



*CHARLTON PARISH COUNCIL*  
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17<sup>th</sup> October.  
2023 at Charlton Church Foxcotte Room at 7.45pm**

Present: Cllr Mrs J Smith (Chairman) Cllr C Ward Cllr I Smale, Cllr N Woods, Cllr D Rawlingson, Cllr P Wylde, Cllr Wilson

In attendance: E Attwood - Clerk  
12 Members of public

**1) Apologies for Absence**

None

**2) Co-option of Councillors**

Keith Willson was coopted onto the Council. Proposed by Cllr Smale and seconded by Cllr Rawlingson. All members agreed.

**3) Declarations of Interest**

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

**4) Minutes**

**Resolved:** The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 19<sup>th</sup> September were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Smale seconded Cllr Woods. All members agreed.

**5) Public participation – Concerns were expressed about the planning application Land at Goch Way-**

- Concerns raised houses are only 8 – 11 metres away from edge of lake.
- Developer has not ticked box to say houses are near pond/water.
- Light pollution, noise, BBQ fumes, music, washing cars, - everyday activities are not conducive with the lake and wildlife.
- Wildlife includes deer, fox, newts, bats feed from lake, swan, egret, heron, kingfishers, some of which is protected,
- Lake is a food source for wildlife.
- (Hazardous materials) Weed killer and washing cars will drain into the lake as the development is higher than the lake and could poison the pure water and kill wildlife including fish.
- Retaining this level of nature is important.
- TPO's on some of the trees that need to be removed.
- If trees and hedges removed noise will become more apparent and frighten the wildlife.
- Don't want to lose trees.
- No check of wildlife living in hedgerow.
- Noise from traffic and boy racers will be worse.
- Lack of footpath that side of road for pedestrians so not suitable for wheelchair users
- Lack of space in the development
- Once houses go up it will destroy lake and wildlife which will disappear for ever.
- Local business needs to thrive, very few places have such a quality lake for anglers, fish has taken many years to build stock. This is stated in local plan.
- Development is in local gap separating Charlton.

- Does not fit with the Neighbourhood Plan.
- 4-bedroom house not required in Charlton
- Layout and density of buildings does not fit with area.
- Application by developer not filled out accurately, no consideration for wildlife.
- Lake flows into Anton River.
- Houses overlooking lake, loss of privacy.

#### 6) Clerk's Report

- **Newsletter fees** – Remaining resident has now paid outstanding fees, error on their part.
- CPRE – cancelled and offered refund of £24.00 yet to receive.
- Written to TVBC re path initially asked our Borough Councillor who said she would send to County. Since spoken to K Harrington and the update is they will ensure the grass is cut and they have no budget this year but will do a site visit and consider for next year's budget.
- Borough Councillor happy to help but couldn't provide a deputy.
- Planning at TVBC confirmed parking at Armstrong rise is not an infringement, sent photo to traffic management at HCC, no response to date.
- Booked Cllrs Cook and Rawlingson onto training course on 24th January with HALC
- Head of Planning – Confirmation that TVBC does not advertise at pre planning stage. however, it is open for the applicant to engage and consult with the community, including parish councils, prior to making an application. This is certainly something I would encourage all developers bringing forward schemes in the borough to do.

#### 7) HCC & TVBC Reports-

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

**Social Care proposals** – HCC currently have an ongoing consultation with Council owned care homes to provide more cost-effective care.

**Hampshire nets £1.8 million for 'Skills Bootcamps'** - Hampshire residents' opportunities to access free, fast-track training to help them upskill and secure higher-paid jobs. More details to be published on HCC website.

**Tackling teen vaping-** HCC trading standards are trying to tighten up on sales.

**HCC financial planning this autumn-** Careful planning required and further reduction of services may be necessary.

**Countryside Services - Parish Pages useful source**

[www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/definitivemap](http://www.hants.gov.uk/landplanningandenvironment/rightsofway/definitivemap)

**Increased payments to residents hosting Ukrainian families-** Now raised to £700 per month.

**Funding to save the UK's rarest orchids** - Hampshire County Council has secured £98,000 funding from Natural England to help rare helleborine orchids to thrive.

**TVBC Cllr L Lashbrook** no report.

#### 8) Finance -

8.1 The bank balance as of 30<sup>th</sup> September 2023 was as follows:

Lloyds current £751.49

Savings £46753.91

Fixed Deposit £35,000.00

**Resolved: Councillors approved the financial statement for September 2023**

**8.2 Resolved: Cllrs to approve payments for September 2023**

58	HMRC Tax	£98.40
59	E Attwood - Salary	£394.21
60	Bulpitt leaflet printing	£585.00
61	E Attwood Exp	£26.06
62	C Ward Hammerite	£37.99
63	Editor of Newsletter	£200.00
64	Parish Online Geosphere	£180.00
65	C Ward refund bulbs	£36.89
66	Hugo Fox Website	£122.28

**Resolved Cllrs approved October payments to date:**

67	E Attwood Exp	£14.04
68	Lengths man Payment P Wylde	£275.00
69	C Ward - Refund Poppies	£100.00

**8.3 Quarterly Bank Statement Check**

**Resolved:** Cllr Smith checked & initialled the bank statements

**8.4 Review of Budget 24/25** – Cllrs have requested some minor amendments, and this will be reviewed again next month to set the precept.

**9. Policies**

**9.1 Approval of Planning terms and conditions** –Resolved: Councillors adopted the policy to the planning terms and conditions for the planning advisory group.

**10. Approval to purchase poppies for Remembrance Day** – It was resolved to spend £100.00 to purchase poppies for the village and for the clerk to purchase some cable ties.

**11. Approval and arrangements to purchase Millenium replacement tree.** Cllrs had made a visit to a nursery, but stock was low at the moment. They will revisit the nursery in November. Cllr Smith proposed. Seconded Cllr Rawlinsong. **Resolved:** To approve funding up to £500 to purchase a suitable sized tree. All members agreed.

**12) Approval to Close Climate Change Facebook account - Resolved:** The page will close, and all future climate change information will be available on Charlton Chat.

**13) Discussion re 20mph Scheme** – Awaiting HCC to ratify scheme after completion of consultation.

**14) Planning**

The following decisions by TVBC were noted –

- 23/01717/FULLN Penton Sawmills - Undecided.

The following applications have been considered -

- 23/02463/FULLN Land at Goch Way – Objection
- 23/02186/CPLN 12 Mercia Avenue – No Comment

The Chairman will write to TVBC Head of planning to enquire about a possible development behind St Thomas Church Charlton.

**15) Councillor reports**

**15.1 Traffic Liaison-** Lock jammed on one of the speed indicators.

**15.2 Environment & Rights of Way**– Nothing to report.

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

**15.4 Community Hall update** – Currently on track for doorstep survey.

**15.5 Lengths man Scheme** – The next return is due to be completed before end of December.

**15.6 Charlton Village Community Association** - Officers have been appointed. Constitution sent to members. 6<sup>th</sup> July 2024 Charlton Village Community Day; D-Day 80<sup>th</sup> Anniversary 6<sup>th</sup> June 2024.

**15.7 Gate Closer at Charlton Waterside has been stolen.**

Councillors approved purchasing a replacement closer from Hurstbourne Forge.

**16) Correspondence**

- TVBC Polling Review circulated for comments.
- Kings' Somborne neighbourhood plan
- Hedgehog Highway project
- Test Valley Resilience Forum – Saturday 28th October 2023
- Flood risk guidance from HALC
- Parishioner phoned to ask if the Millenium 'tree' would be replaced and suggested an Irish Yew.

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

**For November meeting –**

- Approval of precept
- Charlton Waterside Bins
- Millenium Tree
- Proposal to commit funding for Charlton Village/Community Hall planning and preparation of Planning Application – Project Manager.

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

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> November 7.45pm, in the Foxcotte room at St Thomas Church, Charlton.