



CHARLTON PARISH COUNCIL
MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 16th MARCH 2021

Present: Cllr J Smith (Chairman), Cllr C Ward (Vice Chairman), Cllr I Smale, Cllr Mills,
& Cllr P Wyld.

In attendance: Mrs H Bourner – Clerk
HCC Mrs Z Brooks
1 Member of public

PLEASE NOTE THIS WAS A VIRTUAL MEETING IN LINE WITH GOVERNMENT ADVICE DURING THE CORONA VIRUS RESTRICTIONS.

1) Apologies for Absence

Apologies had been received from Cllr B Hodgson & TVBC Mrs Linda Lashbrook. Since joining the Parish Council in December Cllr Hodgson had not been able to join a meeting due to difficult personal circumstances. He had sent apologies on all occasions and had offered to step down if other Cllrs thought this was wise. All agreed Cllr Hodgson should continue in his role as a Parish Councillor for the present.

2) Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3) Minutes

Cllrs to approve the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 16th February 2021 as a correct record of proceedings

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 16th February were confirmed as a correct record proposed by Cllr Smale & seconded by Cllr Ward.

4) Public participation

A member of the public noted that the Neighbourhood Plan report contains a statement which says based on the community consultation Charlton wishes to remain a village. However, the developing TVBC local plan shows Charlton as part of Andover or at least a suburb. Cllr Ward said this has already been noted and he has already asked TBVC planning to ensure the correct village map is included once the Neighbourhood Plan is adopted

5) Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported on several items as follows: -

Bench at Carters Meadow

The bench has now been ordered as the manager at Carters Meadow was happy with the recycled material which would match the bin.

Litter bin at Carters Meadow

The litter bin has now been fitted. The Clerk will establish if the key has been passed to the volunteer who will empty this.

Building work Porchester Road

A query was raised regarding building work in Porchester Road. The original planning application was submitted on 21/07/2005. This was refused but later allowed on appeal. No work started but a renewal was agreed on 08/11/2010

Letter to Tesco

A letter has been sent to Tesco asking what recycling facilities they offer at Charlton and asking them to put the battery recycling bin in a more obvious position. No reply has been received at present

HALC newsletter

The HALC newsletter confirmed the AGM can be held remotely at any meeting before 7th May 2021. It is still unclear if meetings will be allowed remotely after the 7th May. It was therefore agreed to hold the AGM at the meeting on 20th April.

Account's year ended 31 March 2021 & Auditor

The Parish Council agreed to ask Eleanor Greene to audit the accounts for the year ended 31 March 2021

Insurance

A renewal quote has been received from Came & Company. Renewal due 1st June 2021. The long-term agreement expires May 2022.

6)HCC & TVBC Report-

HCC Zilliah Brooks reported on HCC grants providing free activities and a meal to disadvantaged children during the Easter break.

She also reported that Hampshire County Council has built a new recycling plant at Micheldever which will reuse old road materials for fixing roads. It is expected to save 40 per cent of CO2 emissions compared with the facility it is replacing.

She confirmed work to regenerate the area around Town Mills in Andover was nearing completion and reminded all present that Census day was the 21st March.

Cllr Smith asked Cllr Brooks if it would be possible to arrange for alerts regarding roadworks in the area which give details of the work to be carried out, be sent to the Parish Council. Cllr Brooks confirmed she received these and will ask if they can be sent to the Parish Council.

7)Finance -

The bank balance at 28th February 2021 was as follows:

Lloyds current £10348.37

Savings £35537.95

Cllrs to consider and approve the financial statement for the period 1st February to 28th February 2021.

RESOLVED: It was resolved to approve the financial statement for the period 1st February to 28th February 2021 as a correct record of accounts.

Cllrs to approve payments to be made

H Bourner Salary £411.09

HMRC £63.60

H Bourner expenses £10.65

Bulpitt Printing £575.00

8) Communications

Cllr Ward reported on the response to the questionnaire delivered with the latest newsletter, posted in public places and on survey monkey. Very few responses had been received but a theme from those received was having a community website which included Parish Council details. Given the limited response it was agreed a reminder would be published to parishioners asking them to complete the surveys.

9) Increased rubbish in the village

Cllr Ward referred to an email he had received from a resident regarding increased rubbish in the village.

The Parish Council acknowledged that increased littering was a problem for the village and the area around Charlton Lakes. During the current COVID restrictions organising community litter picks was impossible however the Parish Council agreed to try and address this issue in some way once restrictions are eased. TVBC had agreed to look into the rubbish reported by a resident along the road from the cemetery to the Hare and Hounds.

10) Speed awareness signs

Cllr Ward discussed recent data from a ten-day period downloaded from the speed awareness sign when located in Hatherden Road. This showed traffic speeding away from the village but also a quantity abiding by the speed limits. He will continue to gather data and will try and get a police speed check in place.

The monitor will also be moved to the bridge area on Charlton Road as another serious road accident in this area has been reported recently.

11) Bridge access

Cllr Ward confirmed TVBC work continues to fine-tune access to Charlton Park for disabled users, across the new bridge. A Charlton resident who uses a mobility scooter is helping as are the Disabled Ramblers Association.

12) Green Space in front of Carters Meadow

The manager of Carters Meadow has confirmed he is organising the clearance of the drains at the entrance to the complex and he is still waiting to present details for new access signs to the resident's forum.

A quote had been received for grinding out tree stumps at the site for £175.00. Cllr Wylde proposed this be accepted and this was seconded by Cllr Ward.

13) Hedging at Peake Way

Hampshire Highways have confirmed the options for hedge planting at Peake Way are: -

- To replant any hedgerow or trees subject to land owner's permission, off the public highway.
- The Parish Council could apply for a cultivation licence from HCC. This would enable them to carry out planting but there are specific conditions on the height of planting allowed.
- Approach HCC Arboriculture team to investigate the replanting of some trees.

TVBC are attempting to find any evidence that the original planting scheme was a joint venture between the Parish Council, HCC and themselves. The Clerk will also review archive material for the same details. The matter will be reviewed at the April meeting.

14) Climate Change

Cllr Ward provided an update on the report compiled by a resident and the response to the survey issued in the recent newsletter. While some responses with views were received very few residents were happy to get involved in pursuing actions.

The Parish Council need to review the plan and adopt the part for which it is responsible.

TVBC are currently analysing their survey on climate change which it is hoped will inform the Parish Council to then further this project.

In general, concerns were raised about recycling in Hampshire where neither household glass nor food waste recycling were offered direct at homes. Tetra pack recycling was also limited. After some discussion it was agreed a request should be made to TVBC to put a tetra pack recycling unit in the Charlton Tesco car park area. The Clerk will action.

15) Planning

The following decisions by TVBC were noted –

21/00016/FULN two storey extension 78A Hatherden Road- withdrawn

20/00989/FULLN- excavation of bank, construction of wall & fence, laying of concrete base and installation of LPG gas tanks- permission.

The following applications received-

21/00482/FULLN- single story extension, 7 Kimberley Road, Charlton- no objections

16) Book Exchange

Cllr Smale reported on several incidents when bags of books had been dumped in the book exchange despite there being a sign asking people to contact The Clerk if they had books they wished to donate. Cllr Smale had written an article for the last newsletter asking again for residents not to do this and had booked a trip to the household recycling centre to dispose of the unwanted items. Hopefully when lockdown restrictions are lifted charity shops will become the recipients of some of the excess books.

17) Stream bank repairs-land opposite Carters Meadow

Cllr Ward gave details of some recommendations from H&IOW Wildlife Trust in relation to the stream bank and surrounding area. It was agreed the next steps in planning the work was to engage with residents to discuss the matter.

The Clerk agreed to contact the residents to arrange a zoom meeting to discuss this when a representative from H&IOW Wildlife Trust would be invited to speak.

The Clerk highlighted details of funding available to help improve chalk streams. The Clerk was asked to register the Parish Councils interest in this funding.

18) Neighbourhood Plan

Cllr Ward reported the Neighbourhood Plan is now complete and has been submitted to TVBC who have agreed the necessary referendum will take place on 6th May. A full copy of the report can be found on both the TVBC and the Parish Council websites.

Cllr Ward explained the possibilities of setting up campaign groups to be registered as such with TVBC. The neighbourhood steering group will register as a 'yes' group.

Cllr Smith proposed to advertise the referendum via a leaflet which will be posted through all households reminding them where the plan can be viewed and encouraging them to vote. She also proposed two banners be purchased and erected in the village encouraging residents to both read the plan and vote in the referendum. A maximum spend of £100 was proposed by Cllr Wylde and seconded Cllr Smith.

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

Traffic Liaison – Nothing to report.

Speed watch – see report at paragraph 10

Community Hall Feasibility- Details of possible sites were shared in the last newsletter and several comments have been received in response, in particular concerns from those living close to the proposed sites. Details will be analysed but nothing can be done until an agreement is reached with regard to leasing land from Salto or a part of a now empty space in the building.

Environment & Rights of Way– Cllr Wylde confirmed he is now trained in the use of the new equipment for strimming and cutting back hedges. Another resident has also been trained as a volunteer to use this equipment

The countryside access team have agreed to put in steps and a handrail at footpath 727

Community Emergency Plan – Cllr Ward has nothing to report.

Lengthsman scheme- The Clerk will ask the Lengthsman to clean signs on Goch Way

Neighbourhood Plan- See full report at paragraph 18.

20) Correspondence-

The Clerk confirmed she had received the following correspondence

Emails regarding fly tipping of hedge cuttings and fencing at Weatherby Gardens.

21) Items proposed for future agendas were: -

AGM

Flooding at Weatherby Gardens- Cllr Smale

Peake Way hedge- Cllr Wylde

Communication survey- Cllr Ward

Close of Meeting – The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 20th April 2021

