

Minutes of Charminster Parish Council Meeting on 6th January 2009 at Charminster Village Hall at 7.30pm

Present: Mr M Simons, Chairman (MS), Ian Vincent, Vice Chairman (IV), Mark Ellis (ME), David Gulliford (DG), Keith Beeson (KBee), Peter Hopford (Pho), Mike Ostridge (MO), Jane House (JH), Phil Hanson (PHa) and Claire Horne (CH)

District Councillor, Sarah East (SE)

Julia Gear (JG, Clerk)

In attendance 6 members of the public including Sarah Pilcher (PCSO)

PHa joined the meeting at 9.00pm

Abbreviations: CPC – Charminster Parish Council

WDDC – West Dorset District Council

DCC – Dorset County Council

PCSO – Police Community Support Officer

2009/001 **Apologies for Absence** - none.

2009/002 New Clerk introduced by the Chair and welcomed.

2009/003 **Declaration of Interest**

None declared

2009/004 **Minutes of the meeting of 4th November 2008**

Minutes of the meeting had been circulated; they were confirmed and signed after amendment of Herrison Hall to Herrison House.

2009/005 **Chair's Report on items from the minutes of 4th November not appearing elsewhere on the Agenda.**

1. Environmental Agency and Flooding: MS referred committee to entry in the latest parish magazine explaining the progress with the scheme.
2. Update on North Street Calming: MS confirmed that railings were to go ahead as previously discussed with other works to follow.

2009/006 **Public Discussion Period** – The following points were made:

The Chair adjourned the meeting at 19.38hrs.

Charlton Down nameplates – MS confirmed these would be installed once the statutory undertakers confirmed there were no services in the areas they were proposed.

Concerns over visibility of speed limit signs in Herrison Road and direction signs on the C12 were raised and duly noted. Clerk to contact the highway authority. Finger post at Broken Cross needs realigning and repair – MS to contact the highway authority requesting a date when it will be repaired.

Brief discussion of Open Space at CD, further discussed at 2009/017.

Proposed bus shelter at CD – it was suggested that CPC advertise the whereabouts of the shelter on the 007 bus.

The meeting reconvened at 19.45hrs.

2009/007 **PCSO Sarah Pilcher (SP)** reported on crimes since last September; thefts in rural areas and criminal damage to vehicles though no major issues to report. The issues of car parking at CD Village Hall and surrounding areas were raised by member of public. Discussion followed including possibility of CDVH purchasing traffic cones. Agreed to the setting up a meeting of interested parties to discuss parking issues at CD. North ward amenities group to assist the chairman by setting this meeting up.

- 2009/008 **District Councillors Report**
SE explained as WDDC doorstep recycling is sorted on the kerbside it is relatively "clean waste" and still has a market whilst other councils are finding it difficult to dispose of the waste.
- 2009/009 **County Councillors Report** – No Report available. John Peake will be invited to the next meeting.
- 2009/010 Parish **Councillor Vacancy Update** – 2 applications received and formal interviews to be held. The Chair requested some North Ward councillors are present and will be organising over the next couple of weeks.
- 2009/011 **Parochial Church Council and footpath through churchyard** – (see previous 2008/143) no progress with plans but assured this will now move forward with new Clerk in place.
- 2009/012 **Report of the Finance and General Purposes Advisory Committee**
No report shown due to previous Clerk vacancy but Chair advised all payments, receipt and account reconciliation up to November 2008 were now held electronically. All these reports had been circulated prior to the meeting.
- Audit report read out by Chair. To help clarify the position the Council took when it set its 2009/10 budget PH proposed that "The Council approved a budget for 2009/10 on the same basis and amounts as 2008/9. No increase was felt to be necessary as the Council had adequate reserves. A copy of the 2008/9 budget is attached as an Appendix to these minutes" . All in favour.
- VAT reclaim will be prepared by the Clerk as soon as possible.
- Thanks were expressed to the Auditor for comments and assurance made by Chair that they will be acted on accordingly.
- Chair raised the issue of the hedge in North Street. CPC had previously agreed that they would not pay for the cutting but that the adjacent owners could use the contractor to get the work done themselves. Due to a misunderstanding the work had been done on what was believed to be the Parish Council's behalf. CPC agreed to pay £100 on this occasion but a letter to be sent by the Clerk to Mr Andrews, the contractor, advising him that in future he should only complete works on the instruction of the Parish Council – agreed by members.
- 2009/013 **Report on recent planning applications/decisions – South Ward**
- 1/D/08/002242 Charminster St Marys First School. Erect small wind turbine attached to building. No objection
- 1/D/08/002280 54 North Street, Charminster – Erect two storey rear extension (Full). No objection.
- 1/D/08/001616 Vineyard, Wolfeton – Erect storage barn (Full). District Landscape Officer felt that this would be intrusive. Objection based on visual intrusion and unsympathetic materials. All agreed.
- The following planning applications had been decided by WDDC:*
- 1/D/08/001900 Barn, Charm Valley Cottages, Wolfeton – Changes of use to Barn to 3 units of holiday accommodation. Change of use of land adjoining barn to garden area for units. Make external alterations (Full). **Refused** on design and overlying aquifer.
- 1/D/08/001519 45 North Street, Charminster – Erect side extension (Full) **Approved**
- 2009/014 **Report on recent planning applications/decisions – North Ward**

1/D/08/002344 Redwood House, North East Wing, Hawthorne Road – Erect non-illuminated sign (Listed Building Consent). No objection

The following applications had been decided by WDDC:

1/D/08/001997 1 Herrison Road, Charlton Down – Demolish single storey outbuildings. Erect two storey extension. Carry out internal alterations. Create new vehicular access and provide parking space (Full). **Approved.**

1/D/08/001998 2 Herrison Road, Charlton Down – Create new vehicular access, provide parking space and erect garage. Demolish outbuildings to rear and erect two storey extension. Carry out internal alterations (Full). **Approved.**

1/D/08/002036 23 Deverel Road, Charlton Down – Erect single storey rear extension (Full). **Approved.**

2009/015 **Report of the Amenities Advisory Committee South Ward – DG reported**

1. The wheelie bins seem to be working well and are being used, especially in the Cemetery and to date collections have not been missed by the WDDC staff on their 2 weekly collections.
2. The Probation Service have agreed to clean the edges of North Street Playground and The Inn For All Seasons bank, however, the extreme cold weather has meant that work will not commence until we see a raise in temperature.
3. The North Street Playground gate has been looked at and it is felt that it will need a small adjustment in the level of the gate to get it to close properly – this is expected to be completed in the next 2-3 weeks.
4. The football net on the North Street Play Area will be secured in the near future – expected within 2-3 weeks.
5. The 5 a side nets in the Broken Cross Play Area will need replacing in the near future. Clerk to order new nets as a safety issue.
6. Probation Service are not able to undertake work in the Princes Plot Area – a contractor has been asked to quote, but this again will be subject to the South Ward Advisory Groups recommendations.

2009/016 **Report of the Amenities Advisory Committee North Ward - ME reported**

1. Minor damage to orchard trees and fence probably by wildlife.
2. Chair requested letter to be written to Charlton Down Allotments Society requesting monies owed to the CPC are paid ASAP.
3. No Dogs Allowed sign to be purchased (ME advised he will find appropriate sign) and erected at CD – maximum cost of £20 was agreed by all Councillors.
4. Bus shelter erection to take priority.
5. Proposal to purchase oak tree for Nature Area from BKV funds– all in favour.
6. ME requested North Ward meeting for 28th January.

2009/017 **Charlton Down**

1. Behaviour of children at CD

- (i) Proposal made to give children other form of meeting place to “draw” them away from Shop and Square area. Meeting place structures to be looked into with an idea of prices for next meeting.
 - (ii) School Bus – ME highlighted St Osmonds pupils poor behaviour whilst waiting for school bus. PCSO agreed to visit Headmaster of school to discuss.
 - (iii) Youth Club – members suggested the possibility of resurrecting the Youth Club could be considered and the back page of Pilot magazine could be used to raise the issue.
2. **Charlton Down Best Kept Village Awards** – Award monies to be used to purchase bench for the tennis courts. Shortfall of monies to be met by CPC up to the total value of £300. All in favour.
 3. **Tennis Court** – proposal of tennis coach considered and agreed by all subject to production of C.R.B check and verification.

4. **Nature Reserve update** – letter had been sent to National Lottery requesting monies to be carried over into New Year to complete the project. No response as yet.
5. **Transfer of Open Spaces Land** – update on position: Parish Council North Ward Amenities previously met and discussed responses from WDDC via the Parish Council's solicitors. The Members were satisfied with most responses but were still concerned over taking on the access road to the cricket pavilion. Members agreed that the chairman should enter discussions with WDDC to find a satisfactory way forward.
6. **Consider suggestion of purchasing a "young person's meeting place" for near MUGA** – previously discussed under 2009/017(i)

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7. **SHLAR – (Strategic Housing Land Review)** – unsuccessful sites previously tendered should not be put forward again and this should include the Sewer Field at Charlton Down previously proposed by English Partnerships.
8. **Proposed Tennis Courts at Charminster** – No further developments as such, MS advised will review efforts to open discussions.
9. **Charminster Play areas up-date.** Previously discussed under 2009/015.
10. **Re-consider maintenance of North Street hedge** – Previously discussed under 2009/012.
11. **Flood Wardens** – Report by DG and KBee dated 5/1/09 read and distributed to all Councillors by DG. The report outlined the progress so far in setting up a flood plan.

2009/018

Matters for information, correspondence received and items for next Agenda

MS advised of impending road surface repairs on the A352 and A37 proposed by DCC. Both will involve temporary traffic signals.

Suggested Parish Clerk (JG) attends necessary training courses run by DATPC to be funded by CPC. All in favour.

Best Kept Village Award – will be applying again this year. KBee and ME will apply as last year.

War Memorial restoration – suggested that monies available from the Dorchester Car Boot Events could be applied for to help fund the restoration.

Rubbish accumulating at bottom of Drakes Lane. MS advised he will speak to WDDC.

Salt and sand bin may need to be replaced after damage caused in vehicle accident.

2009/019

The next meeting will be held on Tuesday 3rd March at 7.30pm in Charlton Down Village Hall.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.55hrs.

Date:

Chairman: