

**Minutes of the Meeting of Charminster Parish Council on Tuesday 7 November 2006 at 7.30 pm in Charminster Village Hall.**

**Present:** Mr M Simons, Chairman (MS), Mr D Rousell, Vice Chairman (DR), Mr JR Askew (JA), Mrs V Gillard (VG), Mrs J House (JH), and Mr I Vincent (IV).

Aileen Heckford (Clerk)

**In attendance:** District Councillors Sarah East (SE), Fred Horsington (FH), County Councillor John Peake and 5 members of the public.

The chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7:30pm. Before the meeting started the Chairman explained that unfortunately representatives from Simons Developments were at the last unable to attend the meeting to provide information on the Charles Street development in Dorchester.

**2006/90 Apologies:** Col R Brennan (RB), Ms L Clarke (LC), Mr P Hanson (PHa), Mr P Hopford (PHo), Mr P Phillips (PP), and Mrs L Willis (LW).

**2006/91 Declaration of Interests:** MS and JH declared an interest in item 2006/97. DH declared an interest in 2006/96(d) and 2006/100(d)

**2006/92 Minutes:** To confirm, sign and date the minutes of the meeting held on 5 September 2006. The minutes were agreed as correct by all, and signed & dated by the Chairman.

**2006/93 Clerks report on matters from the minutes of 05.09.06 meeting:**

- Herrison Road Speed Limit – The situation has not changed regarding the speed limit. DCC are inundated with requests for speed reductions, progress is only being made on safety related cases, there is a budget shortfall, and new guidance has been issued by the Department of Transport. The current situation is uncertain, however it seems that Herrison Rd will not reach the criteria for a 30mph limit. Clerk to request copy of speed limit criteria, and ask for update in April.
- Post box outside shop at CD – now in place.
- Seat by bus stop at Charlton Down – Permission for this continues to be sought.
- Parking outside the school –waiting to meet safe routes to school officer.
- Speed limit East Hill/West Hill – letters have now been sent for suggested dates.
- Sandwich board – for advertising meeting. Planning permission is required. Approximate cost £90.00.
- Field adjacent to Herrison Rd / Bridge – Although the owner of the field should have had land drainage consent, they had not applied for it. However, the Environment Agency is now unlikely to prosecute, but the owner will most likely be given a caution that will be tied into a land management agreement. A seed mix has already been sown on the cleared land and the new agreement will hopefully lead to activities creating a better conservation area in the future. Apparently if there is any more such activity by this landowner he will be prosecuted.
- Forston Clinic – Letter has been sent requesting that they remove Charminster from their address and insert CD.
- Nursing Home and Close Care Residential Units – Letter sent to WDDC requesting metal black estate railing to surround the site when complete.
- Post Collection – Request made to Royal Mail for an additional later collection. No reply received yet.
- North Street Traffic calming – Report promised for Jan meeting.
- Requests for more buses to CD. The Transport Representative (LC) reported via the clerk that there is currently no more evidence. Anyone supporting the request should contact LC.
- Alley Bridge –Now repaired.
- Seat next to bridge – Now repaired (by MS).

**2006/94 The Chairman adjourned the meeting at 7:40pm for the Public Discussion**

- Parking in Sodern Hill, next to new development site. To be monitored.
- Sand/salt box in Sodern Hill between North Street and Highfield Close. Clerk to deal with this.
- MUGA at Charlton Down – Bellway still own land. Still awaiting resolution. SE to contact WDDC officer.
- Herrison Rd / Sherren Ave junction – Due to parking, visibility very difficult. DCC to be contacted.
- Bus services – 007 – Wider consultation needed. LC to follow up.

The meeting was reconvened at 7:55pm.

### 2006/95 Report of the Burial Committee –

Memorial x2	£ 100
Interment x1	£ 200
Graves Purchased x 2	£ 400
TOTAL	£ 700

### 2006/96 Finance Report

a) Payments made since the last meeting for confirmation.

J McLuckie (Creosote)	5.89
A Goodger (BX Play Area Goal nets)	30.75
A Goodger (Aug Salary)	355.08
S Manuel (grass cutting)(Aug payment)	290.00
Haskings Fencing (BX Play Area)	646.25
SMP (BX Play Area Final Payment)	7003.00
A Goodger (Sept Salary)	360.13
M Simons (Generator Hire BX Play Area)	20.70
DCC (BX Play Area Sign)	244.65
MJ Wallis (orchard grass cutting)	150.00
CD Village Hall (Sept Meeting)	25.00
A Goodger (Ink)	45.96
L Masters (painting bus shelter)	69.00
L Masters (bus shelter maintenance)	72.00
Scats (CD daffodil bulbs)	99.00
S Manuel (grass cutting)(Sept payment)	290.00
Greenbarnes Ltd (CD notice board)	1365.74
<b>Total</b>	<b>11,073.15</b>

All agreed that the above payments be accepted.

<b>Balance as at 20<sup>th</sup> October 2006:</b>	£18,218.21	Post Office Account
	£ 3,593.64	Lloyds Account
	£ 4.73	Petty Cash
	<b>£21,816.58</b>	

**This amount includes £5130.00 which has already been allocated:**

#### Money Already Allocated:

North Street tiles	400.00
Clerk	2200.00
Grass cutting	2030.00
Hall Hire	85.00
Quality Council work	195.00
Basket Ball Hoop	150.00
Replacement Trees	50.00

b) Costs Agreed: All were in agreement to spend up to £400.00 in total on a waste bin for Mill Lane (next to the seat, near the entrance to princes plot), and a replacement waste bin for the Play area at Broken Cross. Discussions to take place with the Cricket Club regarding another bin for next to the cricket pavilion if requested. This is now considered to be the responsibility of the Cricket Club.

BX bus shelter – Total cost for round topped, three tier bus shelter in moss green with seat is £3,668 (inc. £250 to remove existing). Grant from DCC of £1000.00 would be awarded. All were in agreement to purchase the new bus shelter for a Parish Council contribution of £2,668.

Whiskey – for Mr McLuckie for maintaining the Meadow View bus shelters at no charge to the Parish Council. All in agreement.

- c) Internal Audit Report – Mr P Woods sent a written report confirming that he had carried out three internal audit reviews since 01.04.06, as well as the year end procedures required by the audit commission for 2005/6. No matters had arisen to which your attention needed to be brought. Various suggestions arising from the reviews have been discussed with the clerk and promptly implemented.
- d) Agreed Donations for current financial Year :

Charminster Village Hall	£ 560.00
Charlton Down Village Hall	£ 560.00
Pilot	£ 240.00
CAB	£ 175.00
PCC (Churchyard)	£ 250.00
Women's Refuge	£ 110.00
Charminster Pre-School	<u>£ 110.00</u>
	£2,005.00

Other organisations within the Parish are to be considered if a need is indicated.  
Clerk to contact PCC to ask about the churchyard maintenance.  
Copies of annual audited accounts to be requested when donations are made.  
All were in agreement.

- e) Budget for 2007/8 – The following amendments were made to the proposed budget:

Inspection under BX Play area heading amended to ROSPA  
Amount for Seat and paving C/D under Projects heading amended to £2000.  
Reserves carried forward to 2007/8 amended to £8500.

All in favour. 'Agreed Budget for April 2007' sheet to be circulated with minutes.

Number	Property	Parish Council	WDDC
1332			
1333	1/E/2006/		
1334			
000408	<b>Land to the south of Summerhill House, Hawthorn Rd, Charlton Down</b> Modification or discharge of an area of land from Structural Open Spaces	<b>Object</b>	
001160	<b>21 Deverel Road, Charlton Down</b> Erect conservatory to the rear of the property	<b>No objection</b>	<b>Approved</b> 3 conditions
001458	<b>7 West Hill, Charminster</b> Carry out internal alterations	<b>No objection</b>	<b>Approved</b> 2 conditions
001513	<b>9B The Square, Charminster</b> Erection of conservatory and alterations and carport	<b>No objection</b>	<b>Approved</b> 2 conditions
001576	<b>Land at Wolfeton farm, Wolfeton Eweleaze Rd</b> Erect agricultural building	<b>No objection</b> Comments made	
001602	<b>20 Cocklands, Charminster</b> Erect two storey side extension	<b>No objection</b>	<b>Approved</b> 2 conditions
001676	<b>11 Pound Close, Charminster</b> Erect 2 semi-detached dwellings and associated garages	<b>Objection</b>	<b>Withdrawn</b>
001628	<b>11 Mill Lane, Charminster</b> Re-roof existing flat roof extension, demolish existing workshop and erect new garden room, new garage, workshop and storage building.	<b>No objection</b>	
001785	<b>Land adjacent to the rear of 9 North Street, Charminster</b> Erect two dwellings and garages.	<b>Objection</b>	
001884	<b>7 West Hill, Charminster</b> Carry out external and internal alterations		

**Tree Applications**

None

**Appeals: APP/F1230/A/05/2005006 Riverside Cottage, Forston :** Appeal to erect extension to cottage – dismissed.  
Appeal to erect garage and stables granted.

**9 North Street, Charminster:** Appeal to committee on 27/11 at 2.15pm.

**2006/98 Dorchester Transport and Environment Plan –** On 16<sup>th</sup> October, 16 local cllrs met to discuss the DTEP. Concerns were expressed, which included:

- Environmental issues – including increase in traffic to surrounding parishes, and to some parts of Dorchester, i.e. South Walks
- Commercial Issues – possible decline in trade if changes cause chaos. 82%of traffic along High East/West St start or end in Dorchester
- Financial Outlay – very large

The conclusion of the meeting led to the following decisions:

- Individual Parishes to make a list of suggestions of items that they would like considered
- A letter including these suggestions to be written, from the consortium of PCs represented.
- Copy of the letter to then be circulated to: Oliver Letwin, David Evans, Tim Westwood, Chairs of WDDC and DCC, and the Chief Officers of WDDC and DCC.

- Resolution calling for "a general re-consideration of the Dorchester Transport and Environment Plan and requesting extensive consultation about the underlying issues be conducted in parishes outside Dorchester" to be made to the DAPTC for its AGM on 4<sup>th</sup> November.

The resolution was supported at the DAPTC AGM, with several people speaking out in support. Some other parish councils who had not previously been contacted were also in support.

The results of the Maumbury Rings gyratory system study should be known at the end of November. SE confirmed that there was no allocated funding for the DTEP in the WDDC budget.

All were in agreement that JA and PHa pursue this resolution through the DAPTC.

**2006/99 Poundbury Development Consultation** – To go on agenda for next meeting.

#### **2006/100 Charlton Down**

- Tennis Courts –No reply had been received from Andrew Martin regarding responsibility for long-term management. Letter from Nick Peele, at Charlton Down Developments, was read out. The response was not considered consistent with the 106 agreement, for what is open space land. Clerk to reply and send copy of letter to Andrew Martin.
- Strategic Open Spaces– Having been asked by WDDC to take over ownership and management of three areas of strategic open space, the current condition, costs involved (£750.00pcm according to Bellway who currently maintain the areas) and money available from West Dorset District Council (approximately £130,000) were considered. The final decision was that the Parish Council is not in a suitable financial position to take over these areas.
- Anti-Social Behaviour –this is a continuing problem, especially around Herrison Hall. Situation to be monitored. Clerk to ask police to attend early in the morning, and later at night.
- Allotments – At the last meeting, it was confirmed that details of those on the waiting list for allotments had been circulated, asking for formation of an Allotment Association. To date there has been no indication of such. It was suggested that the area of land below the orchard (adjacent to The Swails) in Herrison Road be considered. This site could provide 22 small allotment gardens. The soil is moist and there is a water supply to the adjacent field. However access would be through the orchard. Parking could still be an issue, although many have indicated that they would like to be able to walk to their allotment. Clerk to check requirements of planning permission.

#### **2006/101 Charminster**

- Street Lighting in Cocklands –22 out of 63 forms now received back. 16 in favour of many more lights and 6 requesting the lighting stay as it is currently. As a result, clerk to write to DCC supporting the application for many more lights.
- North Street Traffic calming – Report promised for January 2007 meeting.
- North Street Development – Drakes Close to be suggested to WDDC and developers. Also all in agreement not to employ independent engineer to check construction of the new development retaining wall. To ask for copy of building inspectors report.
- Broken Cross Play Area – An update was provided regarding the legal case against the Parish Council. All were in agreement to keep both play areas closed. All correspondence to continue to be sent to insurers. DR and IV to write guidelines for future checks on play areas.
- North Street Play Area – All action from ROSPA report is to be carried out on the grounds of safety.
- Sherborne Rd junction with Westleaze – Support to be given to DCCs proposal (following a request from the PC) to make a no-entry regulation order at this junction. This will have the effect of making traffic use the north eastern part of the junction to access the Sherborne Rd. Clerk to request grass is extended over hatched area if scheme proves successful, enhancing the visual impact of the scheme, and suggesting that the carriageway may need to be sympathetically widened to accommodate two way access onto Sherborne Road.
- Princes Plot – Nothing to report.
- Weirs Planting Scheme – DCC reported that many trees between Lodgers Garage and the roundabout were in a poor condition. As a result many are to be removed and / or surgery performed. These trees will be replaced with appropriate specimens. Work will take place in autumn 2006 (now). Notification has also been received from DCC concerning closure of the footpath along this same road due to work to be undertaken by Wessex Water.
- The Square – Nothing to report.

### **2006/102 District Councillor's Report**

Both District Cllrs had provided information throughout the meeting. In addition FH reported that the DTEP meeting comments had been taken on board. He also explained that WDDC are undergoing a review of their legal services dept. SE commented on the Poundbury Development brief (clerk to liaise with PHa and then pass PC comments back to WDDC). SE has also received complaints about children waiting for buses at CD – clerk to reinforce need for police visits.

**2006/103 County Councillor's Report:** Cllr Peake commented on many parish issues. He explained that DCC is under financial pressure, and carrying out re-organisation of 'backroom' staff.

### **2006/104 Reports of Representatives**

- a) Village Halls: C/D: Open day was not very well attended. Work in roof space is currently being undertaken, creating walkways for maintenance purposes and installing insulation. Charminster: Hall is very impressive now that the work is complete (almost). A lot of work has been done by villagers. Kind and generous donations have been made.
- b) Transport Representative – No report.
- c) Rights of Way Officer – In fields to the east of the village, footpaths have been fenced – this is within the rights of the landowner.
- e) Ancient Monuments Liaison Officer – Nothing to report.
- f) St Mary's First School – No report.

### **2006/105 Matters for Information and Items for next agenda.**

- Charminster has won best community village in the previous winners category.
- Cllr Peter Phillips is standing down from the Parish Council, but will remain on the Village Hall Committee.
- Details of other matters to be circulated with the minutes.

**2006/106 Date of next meeting:** Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> January at 7.30 in Herrison Hall, Charlton Down  
**Meeting closed at 9:40pm**

**Date:**

**Chairman:**