs will undertake emptying the litter bin between themselves.

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

### **13.1 Traffic Liaison – Nothing to report.**

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

- Cllr Wylde reported that a site meeting had taken place with the HCC Countryside Officer at the footpath at the back of the football field, heading towards Enham.
- It was concluded that at the end June/July with volunteers the area could be cut back to 2M.
- A harder cut back could take place restoring the track to a 3m in the autumn with grant assistance from HCC.
- A local farmer will be sought to carry out the work. TVBC will be asked if they have the equipment to carry out this work.

### **13.3 Charlton Lakes –**

- It was reported that the feedback from the TVBC survey is still awaited.
- 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 will submit his return.

**13.5 Charlton Village Community Association** – Deferred

**13.6 Newsletter** – Cllrs will consider putting something in the newsletter regarding the anti-social behaviour.

## **14) Correspondence**

- Parishioner Home Farm gardens – discussed earlier.
- HALC Annual conference 20<sup>th</sup> March e mail circulated.
- TVAPTC meeting in Longstock on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2024
- Cllrs completed training which they found useful.

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

**For March meeting –**

- Footpath
- Annual Parish Meeting date

**16 Date of next meeting:** The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March at 7.45pm, in the Foxcotte room at St Thomas Church, Charlton.

