

**Charminster Parish Council meeting Tuesday 3rd September 2019
at Charlton Down Village Hall at 7.00pm**

Draft Minutes

Present: Carol Matthews (CM) (Vice-Chair), Keith Beeson (KB), Geri Brown (GB), Mandy Edwards (ME), Richard East (RE), Ben Lucas (BL), Alan Rolls (AR), Richard Wareham (RW), Peter White (PW) and Tim Yarker (TY)

In attendance: Sarah Davies (Clerk) and Dorset Councillor David Taylor

CM welcomed everyone to the meeting and explained she was the acting chair for the evening.

2019/092 **Declarations of Interest** – to record declarations of interest in any item on the agenda.
None.

2019/093 **To consider grant of dispensations**
None received.

2019/094 **To receive apologies for absence**
Apologies had been received from Peter Dangerfield and Mark Simons

2019/095 **To approve the minutes** of the meeting held on 9th July 2019
RW suggested “Charminster” be added to 2019/084 to clarify that the village being discussed was Charminster. KB proposed that with the above amendment the minutes of the 9th July 2019 be approved. PW seconded. Majority in favour. CM added the word “Charminster” and signed and dated the minutes.

2019/096 **Matters arising from the above minutes**
KB asked for clarification on the 3 planning applications that had been delegated to the Planning Committee to decide upon at the last meeting. The Clerk confirmed that she had submitted the following responses:
4 Whitebeam Close, Charlton Down – no objection
3 Herrison Road, Charlton Down – objection on the grounds of impact of the viewing deck on the neighbouring property.
2 North Street, Charminster – no objection

The Clerk updated members on the Parish Council’s query over the new junction layout at the top of Pound Close. Highways had acknowledged that turning left at the junction is now tricky but suggested drivers use the right-hand fork to make the manoeuvre.

2019/097 **Public Discussion Period**
There were no members of the public present.

CM welcomed Dorset Councillor David Taylor to the meeting. He gave members some background information about himself and talked about the change in the way Dorset Council is now working. He suggested bringing his Communications Officer, Simon Bailey, to the next meeting and all agreed that would be useful.

Action: Clerk to arrange for details in The Pilot to be updated

2019/098 **Planning Matters**
WD/D/19/000008 – 9 Mill Lane, Charminster (amended plan)
The amended application was discussed but members still felt that the Parish Council should object to the proposed plans. RE proposed the PC should object on the same grounds as before:

- The proposed development is outside the defined development boundary for the village and is therefore contrary to Local Plan policy.
- It is within a conservation area at the heart of the village. The plans would impact on the view from the Church which is a Grade 1 Listed building.
- It will have an adverse impact on neighbouring properties including the Vicarage, 8 Mill Lane, The Old Stable and Bridge Cottage.

TY seconded. Majority in favour.

2019/099 **Finance**

a) **Financial Statement**

b) **Payments to be agreed**

KB requested the payments made over the summer be included in the payments to be agreed. The Clerk confirmed these payments had been £606.14 to Zurich Insurance for the Community Hall insurance and regular payments to contractors for maintenance of Charlton Down and Charminster. KB proposed accepting the financial statement and all payments. ME seconded. Majority in favour. CM signed the bank statement.

2019/100 **Charminster**

a) **20mph speed limit**

A discussion took place about the extent of the 20mph zone. It was agreed that the Clerk should contact Mike Potter at Dorset Council, and request that the zone extends all the way along East Hill to the junction with the C12, includes Ellerslie Close, York Close and Downend and also extends all the way down Mill Lane to the junction with North Street to avoid extra signage having to be installed along Mill Lane.

If the Clerk does not get agreement from Mike Potter, she will contact David Taylor and ask for his assistance in the matter.

Action: Clerk to contact Mike Potter

b) **Grass in Haydon Hill**

RE proposed spending £94.50 for the treatment of leatherjackets in the grass at Haydon Hill. RW seconded. Majority in favour.

Action: Clerk to instruct contractor

c) **Community Hall**

TY and the Clerk updated members on the Community Hall meeting held recently. The priority at the moment is to purchase furniture, ensure fire safety etc is adequate, improve the acoustics in the hall and install a sound system.

Two open events are being held on Tuesday 10th September (6pm to 8pm) (TY, MS, AR, CM and Clerk to attend). The other is Saturday 14th September (10am to Noon) (TY, MS, RW, AR to attend).

Action: Clerk to create Feedback Form/Questionnaire

There was a discussion about how all the halls in the Parish could work together. TY proposed that the possibility of joint management of all assembly places in the village be put on the October agenda. Committees of Charlton Down Village Hall and Charminster Village Hall could be invited to give their thoughts on the idea.

2019/101 **Matters of Information and Interest and items for next agenda**

It was agreed that the October meeting should take place in the Community Hall even if no furniture is in place.

2019/102 **Date of next meeting – 1st October 2019 (Charminster Community Hall)**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 7.54pm