



CHARLTON PARISH COUNCIL
**MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 17th MAY
2022**

Present: Cllr Mrs J Smith (Chairman), Cllr C Ward (Vice Chairman) Cllr I Smale, Cllr P Wylde, Cllr C Mills & Cllr A Rogers.

In attendance: TVBC Mrs Linda Lashbrook
HCC Chris Donnelly
9 Members of public

1) Chairmans report

The full report can be seen at appendix 1

2) Events Update

The Chair reported that planning for the Beacon Lighting and Music in the Park event (2 Jun 22) was going well with most issues now resolved. The Big Lunch/Picnic was to be an informal event with details included in Charlton News. There was still quite a bit to do for the Charlton Village Community Day on 9 July and more volunteers would be welcome.

3) TVBC summary Report

The full report can be seen at appendix 2 regarding an upcoming survey on Charlton Leisure Centre

4) Community Hall

The Chair of the Village/Community Hall Committee reported that progress had been made with its request to lease part of the land currently leased to Salto by TVBC. The new preferred location to the right of the Salto Centre (as you look at the front of the building) addresses many of the concerns raised when the original PreApp was submitted. A second PreApp was being prepared. There are still many hurdles to clear but it is the intention to use the feedback from the PreApp to inform further consultations with Residents. Funding remains a significant challenge but where there's a will there's a way.

5)Public Participation

A question was asked by a member of public if the green space near the entrance to Carters Meadow should be named as it has been in the past as The Village Green. Cllr ward explained that, as had been discussed during the making of the Neighbourhood Plan and subsequently documented, the area can no longer be called a village green. The area left is not large enough to now be classed as a village green and therefore the word formally was included in the Neighbourhood Plan.

Appendix 1

Chair report May 2022

The last couple of years has not been easy for Charlton residents. I would like to thank the members of the Charlton Covid Support group for stepping up and assisting with all sorts of tasks requested by the residents. The group is still active so please ask if you do need help.

During this period of time the Parish council got to grips with holding meetings on Zoom and Teams which was interesting. We have had a small turnover of councillors and I thank all outgoing members.

I would like to take this opportunity to list some of the achievements and completions by the Parish council throughout this period

- The neighbourhood plan was ratified and passed by public vote. This is now with TVBC, it forms part of the Local Development Plan and assists with planning decisions
- The Bridge to Charlton Park fields was completed and is a welcomed addition by all
- Traffic is always an issue within Charlton. The Council liaised with HCC to install carriageway lining along Hatherden road. Only time will tell if this is effective.
- New Speed indicator was bought for Goch Way and a kind resident in Wetherby gardens has agreed to keep the batteries charged.
- Handrail was installed at the entrance to Footpath 727 (across the field from Hatherden Road to Enham Lane). Thanks go to the Ramblers association for completing this.
- A successful Litter pick, through TVBC, was held last year. Thank you to all who participated. We aim to organise another for this year.
- Railings work for the road bridge at the entrance to Charlie's Lake was completed.
- For a short period of time recycling bins were placed in the bus shelter. This worked very well until vandalised. We are looking into alternatives.

The Parish Council is now working towards the following

- Liaising with TVBC to ensure their new Local Plan correctly reflects Charlton Village.
- Informal pedestrian crossing by St Thomas church. This has been agreed with HCC and we are awaiting a start date.
- Speeding is still an issue and we are working with PCSO to tackle this problem
- The feasibility study for the community Hall
- Community events including Jubilee
- Planning for the siting of the Beacon in the centre of the Village
- Bus Shelter Refurbishment.

Appendix 2

Community Consultation Charlton Leisure Centre

Information for Clive Ward, Charlton parish Council

Introduction

Charlton Leisure Centre is a mixed use site covering over 30 hectares. The space is used for a variety of sports and recreational activities.

Over the summer 2022 TVBC with support from partners including Charlton Parish Council will be seeking to consult the customers of Charlton Leisure Centre, sports clubs, local residents and the wider Test Valley community on what's good about the space, what is not so good, and to understand thoughts on care and management.

The aims of the consultation are:

- To understand the community's feelings about the site now and what aspirations exist to ensure the site meets the needs of the wider community for the next 10 plus years
- To understand the site strengths and weaknesses and identify barriers to access

The outcome will be:

- To develop a community focused management plan document for the site to including a site specific design guide and planting plans
- To develop a deliverable capital development programme which will assist in prioritising work and support bids for funding

The draft timescale for the consultation will be:

Action	Suggested date
Online survey will go live	July
Hands on activities onsite during the summer to engaged with customers	July/August
Engagement with onsite clubs	August
Online survey ends	September
Draft outcome of the survey to be published	October
Draft management plan drafted for public comment	November

Key messages

- Comments will be welcome from all users and potential customers
- There are no preconceived outcomes from the consultation and no plan currently exists for the site
- If the outcome of this work confirms that the site is meeting the needs of its principle users then no significant changes will be proposed.

Ends.

