

The Charltons Parish Council

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“Draft” Minutes of Parish Council Meeting held on
Tuesday 19th April 2022 at 7.30pm in The Reading Room, Charlton Mackrell

Councillors Present:

Nick Blackledge (Chairman)
Bob Adams
Alan Crawley
Mike Parsons

Tamzin Elliott (Vice-Chairman)
Susie Crang
Dennis Elliott
Roger Tearall

In Attendance: C.Cllr D Ruddle, D.Cllr Tony Capozzoli, the Clerk and two members of the public.

Public Session

No comments.

Reports from County and District Councillors.

D.Cllr Capozzoli reported that the issue with phosphates was ongoing [Many applications cannot be determined until the impact the development would have on phosphate levels has been addressed.]

22/31. Apologies for Absence and to consider the reasons given

Council to receive apologies for absence and, if appropriate, to resolve to approve the reasons given.

RESOLVED: D.Cllr Charlie Hull tendered his apology.

22/32. Declarations of Interest

Members to declare any interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Local Authority (NALC Model Code of Conduct 2012) adopted July 2012. (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).

RESOLVED: None received

22/33. Minutes.

To approve the Minutes of the PC Meeting held on Tuesday 15th March 2022.

RESOLVED: The minutes were confirmed as a true record and signed by the Chairman.

22/34. Planning.

a. To consider the following planning applications (PA):

i. **PA 22/00647/HOU & 22/00920/LBC.** Internal and external alterations including creating a room within the entrance hall. Conservation rooflights set in south facing slope, new windows in south elevation, new windows at ground and first floor level on western elevation of eastern wing at Middle Barn, Cary Fitzpaine.

The Applicant was present and explained that the proposals would bring more light into the dwelling and provide more usable space, following consultation with a conservation expert and their architect. It was noted that a neighbour had commented in support of the plans on the SSDC website.

RESOLVED: The PC agreed unanimously to recommend that the application be **APPROVED.**

- b. South Somerset District Council (SSDC) Decisions:
i. **PA 21/00398/LBC.** 11 replacement windows to property at The Woods, Kingweston Road, Charlton Mackrell – **REFUSED**.

22/35. Finance.

a. **Balance of the Council's Bank Account and Bank Reconciliation.**

To report on the Council's Bank Account.

RESOLVED: The Clerk previously circulated the PC Accounts which were received and approved.

b. **Accounts for payment.**

To review and approve a schedule of items of expenditure (incl. VAT):

SCC Opening Up Safely & Connecting Communities Grant (3) Village Café	£175.00
Reading Room hire 5 Apr 22	£36.00
SALC – Planning Applications Training 3 Mar 22	£25.00

RESOLVED: Items of expenditure approved unanimously.

c. Grant Application from The Memorial Playing Field and Community Center Trust for £250 for the purchase of the beacon for the Platinum Jubilee Weekender event.

RESOLVED: Deferred until the next meeting as the quotation and Trust Accounts were not received in sufficient time for councillors to review prior the meeting.

22/36. '20's Plenty'.

To discuss the purchase of '20's Plenty' signage to be installed at appropriate locations in the parish at approx. cost of £97.95 (excl. VAT) per sign or £81.25 (excl. VAT) per post.

C.Cllr Ruddle advised that recent 'black box' data had identified a need for a 20mph speed restriction through Lytes Cary, which Somerset Highways would implement, however, median speeds recorded in Charlton Mackrell did not show a need for intervention; 30mph was the appropriate speed limit. Councillors commented that the data recorded does not take into account the speed of cars travelling around the bends in Kingweston and Ilchester Roads.

RESOLVED: Cllr Crawley to identify appropriate locations for '20's Plenty' signage and draft a scheme for approval by the PC prior to writing to Somerset Highways for approval.

22/37. Grit Bins.

To review grit bin locations in the Parish for submission to Somerset Highways for guidance and approval.

RESOLVED: Following a brief discussion, Cllr Parsons to draft a revised map of grit bin locations for final approval by the PC prior to submission.

22/38. Somerset Jubilee Parish Portraits.

Somerset Archives and Local Studies Service appeal for a snapshot of the parish, a celebration of what makes the parish special in 2022, to provide future generations of Somerset with information on our communities.

RESOLVED: The Clerk agreed to ask Ben Pulletz.

22/39. Items for Report and Future Business.

a. Footpaths. The Clerk agreed to liaise with Eve Wynn, Somerset Rights of Way Warden, regarding the removal of gates, which were not installed by the landowner and that are now in need of repair.

b. War Memorial. The Clerk agreed to hasten Forsey and Sons on the repairs to the War Memorial.

c. Small Highway Improvement Scheme (SIS). Councillors were pleased to note that works to implement the SIS in Charlton Mackrell, to introduce improved road signage, a redesigned mini roundabout and a 30 mph speed limit in Ilchester Road had commenced, following years of campaigning and perseverance by the Parish Council.

d. Parking at Lytes Cary. Following a full response from Lytes Cary Manor, in which they confirmed that they have no control over where people park if not on their property, councillors agreed to defer until more evidence of the problem occurs, which can then be presented to Highways for advice.

Next meetings: Annual Parish, Annual Parish Council and Ordinary Meetings to be held on Tuesday 9th May 2022 at 7.00pm in The Reading Room, Hillway, Charlton Mackrell.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

Signed: **Dated:**

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