

The Charltons Parish Council

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“Draft” Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held on Monday 9th May 2022 in The Reading Room, Charlton Mackrell
following the Annual Parish Council and Annual Parish Meetings

Councillors Present:

Tamzin Elliott (Chairman)

Nick Blackledge

Alan Crawley

Bob Adams (Vice-Chairman)

Susie Crang

Dennis Elliott

In Attendance: D.Cllr Charlie Hull, the Clerk and three members of the public.

Public Session

No comments

Reports from County and District Councillors

Nothing further to report.

22/48. 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: C.Cllr Dean Ruddle and D.Cllr T Capozzoli tendered their apologies.

22/49. 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.

22/50. Minutes.

To approve the Minutes of the PC Meeting held on Tuesday 19th April 2022.

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

22/51. Planning.

- a. To consider the following planning applications (PA): None received.
- b. South Somerset District Council (SSDC) Decisions: None received.

22/52. 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. It was agreed unanimously to transfer funds, precepted in the event of a contested election, into the General Reserve.

b. Accounts for payment.

To review and approve a schedule of items of expenditure (incl. VAT): None received.

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: Approved unanimously.

22/53. Grit Bins.

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

RESOLVED: To defer until the next meeting at which Cllr Parsons can present the revised maps.

22/54. Items for Report and Future Business.

a. S106 Leisure Contributions. The Clerk and Ward members received a consultation letter at 3.05pm on Friday 6th May 2022 requesting comments on potential leisure contributions for local play areas, youth facilities, playing pitches and changing rooms to mitigate against the impact of the new housing development on land rear of the Fox and Hounds, Charlton Adam – PA 21/03124/FUL; comments to be received by 13th May 2022. Following discussion with a member of the Memorial Playing Field Trust, who was present and D.Cllr Hull, it was agreed that D.Cllr Hull would write to Strategic Planning stating that there was frustration with the very tight deadline and lack of consultation. The projects included in their proposal also need revising. The PC offered to work with the Trust to realign these proposals, however, this would take time and could not be completed by the 13th of May.

b. '20's Plenty'. Cllr Crawley previously agreed 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, however, councillors agreed to wait until the Small Highways Implementation Scheme (SIS) had been completed, at which time there would be more accurate speed data.

c. Charlton Adam Post Office Consultation. Due to the recent sad death of Mr John Bowman, postmaster at Charlton Adam, the branch closed on Monday 11 April 2022 and the premises withdrawn for Post Office use. The Post Office Ltd. wrote to advise that it was currently investigating the options available to enable them to reinstate a Post Office service to the local community and asked for the community to visit the Consultation Hub via the following link:

<https://www.postofficeviews.co.uk/national-consultation-team/charlton-adam-ta11-7ay-163549>

d. Street Lighting. At the request of a resident in Withy Hays Road, the PC is investigating the proposal for part night street lighting and associated costs. Cllr Adams agreed to discuss the proposal with Abri Homes in the event there would be any safety implications for the residents in sheltered housing.

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

Next meeting: to be held on Tuesday 21st June 2022, 7.00pm in The Reading Room, Hillway, Charlton Mackrell.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm.

Signed:

Dated: