



CHARLTON PARISH COUNCIL
**MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 19th APRIL
2022**

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

In attendance: Mrs H Bourner – Clerk
HCC Chris Donnelly
8 Members of public

1) Apologies for Absence

Apologies for absence had been received from Cllr Smith & TVBC Mrs Linda Lashbrook. Cllr Ward noted the resignation of Cllr B Hodgson and thanked him for all the work he had done as a Parish Councillor. The Clerk confirmed the vacancy has been advertised.

2) Declarations of Interest

There were no declarations of interest.

3) Minutes

Cllrs to approve the minutes from the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th March 2022 as a correct record of proceedings.

Resolved: The minutes of the meeting held on 15th March were confirmed as a correct record and signed by the chairman. Proposed Cllr Ward seconded Cllr Rogers. All agreed.

4) Public participation

Some members of public present wished to discuss the planting of shrubs on land near the entrance to Charlies Lake. (See item 8)

One member of public raised the question as to whether the railings on land near to Carters Meadow were to be removed. He believed the railings belonged to the Parish Council and were on public land, the space having been designated as an open green space in the Neighbourhood Plan. Cllr Smale said the railings had been erected by the owners of Carters Meadow and while the land was designated as an open green space the owner of the land was unknown. The Parish Council and Carters Meadow owners had entered into an agreement regarding the land and its maintenance in 2012 and this was due to expire in 2022. The Parish Council are arranging to have a discussion to with Anchor Hanover, the current owners of Carters Meadow to discuss a way forward. The member of public said he hoped the space would be opened up for all residents to be able to access and enjoy.

Three residents of Carters Meadow present said they were concerned about the removal of the railings and making the area seem open as they felt they would have unwelcome groups making a nuisance. They claim that already youths were trespassing into the private land and climbing trees and kicking footballs against walls. Cllr Ward said he hoped a meeting with the Parish Council the owners and the residents of Carters Meadow would be able to reach an agreement favourable to all parties. Once the meeting has taken place the matter will be further discussed at a Parish Council meeting.

5) Clerk's Report

The Clerk reported as follows: -

Parking concerns at disability drop kerb near convenience store

The Clerk confirmed she has reported concerns to HCC and they have agreed to make an addition of a white line indicating no parking to the works scheduled for Charlton.

Land in SHEELA report

She confirmed information regarding the purpose of land identified has been shared with HCC Cllr Donnelly who is attempting find out what this is earmarked for.

Planting shrubs land at entrance to Charlies Lake

The residents of the lane asked for the matter to be on the agenda at the April meeting (see public participation)

Tickets for Jubilee

Tickets for the Jubilee event have been ordered from Bulpitt printers.

End of year Accounts

The end of year accounts have been completed along with the audit return. The internal audit will be carried out by Eleanor Greene on 9th June

6)HCC & TVBC Report-

HCC Cllr Chris Donnelly reported HCC are sending a plea via newsletters to all communities to gather volunteers to help with all Jubilee celebrations in the borough.

He confirmed the bollards outside the pub damaged by a vehicle will be replaced soon however a shortage in building supplies is creating a delay.

TVBC Cllr Lashbrook was absent but had sent a report confirming the planning application for floodlights at the BMX track was still under investigation in particular details of operating hours and the impact on the environment are awaited.

PCSO Conor Hill was not present but continues to circulate newsletters.

7)Finance -

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

Lloyds current £12836.17

Savings £35541.75

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

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

Cllrs to approve payments to be made

H Bourner Salary £585.77

HMRC 1.40

H Bourner expenses £42.69

Bulpitt Print £120.00

Cllr Smith (Licenses)£42.00

Cllr Ward (Jubilee advertising) £38.00

Cllr Ward (Gazebos) £1078.50

Hurstbourne Forge £438.00

Amport Parish Council (training) £75.00

PPL Music Licence £180.55

Income

The Clerk confirmed the first half of precept for 2022-23 had been received.

Accounts to 31-03-2022

Accounts to 31-03-2022 had been circulated and were discussed. Cllr Ward proposed these were agreed and this was seconded by Cllr Rogers. All in favour.

8) Stream bank repairs-land opposite Carters Meadow

Four members of public present wished to discuss the area of land near to the entrance to Charles Lake. The Parish Council and the residents have an agreement regarding maintenance of the land and both have agreed to consult the other before carrying out any work. The residents expressed concern that the Parish Council were meeting with outside bodies regarding the land and were not being kept informed. In particular representatives from the Wessex River and Wildlife Trust had visited and made recommendations but residents felt they should have been given the opportunity to part of any discussions. One recommendation was that a large laurel be lifted to allow light into the river to improve ecology. The shrub was on private land and while the resident landowner was not unhappy about work taking place, he believed more evergreen shrubs needed to be planted on the far side of the river to provide a screen for all houses in the lane. Cllr Ward suggested the residents mark out where they wanted shrubs or trees to be planted and also let the Parish Council know what variety was required so they could consider the proposal. One resident

not present had also written to the Parish Council raising concerns about cutting back trees.

The residents present also expressed concerns that repairs to the river bank would cause flooding issues in times of heavy rainfall. One resident and owner of Charlies Lake was particularly concerned that the force of water flowing through a smaller channel once the repairs took place would cause further damage.

Cllr Ward said all proposals had been made after advice was given by Wessex Rivers Trust, as the Parish Council believed they were experts in this field. After some further discussions it was agreed a further meeting should take place when the Parish Council, the residents and the Wessex Rivers Trust should be present.

9) Queens Jubilee & Community Day Celebrations

Cllr Ward reported progress was being made in organising events and tickets were now on sale to the public. Bands are booked along with a stage, there will be a bar and various eateries. The Café will be open so toilets and electricity will be available. Permission has been given to site the beacon temporarily at the park. Volunteers are sought to help with marshalling on the night, anyone who would like to volunteer should contact The Clerk, email clerk@charltonvillage.org.uk

10) Annual Parish Council Meeting

The format of the annual parish meeting was discussed. It was agreed TVBC would be approached to provide a speaker on a local topic, perhaps environment or planning. Cllr Ward will arrange. All members of the parish are encouraged to attend. Refreshments will be served.

11) Planning Terms of Reference

Adjourned to next meeting.

12) Planning

The following decisions by TVBC were noted –
22/00213/FUULN- single storey side & rear extension- 19 Richborough Drive- permission

The following applications received-
22/00643/FULLN-side extensions to house vaporizing unit and enlarged service yard-
Charlton Crematorium

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

Traffic Liaison/Speed awareness cameras

Cllr Ward confirmed a member of the parish was now helping with charging and changing batteries in the machine near Wetherby Gardens.

Lengthsman scheme- Cllr Rogers agreed to take on this responsibility. The Clerk will obtain any working details from the outgoing Cllr and she and Cllr Rogers will discuss a way forward.

Community Hall Feasibility- Cllr Ward reported negotiations with the Salto Centre are still ongoing regarding the possibility of siting a community hall at the centre.

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

Community Emergency Plan – Cllr Ward had nothing to report.

Charlton Lakes- Cllr Ward confirmed the new crazy golf course at Charlton Lakes is due to open in May.

Carters Meadow- Cllr Smale confirmed he is trying to organise a date for a meeting with Anchor Hanover (see public participation)

14) Correspondence-

Items of correspondence noted were: -
HALC newsletter circulated by email

HCC passenger forum meetings by email
Glasdon street furniture brochure
Elan City speed awareness camera brochures

**15) Items proposed for future agendas were: -
Revisit terms of reference for the planning committee
Clerks pay review**

16) Any Other Business

Close of Meeting –The meeting closed at 8.50pm

**The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Tuesday 17th May 2022, 7.45pm,
in the main church hall.**