

Minutes of Charminster Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 3rd July 2007 at 7.30pm in Village Hall, Charminster.

Present : Mr M Simons, Chairman (MS), Mr I Vincent, Vice Chairman (IV), Keith Beeson (KBs), Paula Blizzard (PB), Mark Ellis (ME), Dave Gulliford (DG), Phil Hanson(PHa), Peter Hopford (PHo), Claire Horne (CH), Mike Ostridge (MO), Judith Spurr(JS).

Aileen Heckford (Clerk)

In attendance: 5 members of the public.

- 2007/63 **Apologies** for absence were received from Keith Bendall (KBd), and Jane House (JH),
- 2007/64 **Declaration of Interests** - Cllr P Blizzard declared a prejudicial interest in item 2007/76.
- 2007/65 **Minutes** – The minutes of the Parish Council meeting on Tuesday 8th May and the extraordinary meeting on Tuesday 29th May were agreed as correct, and signed and dated by the chairman.
- 2007/66 **Clerk’s report** on matters from minutes of 08.05.07 meeting - None
- 2007/67 **Public discussion period** - At 7.40pm the Chairman adjourned the meeting for the Public Discussion period
- Inn For All Seasons car park – cars for sale – to be monitored
 - 9 North Street development - appeal
- At 7.45 the Chairman reconvened the meeting
- 2007/68 **PCSO Rhian Toms** – Provided an update – including recreation facilities for young people, new taxi company, Broken Cross bus stop at school times.
- 2007/69 **District Councillor’s Report** – Sarah East provided a report – including Conservation Area consultation, school buses, and WDDC organisation following elections. Fred Horsington provided a report – including planning committees and planning applications.
- 2007/70 **County Councillor’s Report** – John Peake provided a report – including possible cycleway from CD to Charminster, DCC cost cutting, schools in Dorset, facilities within the area, funding for the CC, and increases to voluntary support for services.
- 2007/71 **Charlton Down**
- a) Allotments – Solicitors are still dealing with Bellways on this matter.
 - b) Tennis Courts – Charlton Down Developments have requested that the PC cover their legal costs, which will occur in transferring the tennis courts to the PC. The majority was in favour of this. Clerk to write agreeing to this.
 - c) Orchard – 1 tree needs replacing. Grass needs cutting again. 2 rows of trees have now been mulched.
 - d) Herrison Road – DCC have agreed that post for SID can be erected in Herrison Rd.
 - e) Bus shelter – MS, IV and clerk met on site and as a consequence it was agreed that the positions in Herrison Road were currently unsuitable for a bus shelter. DCC have been asked to extend the footpath. No decision yet. 2nd shelter for school children on left side of Herrison Hall, is being considered – Ian Madgewick (DCC) has requested Transport Section to fund this. Still no decision.
 - f) Nursing Home Name – The following suggestions were made to the developers :
Close care units- Chestnut Court
Nursing Home - Chestnut House
For the whole site - the Parish Council do not understand why a name is needed for the whole site, but do definitely not like Charlton Down Care Village.

- g) Open Spaces – This was discussed at great length, and the current situation explained. Issues are currently complicated by land ownership and funding. It is now being considered that the PC owns and maintains the MUGA, Skate Park and football pitch. Some funding is available for creating the facilities and some maintenance. WDDC would help with design. However the PC would have to meet on-going future maintenance costs. MS to put action to date and current situation in writing and circulate to all cllrs before next meeting. Notes on situation to go into Pilot and CD newsletter. Tours of each ward to be arranged for cllrs over the next few months.
- h) Wildlife area - Lock has been replaced by a clasp to keep the gate closed, allowing anyone who wants it, access. The gate has not yet been left open. Lottery grant application is to be completed and sent off by the Wildlife group. (The application will be through the PC with support of the Wildlife Group)
2 complaints have been received – concerning the hogweed and the length of the grass. These will be discussed outside of the meeting.

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- a) North Street Traffic Calming – South ward cllrs to be sent a copy of the plans. Comments to MS please asap.
- b) Broken Cross Play Area - Football is creating problems. Fencing is in the process of being strengthened. Clerk to write to enquire about Strawberry fields for Football pitch.
- c) North Street Play Area – fence to be repaired on grounds of safety. Probation service to be asked if interested in painting the play equipment (hopefully in September) which will cost £10 per day plus materials. It was agreed to spend up to £500 in total – the majority were in favour. Large swing chains and seats to be replaced on grounds of safety. Costs for wooden edging to be sought for barked area.
- d) Princes Plot – All okay.
- e) The Square – All okay.
- f) Orchard – hedge needs cutting – to be arranged.

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Village Entrance Signs – CD and Char. – Bricklaying can be done in September. £1,147 for plaque. Therefore £853 can be spent on brickwork and concrete. Work and plaque to be ordered.

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Speed Indicator Device – 4 cllrs have rec'd training. DCC have now confirmed that they will provide a post for SID in Herrison Rd, CD. SID set to flash at 25 – 55mph. Very Few cars go above 30 mph. SID will next be in parish in August.

Clerk to write to DCC to change speed limit from 50 to 30mph, with no 60 in between, in small section, between the pumping station and the A37 of the south section of North St.

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Report of the Burial Committee

Interments, memorials and graves purchased:

Memorial x3	£ 120
Interment x3	£ 600
Graves Purchased x2	<u>£ 200</u>
TOTAL	£ 920

Burial Committee to meet before next meeting to discuss: repainting of cemetery railings, repairs to the existing footpath and a new footpath in the new part of the cemetery.

2007/76 **Report of the Planning Committee****Planning application received and decisions arrived at by Charminster PC & WDDC**

Number	Property	Parish Council	WDDC
	1/E/2006/		
000408	Land to the south of Summerhill House, Hawthorn Rd, Charlton Down Modification or discharge of an area of land from Structural Open Spaces	Object	
	1/E/2007/		
000212	New Buildings, Wolfeton Farm, Charminster Erect agricultural workers dwelling. Erect building as garage, office, egg packing and store. New access drive.	Objection	Refused
000268	9 North Street, Charminster Erect dwelling and carport	Objection	
000167	Land adjacent to Cowden, Charminster Renovate & extend dwelling, incorporating outbuildings	No objection	
000494	Land at Chestnut Rd, Charlton Down Erect 85bed nursing home, & associated parking/landscaping	No objection Comments made	Approved 12 conditions
000658	Riverside Cottage, Charminster Erect extension	No objection	Approved 4 conditions
000795	Land at Burton Road Pumping Station Erect additional water treatment facility and associated storage silos, turning areas & landscaping.	No objection	Approved 6 conditions
000945	54 North Street, Charminster Erect extension and convert dwelling into 2 dwellings	No objection	
000828	31 Redwood House, Charlton Down Formation of new external door and steps	Objection	
001019	28 Herrison Cottages, Charlton Down Erect single storey extensions		
000550	7 Mill Lane, Charminster Erect conservatory		

Tree Applications

00184	St Mary's Church, Charminster Remove fallen Lime and uprooted Ash. 2 x Lime – infected – pollard by 50%	-	Granted
00178	5 East Hill, Charminster Fell clump of Hazel, and 2 Sycamore trees		

It was proposed and agreed to that the Standing Orders be updated at the September meeting in order to alter the Parish Council's process for dealing with planning applications. This will mean that from September, meetings of the planning committees will take place for each planning application, before comments are made by the Parish Council, to WDDC.

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Finance Report

a. Payments made since the last report, for confirmation:

P J Woods – internal audit	80.00
S Manuel – play area work	520.00
S Manuel – grass cuts – April	307.00
Symonds & Sampson – allotment surveys	449.32
DAPTC – membership	494.52
A Heckford – march overtime	156.00
S Manuel – grass cuts – May	290.00
DAPTC – Cllr training	150.00
CD village hall	5.25
G T Puryer – NS play area fence	78.91
Burton Landscapes – tree removal	35.00
Burton Landscapes – grass cutting – CD orchard	95.00
Burton Landscapes – BX bus shelter base	380.00
A Heckford – May salary	377.63
RJ Andrew – Princes Plot grass cutting	145.00
Haskings Fencing – BX play area fence boards	423.00
ML Masters – Bus shelter maintenance	36.00
A Heckford – Mobile phone	13.47
A Heckford – stationary	27.19
S Manuel – play area work	125.00
Total	£4,188.29

All in agreement that the above payments be accepted.

Balance as at 1st July 2007:	£18,218.21	Post Office Account
	£ 9,101.76	Lloyds Account
	<u>£ 26.26</u>	Petty Cash
	£27,346.23	

b. Costs agreed – Clerks May overtime (11 hrs)- majority in agreement
Cllr training £150 – majority in agreement

Donations for the current year to be agreed at the November meeting of the Parish Council.
Changes to the hall donations to be considered at the October budget meeting of the Finance and General Purposes Committee.

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Reports of Representatives

- Village Halls - CD – Reports to be provided in future by ME.
Charminster – Quotes are being sought for further work. Very grateful for money donated from fete. Need new hall opening person as Margaret Conroy has stood down.
- Transport Representative - No report
- Rights of Way Officer – Some footpaths need clearing
- Ancient Monuments Liaison Officer - No report
- St Mary's First School - No report

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Matters for Information and Items for Next Agenda

- Conservation Area Consultation – comments to MS who will feed back to DCC. PHa, DG, KBe, PHo to attend consultation on behalf of PC on 13th Aug.
- North Street Dev – MS and KBe to visit site to look at wall and consider materials for filling adjacent strip 6 inches wide.
- Salt bin in Poplar Drive – responsibility of Bellway.
- Reporting roadway damage – East Hill by field
- For next meeting – Code of conduct, website, complaints about dog fouling.

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Date of next meeting - Tuesday 4th September at Herrison Hall, Charlton Down.