

**Charminster Parish Council meeting Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> October 2019  
at Charminster Community Hall at 7.00pm**

**Draft Minutes**

**Present:** Mark Simons (MS) (Chair), Carol Matthews (CM) (Vice-Chair), Peter Dangerfield (PD), Mandy Edwards (ME), Richard East (RE), Alan Rolls (AR), Richard Wareham (RW) and Tim Yarker (TY)

**In attendance:** Sarah Davies (Clerk) and 7 members of the public

MS welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7pm.

2019/106    **Declarations of Interest** – to record declarations of interest in any item on the agenda.  
None.

2019/107    **To consider grant of dispensations**  
None received.

2019/108    **To receive apologies for absence**  
Apologies had been received from Peter White, Geri Brown, Ben Lucas and Keith Beeson and Dorset Councillor David Taylor.

2019/109    **To approve the minutes** of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> September 2019 and 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019.  
CM proposed the minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> September be approved. RW seconded. Majority in favour. MS signed and dated the minutes.

CM suggested the words “up to £20,000 be allocated for the purchase of items required to set up the hall” be amended to “up to £20,000 be spent on the items required to set up the hall”. AR proposed that with the above amendment the minutes of the 24<sup>th</sup> September 2019 be approved. PD seconded. Majority in favour. MS amended the wording and signed and dated the minutes.

2019/110    **Matters arising from the above minutes**  
The Clerk confirmed the leatherjacket treatment at Haydon Hill will commence on Thursday 3<sup>rd</sup> October.

MS explained the situation with the 20mph speed limit. The Parish Council is still trying to persuade Highways to extend the 20mph limit to the C12 as Mike Potter at Highways does not want it to start until nearer the top of East Hill. MS has spoken to David Taylor and to Mike Potter’s boss who has agreed to discuss it with him. However, if no agreement can be reached the Parish Council will not delay things any further so will circulate the letter from Balfour Beatty to all residents explaining what our preferred option had been.

2019/111    **Public Discussion Period**  
MS suspended the formal part of the meeting at 7.11pm

A resident from Higher Charminster spoke about the problem of the volume and speed of traffic coming from Charlton Down direction especially at Higher Charminster where children wait for school buses and need to cross the road. He felt visibility was poor due to the bus stop and post box and also there is a lack of visual clues as you approach that section of road after coming out of a bend that drivers need to slow down. It was agreed the Clerk will arrange a meeting with Dorset Highways preferably at a time when children are waiting for the bus.

MS resumed the formal part of the meeting at 7.25pm

2019/112    **Planning Matters**  
WD/D/19/002394 – Notification of intention to remove payphones.  
The Clerk explained BT are intending to remove the payphone at Cocklands and also the one on North Street. They are available to be adopted for £1 each. There was discussion about the condition of the boxes, particularly the Cocklands one, and also what they could be used for. There was a suggestion that the Cocklands one could be moved to Charlton Down. It was agreed that MS will ask for residents’ feedback in the Pilot.

- 2019/113 **Finance**
- a) **Financial Statement**
  - b) **Payments to be agreed**  
CM proposed accepting the financial statement and all payments. ME seconded. All in favour.  
MS signed the bank statement.
  - c) **External Auditor Report**  
The external auditor's report was noted.
- 2019/114 **Training Events and DAPTC AGM**
- It was agreed the Clerk will circulate the details of the forthcoming workshops being run by Dorset Council that will discuss how the relationship between Dorset Council and Parish Councils will work.
- 2019/115 **Charminster**
- a) **Replacement See-Saw for North Street**  
MS explained that he has removed the see-saw as it had become unsafe. There was discussion about replacing it at a cost of around £3,000 but it was agreed that both the North Street play area and the Broken Cross one need to be refurbished so it would be best to look at the park as a whole at a later date. CM has gathered some feedback from residents about what they would like to see in the parks but it was agreed to get the hall up and running before any major refurbishments are considered.
- 2019/116 **Charlton Down**
- a) **Recommendations from NWAAC – purchase of a shelter for MUGA field**  
CM explained that requests had been made over the last few years for some form of shelter from the sun and rain on the MUGA field. Quotes had been obtained and the best value quote had been from a local carpenter, James Garrett, for £1,500 for building the shelter and installing it. TY proposed spending up to £1,500 on the shelter. RW seconded.  
Majority in favour.
  - b) **Apple Pressing Day**  
CM confirmed that weather permitting, the apple pressing will be taking place on Sunday 6<sup>th</sup> October between 10am and 2pm.
- 2019/117 **Matters of Information and Interest and items for next agenda**
- None
- 2019/118 **Date of next meeting – 5<sup>th</sup> November 2019 (Charlton Down Village Hall)**
- There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.50pm