

**Draft Minutes of Meeting of Charminster Parish Council held on
Tuesday 6th October 2009 at 7.30pm Charlton Down Village 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), Jane House (JH) Crayston Lee (CL)

Sarah Engerran (Clerk)

Also in attendance: District Councillor Sarah East (SE), District Councillor Fred Horsington (FH) and 9 members of the public.

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

2009/117 Declarations of Interest

DG and KB declared an interest in 2009/130 North Street Meeting

2009/118 Apologies: Peter Hopford, Claire Horne, Mike Ostridge, Ian Vincent and County Councillor Jill Haynes

2009/119 To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 1st September and 15th September 2009

1st September 2009

Jon Butterworth referred to 2009/103 regarding the 106 monies being spent on the road up to the cricket club and requested that the sentence "his understanding was that it couldn't be spent on the road" be changed to "it is a fact that it can't be spent on the road". BC proposed that the minute not be changed. It was agreed by a majority.

ME referred to 2009/100 and stated that the sentence "This confirmed the land in question had been owned by Bellway and was passed to WDDC for sports, community and recreational use" was misleading and requested that a clarifying statement be inserted. A majority were in favour of not changing the minute.

MS signed and dated the minutes.

15th September 2009 Planning Meeting Minutes

KB proposed that the minutes be accepted and a majority were in favour. MS signed and dated the minutes.

2009/120 Matters arising from the above minutes

CL referred to 2009/103 and waste collection. He mentioned the overflowing bin at the cricket club and the mattress to the side of the pavilion. Jon Butterworth said the bin was left over from the CD Shouts events and the mattress was nothing to do with the cricket club.

ME said he was still waiting for documents regarding the cricket club driveway and the tennis courts. Clerk to send him documents.

2009/121 Public Discussion Period

MS temporarily suspended the meeting at 7.42pm and there followed a period of public discussion.

There was discussion over litter around the village. Litter picks had been done by residents over the weekend following children camping in the MUGA field. The clerk confirmed that Ian Doyle of WDDC is looking into the provision of a larger bin outside the shop or the alternative of twice weekly waste collection from the existing bin.

A bin near the MUGA when it was completed was discussed and MS confirmed that once the Parish Council own the open spaces land they would be looking into the provision of litter bins. He confirmed that WDDC would not collect from private ground.

The positioning of litter bins was discussed as some bins around the village are rarely used. MS asked that any suggestions for new bins should be sent to the Clerk. ME confirmed that WDDC had offered to put in a new bin at the end of Birch Way on Herrison Road and that all black bins can take bagged dog waste.

The broken bollards in the centre of the village were mentioned. Clerk to write to Dorset County Council.

Action: Clerk to write to DCC

Kenneth Addison provided the Parish Council with a price list for a new notice board outside the shop. MS will speak to the shop owner to see if he has any objections to another notice board being installed.

Action: MS to speak to shop owner

MS confirmed he had received a quote from the bricklayers for building the bases for the village entrance signs and they had quoted £400 over the agreed spend of £2,000.

The question of how much revenue is received from Charminster and Charlton Down respectively was raised. Fred Horsington confirmed these figures were being worked on and would be circulated once the work was complete.

Action: FH to circulate information when complete

The completion of the MUGA was mentioned. MS explained that the land transfer was still holding up the process as the land was still owned by Bellway. Sarah East read out an update from WDDC regarding the land transfer. The chairman suggested the Parish Council could approach Bellway to ask if it could complete the MUGA at the Council's own risk whilst the land was still under Bellway's ownership - using a licence. The issue of funding the project prior to the release of the Open Spaces Land was raised. ME proposed that the Parish Council write to Bellway Homes and ask for permission to build the MUGA on their land and write to WDDC to request it release the money to enable us to complete the work.

A majority were in favour.

Action: Clerk to write to Bellway Homes and WDDC

The issue of cycle ways was raised. MS confirmed that a scheme for a cycleway from Charlton Down to Charminster was currently being looked at by Dorset County Council and had made it in to the budget book for 2011/2012 although this was no guarantee that the scheme would go ahead. He confirmed that CPC has also asked for a footway through Charminster and a cycle way from the Village Hall to the A37 and was equally supporting all three schemes.

Graham Matthews informed the meeting that the War Memorial Restoration had been completed and invited members to attend the Remembrance Day Service on 8th November. On behalf of the Parish Council, MS thanked the War Memorial Committee for all its hard work in completing the restoration of this important monument.

The meeting was then reconvened by MS at 8.20pm

2009/122 District Councillor's Report

FH informed the meeting that a Director at WDDC had resigned and would not be replaced. The Dorchester Swimming Pool planning application would be submitted shortly.

2009/123 County Councillor's Report

There was no report from the County Councillor.

2009/124 Planning Matters

1/D/09/001411 & 1/D/09/001412

Little Court Hotel – internal and external alterations.

A majority were in favour of the Parish Council stating no objection to this application.

1/D/09/001363

Poundbury Phase 3 & 4

KB stated his concerns that the additional homes will add to the traffic problems in the area, the road layout was poor and there should be a cycle route through the entire development. He was also concerned about the impact of the new school. SE confirmed that the new school was to replace Damers First School which is closing.

DG proposed that the Parish Council object to the plans unless semi-mature trees are planted around the edge of the development to act as screening. A majority were in favour of this proposal.

MS confirmed that since the agenda had been produced the Cricket Club has had its application for nets approved subject to two conditions.

2009/125 Finance

a) Finance Statement (appendix 2)

ME requested that the words "Pilot Contribution" be changed to "Pilot Fees" as CPC now pay for the back page rather than made a donation. Clerk to change.

b) Payments made since last meeting (appendix 3)

KB proposed that the payments be accepted. A majority were in favour.

c) KB proposed that £18,000 be moved in to the National Savings Account. A majority were in favour.

2009/126 NWAAC Recommendations from the North Ward Amenities Advisory Committee – appendix 4

a) KB proposed that CPC spend up to £50 on new labels for trees in the orchard once they have been reallocated to new children. A majority were in favour.

2009/127 SWAAC Recommendations from the South Ward Amenities Advisory Committee - appendix 4

a) BC and ME both had alterations they wanted to make to the Grass Cutting Contracts. It was agreed that these suggestions be sent to the SWAAC and the contract be reworded prior to the next full council meeting on 3rd November. The clerk will contact the individuals who have expressed an interest in the grass cutting contract and explain that the tender documents will now be ready in November.

**Action: BC/ME to send suggestions to SWAAC
Clerk to write to individuals and inform them of delay**

2009/128 Charlton Down

a) Tennis Courts – clearing of leaves

The clerk confirmed that Wessex Garden Services had quoted £10 to £20 for clearing the leaves. A majority were in favour of spending up to £100 for the year.

b) Community Orchard

BC confirmed that he had inspected the trees in the orchard and they all need pruning. He had received a quote of £310 + VAT to prune and remove the branches from site. KB proposed that the quote be accepted and a majority were in favour.

ME confirmed that 14 trees need replacing. It was agreed that NWAAC provide prices for replacing the trees.

ME proposed the sycamore tree near the garage in the Orchard be removed as it is beginning to damage the garages.

BC offered to remove it. A majority were in favour of BC removing the tree.

Action: BC to fell tree

c) Update on Cycle paths

PHa felt there was a case for stating that it would be preferable to have a cycle path that is separate from the road. MS stated that DCC representatives had advised against stating a preferred route.

ME proposed that CPC write to DCC stating our preferred route for a cycle path is inside the hedge along the A352 from Mill Lane to Herrison Road and then inside the hedge along Herrison Road to link up with Birch Way. KB seconded. A majority were in favour.

Action: Clerk to write to Dorset County Council

d) CD Shouts

MS informed the meeting that CPC had received no negative feedback from the event and he felt the event had been well organised. ME proposed that CPC support this event every year that the Cricket Club run it and suggested the amount of £400. MS counter-proposed that CPC consider events as and when they occur. This was agreed by a majority.

e) Best Kept Village Awards

ME confirmed that in the Dorset Best Kept Village competition Charlton Down were placed 3rd for a Large Village and had received a cheque for £75. We are now excluded from entering this competition for the next 5 years and instead go

in to the Previous Winners Category. A comment by the Competition Organiser was of weeds growing around buildings and walls.

ME also informed the meeting that Charlton Down won the Special Environmental Award for Special Environmental Effort and had won £50 in recognition of the nature area and orchard.

ME proposed that the £125 be spent on a new bin outside the shop. It was agreed that NWAAC should provide costings at the next full council meeting.

On behalf of CPC, KB thanked ME for his hard work with the applications for these competitions.

2009/129 Charminster

- a) The Square and Church Lane – hedge and edge cutting.

MS stated that John Masters had quoted between £45-£50 for cutting the hedges and edges in the Square and down Church Lane. It was agreed by a majority to accept this quote.

- b) Adoption of BT Phone Box:

MS explained that BT has written to CPC requesting we adopt the phone box in Cocklands for £1. This would involve the telephony equipment being removed. MS explained that WDDC has also written to CPC stating that they are not in favour of the equipment being removed. 104 calls had been made in the last 12 months compared to figures of between 1-9 in other rural areas. KB proposed CPC write to BT and WDDC and request it keep the phone box active and properly maintained especially as it is located near homes belonging to elderly people and is a useful public service. A majority were in favour.

Action: Clerk to write to BT and WDDC

DG informed the meeting that the hedge between the North Street Play Area and the Inn for All Seasons had grown very high and was now covering windows of the pub. Also a number of rotted posts needed to be replaced surrounding the bark area. DG had obtained a quote for £250 to cut the hedge back and replace the posts. As this is essential work MS proposed CPC spend up to £250 on this work. It was agreed by a majority.

2009/130 Meeting with Jill Haynes and DCC Officers regarding North Street.

MS confirmed that following the meeting with Jill Haynes and DCC Officers, Jill Haynes has written to Jon Munslow at DCC stressing the importance of carrying out the resurfacing works. MS has spoken to John Munslow and he has confirmed the works will be done as long as a utility company doesn't need to dig the road up prior to the work taking place.

2009/131 Matters of Information and Interest and items for next agenda

BC circulated to all members a report he had produced on the trees in the Broken Cross play area. It was agreed that this should be an item for the next SWAAC agenda.

Action: Put on SWAAC agenda

2009/132 Date of Next Meeting

The date of the next full parish council meeting is 3rd November. MS declared the meeting closed at 9.15pm