

# CHARMINSTER PARISH COUNCIL

## Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on 4th November 2008 in Charlton Down Village Hall at 7.30pm

### COUNCILLORS PRESENT:

Mr M Simons (Chair), Mr I Vincent (Vice-Chair), Mr K Beeson, Mr M Ellis, Mr D Gulliford, Mr P Hopford, Mrs J House, Mr P Hanson, Mr M Ostridge, Mrs C Horne

### ALSO PRESENT:

Mr F Horsington (District Councillor), Mrs S East (District Councillor), and 6 members of the public.  
Cllr J Peake (DCC) after 2008/194

Councillor Keith Beeson volunteered and was appointed Minutes Clerk for the meeting.

- 2008/178      APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE  
None
- 2008/179      APPOINTMENT OF CLERK  
Sarah Rochford, having been appointed clerk, has had to resign for health reasons. It was agreed that the level of remuneration needed to be increased to make it competitive and reflect the nature of the job. The position will be advertised locally and in the local paper on a scale that reflects a pay rate of £11 per hour.      CHAIR
- 2008/180      DECLARATION OF INTEREST  
Councillors Gulliford, Hopford and Beeson: North Street improvements
- 2008/181      MINUTES  
The minutes were confirmed and signed after amending 2008/173 Weed Control to insert after "Pastor" - And Roundup around trees/shrubs.      CLERK
- 2008/182      MATTERS ARISING  
Chair's report and items arising from minutes of 2nd September 2008 not appearing elsewhere on the agenda.  
Cycleway: Vegetation has been cut back but the Chair agreed to speak to DCC to complain about the quality of work      CHAIR  
Overhanging vegetation: DCC will soon be inspecting overhanging vegetation in North Street and taking appropriate action.  
Bollards adj Charlton Down Village Hall: Motorbikes are still causing a problem by passing the hall on the footway.
- 2008/183      PUBLIC DISCUSSION PERIOD  
Mr John Pearson, on behalf of Graham Mathews, spoke on behalf of the committee established to refurbish the war memorial at St Mary's. Mrs Carol Mathews was also present. Full details are on the website [www.charminsterwarmemorial.org.uk](http://www.charminsterwarmemorial.org.uk).  
  
The CDRA requested a donation of £60 to continue the planting of daffodils by volunteers.  
  
The CDRA asked the PC supports a request from Dr Somerville of 30 Aspen Way for a "dog waste bin" to be placed outside her property because of fouling in the area. The Chair undertook to consider the request on receiving more detailed information.  
CHAIR  
The CDRA requested information on the progress with CD entry signs and was advised that utilities searches were required. The lack of a clerk has caused a delay. Cllr East (WDDC) was advised that the Parish Council had no objections to the removal of the telephone box in Cocklands. The same does not apply to the North

- Street telephone box.
- 2008/184 PCSO SARAH PILCHER'S REPORT  
No report or apologies
- 2008/185 DISTRICT COUNCILLORS' REPORT (Councillors East and Horsington)  
WDDC hold nothing in the Icelandic Bank although the pension scheme is exposed. Progress is being made to resolve a land registration problem involving Bellway and a third party that has delayed the highway adoption by DCC. EC requirements in relation to air pollution has made DCC move the High Street Dorchester up in its Highways priorities. An Action Plan is being developed. If the bid for funding is successful, we should anticipate a phased programme.
- 2008/186 COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT . Cllr Peake:  
1.undertook to find out why the broken Broken Cross sign has still not been replaced.  
2. encouraged the PC to write to DCC regards the cycle route to CD. CHAIR/CLERK
- 2008/187 COUNCILLOR VACANCIES  
There are two vacancies for North Ward and Cllr Bendall has indicated his willingness to resign so there are three vacancies in practice. It was agreed that the Chair should prepare an A5 mailing which Cllr Ellis undertook to deliver to all homes in CD. The mailing would advertise the vacancies with a closing date of December 1 and it was proposed that a special Parish Council meeting could be arranged to make the appointments if necessary. A reserve budget of £100 was agreed. CHAIR/ME
- 2008/188 CHURCHYARD PATH  
The Chair has been delayed in drawing up plans. CHAIR
- 2008/189 FINANCE AND GENERAL PURPOSES ADVISORY COMMITTEE  
The Committee has not met formally  
1. Payments made since last meeting  
Payments 1558 to 1569 as on the spreadsheet previously circulated were approved.  
2. 2009/10 Precept  
An unchanged precept was agreed (£37,072). CHAIR/CLERK
- 2008/190 AMENDMENT TO FINANCIAL REGULATION 5.3.  
It was agreed that the Clerk be removed from the cheque signatories and that the number of required cheque signatories be 2 of 3. It was further agreed that the approved signatories be councillors M Simons, I Vincent and P Hopford. CHAIR/CLERK
- 2008/191 PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE SOUTH WARD  
Nothing to report
- 2008/192 PLANNING ADVISORY COMMITTEE NORTH WARD  
1. Nothing to report  
2. An application has been received in relation to an extension at 23 Deverill Road. It was agreed that there were no objections. CLERK
- 2008/193 AMENITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE SOUTH  
The Chair's report was considered. Matters arising:

It was agreed that the Probation service be asked to tidy up the North Street playground. A budget of £50 was agreed. The "Inn for All Seasons" will be asked to co-operate as litter in the fence was a cause for losing points in the Best Kept Village competition. DG

2008/194 AMENITIES ADVISORY COMMITTEE NORTH  
It was not agreed to fund the purchase of aerial photographs, but the facility would be passed to the Historical Society.

2008/195 CHARLTON DOWN  
It was agreed that £60 be provided for the purchase of daffodils. CLERK

It was agreed that the entry signs be installed on brick plinths. The Chair will contact Weymouth College to see if it is still a project that it wishes to undertake (4 locations including Charminster). CHAIR

1) Letter received over behaviour of children outside the shop.  
The local concern was noted and the Parish Council looked forward to close co-operation between the PCSO and the shop. The Chair will make contact with PCSO Sarah Pilcher. CHAIR

2) Request to extend footway on Hawthorn Road.  
Once the ownership of the road is transferred to DCC it was agreed that DCC be asked to extend the footway. CLERK

3) Charlton Down Best Kept Village Awards update on results  
CD received a Highly Commended Award, a plaque and several certificates, and cheques totalling £225.  
Councillor Mark Ellis was thanked for his successful application.  
North Ward Amenity Advisory Committee was asked to propose how the £225 should be spent in Charlton Down.  
The Chair will contact the Charlton Down Village Hall with a view to the public display of the plaque and certificates. CHAIR

4) Tennis Court  
It was agreed to fund leaf removal by the contractor used by Herrison Hall to a maximum of £100 for the current autumn/winter. CLERK

5) Nature Reserve –update of current position  
Dorset Works have carried out the last mowing of the season; the bridge is in place but voluntary work is required on the approaches, a mini-digger will be required for a hedge planting trench; advertising will be needed for 10 children to help provide designs for the cut-out decorations for the children's table and three chairs; the gatepost has been replaced by the Chair and Mark Ellis at a saving to the PC of £240.

6) CD Bus Shelter Purchase  
It was agreed that £2,700 be provided for an open-sided shelter in Sherren Avenue. Although a more protective design would have been preferred DCC would only approve this design. CLERK

7) Transfer of Open Space Land  
The PC's 6 page response to original land transfer document failed to reach the PC's solicitor and had to be resent. This caused a 3 week delay, but the points raised are now being addressed.

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8) SHLAA (Strategic Housing Land Review)  
The only successful location was that between the school and the cemetery. It is a site for up to 40 homes but it was noted that the site would still need to pass through

the Local plan Process.

9) Proposed Tennis Courts at Charminster

The Chair is in conversation with a property owner (see 8. above).

10) Glass Bus Shelter at Broken Cross

It was agreed that a budget of £180 pa be provided for quarterly cleaning using the contractor used by DCC for cleaning bus shelters.

CLERK

11) Princes Plot-repair of dangerous broken bench

Satisfactory refurbishment has been carried out and the expenditure of £115 was approved.

CLERK

12)Charminster play areas

The grass safety mats have almost vanished under the re-seeded grass areas.

13)Charminster War Memorial Restoration

The following motions were agreed:

a) Formally to support the Restoration Committee's objectives

b) To provide a donation of £300

c) To undertake to take responsibility of the Memorial in perpetuity, on behalf of the residents of the Parish, once the refurbishment has been completed and subject to satisfactory insurance arrangements having been made.

14) North Street Traffic Calming

a) DCC officers had explained that the previous plans that had been agreed had not been authorised or funded.

b) A letter has been received detailing work that will be carried out together with planned maintenance work in Spring 2009: this includes narrowing the road at the children's crossing, putting a short length of barrier at the corner by the school, changing some signage and work between the "Inn for All Seasons" and Brookfield Close - possibly including removing road markings and coloured road surface.

c) It was agreed that the barriers above should be of the curved Visirail design. CHAIR

d) It was agreed that DCC should be approached with a view to the inclusion in the TPP of a footpath between "The Inn for All Seasons" and Higher Charminster, noting that this was in line with the "Safe Routes to School" policy. It was further agreed that the TPP should include a footpath and cycle route between the village and the Yeovil road, the A352

CHAIR

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Matters for information, correspondence received and items for next agenda

1) A DCC leaflet on rural roads was noted and commended.

2) It was agreed that a budget of up to £500 be provided for signs to be constructed and installed at the Orchard, the Nature Reserve and the Allotments similar to that at Prince's Plot.

CHAIR

3) A letter from WDCC on planning will be circulated to Planning Committee members.

CLERK

4) A DCC Health Scrutiny report is available.

5) A Flood Plan will be considered at the next meeting.

KB/DG

The meeting closed at 9.56pm

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Date of next meeting

Tuesday 6th January 2009 7.30pm Charminster Village Hall