

**Charminster Parish Council meeting Tuesday 6th March 2018
at Charlton Down Village Hall at 7.00pm**

Draft Minutes

Present: Mark Simons (Chair) (MS), Kenneth Addison (KA), Keith Beeson (KB), Richard East (RE), Susie Pearson (SP), Gill Reese (GR), Peter White (PW), Sandie Woodrow (SW), Tim Yarker (TY), Iain Young (IY)

In attendance: Sarah Davies (Acting Clerk), County Councillor Jill Haynes (JH), District Councillor Fred Horsington (FH) and 1 member of the public.

2018/026 **Declarations of Interest** – to record declarations of interest in any item on the agenda.
None declared.

2018/027 **To consider grant of dispensations**
None received.

2018/028 **To receive apologies for absence**
Apologies had been received from Carol Matthews and Mandy Edwards

2018/029 **To approve the minutes** of the meeting held on 6th February 2018 and 27th February 2018
IY proposed accepting the minutes of the 27th February 2018 as an accurate record. KB seconded. All in favour.
KB proposed accepting the minutes of the 6th February 2018 as an accurate record. IY seconded. All in favour.

2018/030 **Matters arising from the above minutes**
None

2018/031 **Public Discussion Period**
MS suspended the meeting at 7.05pm for the public discussion period.

Concern was expressed about the removal of the footway near the horse field in Charlton Down due to the building work taking place. The Clerk will contact Planning Officers at WDDC and ask them to check the situation.

Action: Clerk to contact WDDC Planning

The meeting resumed at 7.10pm

2018/032 **District Councillors Report**
TY informed the meeting that the Local Government reorganisation has been given the go ahead. Statutory Orders will be placed before Parliament before the June recess.
FH informed the meeting of WDDC Council Tax rises and gave an update on the Strawberry Fields Planning Application – the Planning Committee will be discussing it again on Thursday 15th March at 10am. This time has not been confirmed yet.
Post Meeting Note: The date of this meeting has been confirmed as 22nd March.

2018/033 **County Councillors Report**
JH explained that the surfacing work on the A37 is not resurfacing but top dressing. DCC are using the lowest noise level top dressing they can but it is not the resurfacing that residents were hoping for as the road is not in a poor enough state to warrant a full resurface.

JH commended DCC staff on their tremendous hard work during the recent snow. Members also reported of great community spirit especially in Charlton Down with residents using their 4x4s to get nurses to work and patients to hospital.

JH has not received a formal quote for the 20mph limits, but an approximate figure is around £10,000 for the signing and the TRO. It was suggested that the Community Speed Watch team deploy in different areas around the village where possible. Hopefully a formal quote will have been received by April and can be on the April agenda.

PW commented on the lack of gritting that took place on East Hill. JH explained she believes it is a secondary route, but the Clerk will check this. The Clerk will also request the salt bins are topped up.

Action: Clerk to contact DCC

2018/034 **Finance**

- a) Financial Statement
- b) Payments to be agreed
KB proposed accepting the financial statement and payments. IY seconded. All in favour. MS signed the bank statements.

2018/035 **Planning Matters**

None received

MS reported that Wyatt Homes had contacted him to let the Parish Council know it has submitted a planning application for the extension to the Charminster Farm Site. The Parish Council will be notified by WDDC in due course.

2018/036 **Charlton Down**

- a) Vandal Proof BBQ
SW proposed spending £286 on the Vandal Proof BBQ. KA seconded. Majority in favour.
- b) Traffic Matting
MS explained that Highways has offered to install matting if the Parish Council purchase it for the strip of verge opposite the bus stop in Charlton Down. KA proposed spending up to £200. SW seconded. Majority in favour.
The Clerk will speak to Meadfleet before purchasing.

Action: Clerk to contact Meadfleet

- c) Solar Panel trial for SID
Members agreed to wait for the results of the free trial before considering costs.
- d) Request for Litter Bin by the Bus Shelter in Sherren Avenue.
KA proposed spending £200 on the installation of the bin and £4.50 for each collection. It was agreed to trial a 3-weekly collection. IY seconded. Majority in favour.

2018/037 **Charminster**

- a) Postal Address for Community Hall
MS explained that Wyatt Homes has contacted the Parish Council with a choice of 2 postal addresses for the hall and a request to confirm the name of the hall. The choice of Postal addresses is Weir View or Harvest Hill. KB proposed the name of the hall should be Charminster Community Hall and the address should be Weir View. KA seconded. Majority in favour.
- b) Footpath on North Street
The Clerk has contacted David Shaw for a price on drawing up the plans required for a planning application. He needs more details to give a formal quote. PW suggested using a Landscape Architect. MS will investigate. SP proposed spending up to £500 on fees. RE seconded. Majority in favour.
- c) Missing 30mph signs on Drakes Lane
GR informed the meeting there is only a repeater sign near the village. The Clerk will contact Highways and ask where the other sign is.

Action: Clerk to contact Highways

- d) Lack of footpath on Drakes Lane
GR commented that there is no footpath down the hill from Haydon Hill Close. MS explained this had been deliberate when the new houses were built to keep the rural feel to the area. Instead the developer put in a footway down on to the A352 further in to the development. All agreed no action was needed.

2018/038 **Matters of Information and Interest and items for next agenda**

None

2018/021 **Date of next meeting – 3rd April 2018 at Charminster Village Hall at 7pm**

The meeting closed at 8.07pm