

**Draft Minutes of Meeting of Charminster Parish Council held on  
Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> September 2009 at 7.30pm in Meadow View Community Hall**

Present: Mark Simons (Chair) (MS), Tony Mackle (Vice-Chair) (TM), Keith Beeson (KB), Brian Charman (BC), Dave Gulliford (DG), Mark Ellis (ME), Phil Hanson (PHa), Peter Hopford (PHo), Claire Horne (CH), Crayston Lee (CL), Ian Vincent (IV)

Sarah Engerran (Clerk)

Also in attendance: District Councillor Sarah East (SE), District Councillor Fred Horsington (FH) and 8 members of the public.

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7:30pm.

**2009/98     Declarations of Interest**

CL declared an interest in 2009/110 (b)

**2009/99     Apologies:** Jane House, Mike Ostridge and County Councillor Jill Haynes

**2009/100    To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 7<sup>th</sup> July and 4<sup>th</sup> August 2009**

**7<sup>th</sup> July 2009 Minutes**

In section 2009/89 e) ME requested the word "village" be changed to "Charlton Down". Majority in favour.

ME requested the words "he believed" be removed from section 2009/83. It was agreed by a majority. The minute would now read "ME stated that the cricket pitch driveway has never been owned by Bellway and is owned by WDDC and is not covered by the 106 monies". MS explained that for clarity, prior to the meeting he had asked WDDC solicitors to confirm if this statement was in fact correct.

MS read out the response from Vivienne Jenkins, WDDC solicitor. It was also agreed by a majority to include the letter from Vivienne Jenkins that MS read out. "Dear Mr Simons, The two areas in questions (cricket pitch and the roadway/pathway around) were transferred by the Health Authority to Bellway Homes Limited (in 1998) and were then transferred by Bellway to WDDC in September 2002. The S.106 Agreement then applicable was dated 23<sup>rd</sup> July 1996 made between the Secretary of State for Health, Dorset CC and WDDC. The land was transferred to WDDC subject to the attached restrictions on use." MS then read out the following restriction of use from the schedule attached to Vivienne Jenkins' letter. "Not to use or cause to permit the Property to be used other than for sports community amenity or recreational use." This confirmed the land in question had been owned by Bellway and was passed to WDDC for sports, community and recreational use.

**4<sup>th</sup> August 2009 Planning Meeting Minutes**

A majority were in favour of accepting the minutes.

**2009/101    Matters arising from the above minutes**

There were no matters arising from the above minutes.

**2009/102    Public Discussion Period**

MS temporarily suspended the meeting at 7.37pm and there followed a period of public discussion. Kenneth Addison asked MS if any progress had been made in relation to the installation of the village entrance signs. MS confirmed he had requested a quote from bricklayers and had received a letter from Dorset County Council stating that the person who can approve the position of the signs is currently on holiday and will contact MS on his return.

The meeting was then reconvened by MS at 7.40pm

**2009/103    District Councillor's Report**

SE stated she had received confirmation from WDDC legal team that the transfer of land from Bellway to WDDC was imminent now that the resurfacing work had been finished.

SE confirmed that WDDC is working with all the other district councils and Dorset County Council on a waste strategy in order to save money on waste collection and disposal. WDDC is keen to keep its independence in terms of collection as it believed it offered good value for money.

PH asked SE whether WDDC intended on keeping waste collection as it is currently. SE confirmed this was correct.

PH asked FH about parking in the new Charles Street Development. FH stated that as far as he was aware the developers were required to build the car park first in order to maintain availability of parking.

CL asked SE if there had been any further developments regarding the close care apartments. SE confirmed that the monies should now be paid due to occupation of some of the apartments.

KB asked SE if she had received confirmation as to whether the 106 monies held on behalf of the cricket club could be spent on the road. SE stated that she had received confirmation that it can be but would require the agreement of the cricket club. John Butterworth, Chairperson of Charlton Down Cricket Club was present and he stated that his understanding was that it couldn't be spent on the road.

**2009/104 County Councillor's Report**

There was no report from the County Councillor

**2009/105 Planning Matters**

MS stated that no applications had been received prior to the agenda being sent out. However, two applications had been received that morning. It was agreed by a majority to hold a meeting of the planning committee prior to 19<sup>th</sup> September 2009.

**Action: Clerk to arrange**

**2009/106 Finance**

a) Finance Statement (appendix 2)

ME asked if the cleaning of the new bus shelter in Charlton Down had been included in the costs of bus shelter cleaning. The clerk confirmed it had been. A majority were in favour of accepting the financial statement.

b) Payments made since last meeting (appendix 3)

PHo asked if the DAPTC subscription cost was a total annual cost and if it included training costs. The clerk confirmed it was the total annual cost but it didn't include training.

A majority were in favour of accepting the payments made since the last meeting.

MS informed members that a request had been received from CamVale Parish Council to purchase 3 new SID batteries at a cost of £57 per council (split between 3 councils). It was agreed by a majority to spend up to £60 on new batteries but the clerk and IV would investigate a cheaper alternative to buying them from Radarlux.

**Action: Clerk and IV to investigate cheaper alternatives**

It was agreed to discuss the maintenance of shrubs and hedges on the Square and Church Lane at the next meeting once costs had been obtained.

**Action: Clerk to find out costs from John Masters**

**2009/107 NWAAC Recommendations from the North Ward Amenities Advisory Committee – appendix 4**

a) MS proposed to spend up to £50 on fleece matting for the pond in the Nature Area. Agreed by a majority.

**Action: Clerk to order**

**2009/108 SWAAC Recommendations from the South Ward Amenities Advisory Committee - appendix 4**

a) DG explained the problem regarding the Holm Oak tree in the Broken Cross play area. Magna Housing have requested that the Parish Council remove the tree in an attempt to stop the anti-social behaviour (youths throwing items over the fences into gardens). DG confirmed he had received a quote of £120 from Rupert Andrew to remove the tree. ME stated that the other trees in the play area were also a problem and the area was being used as a toilet and he was having to clear up the mess during his playground inspections. KB proposed that with regret CPC remove the tree. Majority in favour. IV suggested that SWAAC look at the management of the trees at their next meeting. BC will inspect the trees during his next playground inspection and report back to the SWAAC.

**Action: DG/Clerk to inform Magna and Rupert Andrew**

b) DG explained that Magna Housing have requested that CPC agree to the Broken Cross play area being locked at night by the Magna caretaker. ME said he was concerned about locking play facilities in case children turn up at 7am and the gates are locked. KB suggested locking the gate for a trial period. It was agreed by a majority that the issue is investigated further by SWAAC.

c) DG explained that the paths in Princes Plot were now nearly impassable. It was agreed by a majority to pay up to £100 to cut back the paths.

**Action: DG to liaise with Rupert Andrew**

d) DG explained that the grass cutting contracts in Charminster were due for renewal in March 2010. As the contract was worth approx £3,000 it needs to be put out to tender. It was agreed by a majority to put an advert in the October's edition of the Pilot asking for expressions of interest. ME suggested that Land Products might be able to provide a value for money quote.

**Action: Clerk to place advert in October's pilot**

**2009/109 Charminster**

a) Jubilee Light:

MS explained that the Jubilee Light outside the village hall in Charminster was owned by CPC and should undergo a safety check. BC suggested speaking to Scottish and Southern who maintain the Street Lighting in the area. ME suggested asking Magna to check it for free. KB proposed the clerk order a safety check. Majority in favour.

**Action: Clerk to arrange safety check**

**2009/110 Charlton Down**

a) Open Air Concert:

MS invited Jon Butterworth, Chairperson for Charlton Down Cricket Club to provide a few more details about the concert. Mr Butterworth explained it was taking place on 12<sup>th</sup> September with live bands playing from 1pm to 10pm. The event was open to the whole parish and was free to enter. He explained he had received a quote from DCC of between £500-£600 for recycling and asked CPC if they would consider making a donation towards these costs. MS asked if the cricket club had received any feedback from residents about the finish time and Mr Butterworth confirmed that he hadn't. However, following a complaint from a resident of Redwood House during the sound test, the cricket club have written to the Redwood House Residents Association. ME stated that he thought CPC should support the cricket club. BC proposed that CPC make a donation of £250 towards the event as a whole. Majority in favour.

b) CDVH – Request for a donation:

CL explained that following the last Parish Council Meeting, the Village Hall committee had heard from Awards For All and their grant application had been turned down. He confirmed that WDDC were prepared to give them £3,200 but only once CDVH had spent £12,000 (the total cost of the project). He confirmed that CDVH were requesting a donation from CPC towards the cost of installing a hearing aid loop in the Watts Room which would cost between £850 - £950. MS stated that the Parish Council use the room for meetings to which members of the public are invited. PHo proposed that CPC donate £200 towards the cost of installing the hearing aid loop. Majority in favour.

**2009/111 Neighbour Hood Watch Scheme**

MS explained that PCSO Sarah Pilcher had enquired whether or not the Parish would be interested in setting up a Neighbourhood Watch Scheme. It was agreed that PCSO Pilcher be invited to speak about this subject at the next Parish Council Meeting.

**Action: Clerk to arrange**

**2009/112 Town/Parish Council Highway Lengthsman Scheme (Appendix 5)**

MS read an extract of the letter from DCC explaining what a Lengthsman would do. There was discussion around the costs involved and it was agreed by a majority to monitor the situation and see what happens elsewhere within the county. The general view was that the scheme did not seem to be designed to meet the needs of small to medium sized parishes, it had a very small budget and there was a danger of parishes having to fund work that was already the responsibility of the county.

**2009/113 Nildram – change of email address**

The clerk explained that as part of the Connecting Dorset scheme, all local parishes had been given the opportunity to have an email address in the format of @dorsetparishes.gov.uk. It was agreed that CPC did not require this so the clerk should inform Nildram that it is not required.

**Action: Clerk to cancel Nildram service**

**2009/114 Support for Sudan Health Clinic**

It was agreed by a majority that MS would invite someone involved in the project to speak at a subsequent Parish Council meeting. MS explained that the group were not looking for financial support.

**Action: MS to invite the group to speak at subsequent meeting**

**2009/115 Matters of information and interest and items for next agenda**

MS informed members that CPC had received a cheque for £200 from the Dorset Building Preservation Trust as the Trust was closing and the donation CPC made towards the restoration of the Ice House a few years ago was no longer required.

DG requested that the **outcome of the** meeting being held on 10<sup>th</sup> September with Jill Haynes and officers from DCC be put on the agenda for the CPC meeting on 6<sup>th</sup> October.

**Action: Clerk to put on agenda**

**2009/116 Date of Next Meeting**

The date of the next full parish council meeting is 6<sup>th</sup> October 2009 at Charlton Down Village Hall (7.30pm). In the meantime there will be a meeting of the Planning Committee (date and time to be agreed). MS declared the meeting closed at 8.45pm