



CHARLTON PARISH COUNCIL
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 15th NOVEMBER
2022**

Present: Cllr Mrs J Smith, Cllr C Ward (Vice Chairman), Cllr I Smale, Cllr R Stevenson & Cllr P Wylde

In attendance: H Bournier- Clerk
HCC Chris Donnelly
TVBC L Lashbrook
TVBC Phil Lashbrook
Kevin Harrington-TVBC Officer
2 Members of public

1) Apologies for Absence

There were no apologies for absence.

2) TVBC presentation

Kevin Harrington from TVBC outlined a program of community engagement in relation to The Charlton Lakes Leisure Park beginning in March 2023. This will take the form of online surveys, onsite workshops, questionnaires etc. Full details will be shared with the Parish Council. TVBC plan to target all user groups including sports groups, hirers etc. Local Universities have agreed to help gather and analyse data which will again be shared with the Parish Council and the findings will be used when considering investment. It is hoped a draft plan can be produced by October 2023 and this will be adopted by the end of the year. Kevin asked for any help possible from Parish Councillors and also said he would plan to attend the July 2023 Parish Council meeting to share the data they had been able to gather.

3)Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest and all councillors confirmed no changes were required to register of interest forms.

4)Minutes

Cllrs to approve the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 18th October 2022 as a correct record of proceedings.

Resolved: The minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 18th October were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the Chairman. Proposed Cllr Smale seconded Cllr Ward. All agreed.

5) Public participation

A member of public asked for help with two street lamps outside 25 Foxcotte Road, streetlamps numbers 8 & 9 neither of which had been working for some time. The Clerk will report this problem to SSE. It was suggested the problem could also be posted on fixmystreet.com

A resident of Foxcotte Road gave details of lots of work ongoing to remove trees and hedges and improve their drive which sometimes means they have to park vehicles in the surrounding streets. Lots of carers and nurses also visit to help with a disabled son and they too have parked in surrounding streets. They have not parked in restricted areas but unfortunately other residents have been upset by these vehicles and have been abusive and used their own vehicles to block cars in causing damage. Cllr Smith said the Parish Council has no power to deal with such issues and recommended these are reported to the police.

6)Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported as follows: -

Community Day profits

All community day invoices have been paid. Two traders have not paid for pitches on the day despite requests to do so. At the Oct meeting it was agreed the profit now known should be split with the church. £1625 will therefore be sent to the church. The same sum due to the Parish Council will be ringfenced for the community hall project.

Tree by Millennium stone

Jon King has quoted £290.00 to remove the tree and grind the stump. He has been asked to carry out this work. A replacement tree will be planted in due course.

Planting at Goch Way

The Clerk confirmed she had spoken to TVBC regarding the proposed planting scheme and they have confirmed the missing hedge will be reinstated with native species. Concerns regarding the lack of evergreen shrubs and comments from residents were sent to TVBC.

TVAPTC meeting 24th Nov

There will be a presentation at this meeting regarding 2023 elections which the Clerk will attend.

7)HCC & TVBC Report-

HCC Cllr Chris Donnelly reminded parishioners that while there was some HCC financial support for residents in the current economic climate this will not be notified by text or email. He said that HCC will be running some warm hubs in libraries over the winter months and grants of up to £5000 are available to community groups running similar centres.

He also reported that HCC had received over 9000 responses to the 20mph consultation. These will now be analysed but feedback is not likely until the end of the year.

Finally, he said the HCC budget is at breaking point and reserves are being rapidly used. A plea has been made to central government to increase funding.

Cllr Smith asked HCC Donnelly if he could establish why the informal crossing has not happened even though twice dates for the work to be completed have been given. He agreed to follow up this matter. He will also find out how the Parish Council can sign up to receive alerts for highway work in the parish in the future.

TVBC Cllr L Lashbrook asked that if any lorries from the recycling site are seen in the village could any photographs taken be sent to her as a dossier is being created.

She also reported that TVBC are also offering grants of up to £5000 to groups for projects supporting the community with the current economic crisis.

8)Finance -

The bank balance at 31st October 2022 was as follows:

Lloyds current £35356.62

Savings £35547.15

Cllrs to consider and approve the financial statement for the period 1st October to 31st October 2022.

RESOLVED: It was resolved to approve the financial statement for the period 1st October to 31st October 2022 as a correct record of accounts. Proposed Cllr Smith, seconded Cllr Ward. All agreed.

Cllrs to approve payments to be made

H Bourner Salary £524.16

H Bourner expenses £18.20

Retrospective

Barry Notley £400.00

Agree January Payments

H Bourner Salary £524.16

H Bourner expenses £18.20

Charlton Church £1625.00

9) Community group

Cllr Smith proposed the Parish Council give full support to the community group who will now set up a Charity Community group and who will organise the Charlton Community Day in 2023. Full support was agreed by all present.

10) SSEN Grant

Cllr Ward confirmed he had secured a grant from SSEN to help with the purchase of equipment to support community resilience. Space was needed to house the items, in particular a generator. Attempts to site a shed on land owned by HCC off Enham Lane had failed and a letter to another landowner remained unanswered. TVBC L Lashbrook had been asked to help find a solution and will send details to Cllr Ward of a contact in TVBC estates.

11) Stream bank repairs-entrance to Charlies Lake

Cllr Ward confirmed some clearing has taken place by a group of volunteers from the village. Further work was required and Cllr Ward was in discussion with a company who had carried out some work to the stream and river banks near Carters Meadow. He is hoping to obtain a quote for work to be carried out in the new year.

12) Siting of Beacon in Village Centre

Cllr Ward confirmed a pre app will now be submitted to TVBC which outlines two potential sites. HCC will be consulted as the land proposed is highways verges. HCC Donnelly said he is very happy to write a letter of full support and asked to be given full details

13) Lengthsman work 2023.

Three quotes to carry out lengthsman work in 2023 had been received and were discussed. It was agreed that a contract to cost each area of work would be considered rather than accept an hourly rate proposal. The Clerk will draw up a draft contract and circulate for discussion at the January meeting.

14) Community Hall Update

Cllr Ward reported that pre application for a community hall has been submitted to TVBC. Some specific responses have been received and the Clerk has now asked TVBC for a full response.

15) Budget 2023/24

A draft document with projected spending to the end of 22-23 and proposed income and expenditure for 23-24 had been circulated. Costs for all items are likely to increase given the current economic climate and the project to build a Community Hall was now picking up speed. After a lengthy discussion it was agreed the precept should be raised to £33000.00 Proposed Cllr Smale seconded Cllr Smith. All in favour.

16) Planning

The following decisions by TVBC were noted –

22/00643/FULLN-2 side extensions Charlton Park Crematorium- permission

The following applications received-

22/01622/VARN- variation to landscaping, Land at Goch Way- objection sent

22/02618/REJN- application to determine prior approval re solar panels at Foxcotte Barn- no comments

22/02667/FULL-single storey extension, Willow Dale, 25 Foxcotte Road- no objections

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

Traffic Liaison-Cllr Smith see HCC councillor report regarding informal crossing.

Speed awareness cameras- nothing to report

Lengthsman scheme- see item 13

Community Hall Feasibility- see item 14

Environment & Rights of Way– Cllr Wylde had nothing to report.

Charlton Lakes- see item 2

Carters Meadow- Cllr Smith will contact Carters Meadow regarding a date for the fitting of the gate. The Clerk will contact the contractor once this is confirmed.

19) Correspondence

The Clerk highlighted several items of correspondence as follows

Details of the next TVAPTC meeting on 24th November

Several emails regarding -The Statement of Community Involvement in Planning (SCI) 2022

Boundary Commission for England notice redrawing constituency boundaries

Southern Water consultation.

20) New items proposed for future agendas were:

Councillor responsibilities.

21) Close of Meeting –The meeting closed at 9.20pm

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 17th January 2023, 7.45pm, in the main church hall.