

**Charminster Parish Council meeting Tuesday 5th November 2019
at Charlton Down Village Hall at 7.00pm**

Draft Minutes

Present: Mark Simons (MS) (Chair), Keith Beeson (KB), Geri Brown (GB), Peter Dangerfield (PD), Richard East (RE), Ben Lucas (BL), Alan Rolls (AR), Richard Wareham (RW) and Peter White (PW)

In attendance: Sarah Davies (Clerk) and 1 member of the public

MS welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7pm.

2019/119 **Declarations of Interest** – to record declarations of interest in any item on the agenda.
KB declared an interest in item 2019/129 b

2019/120 **To consider grant of dispensations**
None received.

2019/121 **To receive apologies for absence**
Apologies had been received from Mandy Edwards, Carol Matthews and Tim Yarker

2019/122 **To approve the minutes** of the meeting held on 1st October 2019
RW proposed the minutes of 1st October 2019 be approved. RE seconded. Majority in favour. MS signed and dated the minutes.

2019/123 **Matters arising from the above minutes**
MS confirmed that the PC had received the Community Infrastructure Levy payment of £31,696.20 for Phase 1 of Charminster Farm. MS explained that the money must be spent on infrastructure such as the Community Hall or a playpark.

2019/124 **Feedback from Dorset Council's meetings with Parish Councils**
MS explained that Dorset Council is trying to start a new partnership between itself and Parish and Town Councils. A series of meetings have been held across the County and have been well attended by Parish Councils. A survey will be produced by Dorset Council and MS encouraged all members to complete it when circulated by the Clerk.

2019/125 **Public Discussion Period**
MS suspended the formal part of the meeting at 7.20pm

A resident from Charlton Down commented that when she attended the open meeting at the new Community Hall, she found it difficult leaving the building as there were no lights on. MS explained that there are lights, but the timer does not seem to be working. This will hopefully be rectified soon. The resident also requested that a shield of some sort be placed behind the new lights in Phase 8b (Poplar Drive, Birch Way) as they are very bright and shine into people's homes.

Action: Clerk to contact Rod Mainstone at Dorset Council

It was pointed out that there are two brick pillars with 30mph marked on them as you come into Charlton Down. One is visible but the other is hidden in a hedge. The Clerk explained that when the PC looked at cutting back the hedge in the past the resident whose property runs adjacent to the hedge objected as it would leave his property very open. MS also explained that the pillars are not in fact old but built when Charlton Down was built and are not the start of the 30mph limit.

MS resumed the formal part of the meeting at 7.25pm

2019/126 **Planning Matters**
WD/D/19/002394 – Notification of intention to remove payphones.
There was a lengthy discussion about the possibility of the Parish Council adopting the 2 telephone boxes in Charminster. Whilst the adoption would only cost £1, concerns were raised about the cost of repairing the one on the corner of Cocklands. The Clerk confirmed that a new door would cost approximately £900. Some residents had suggested the box be moved to Charlton Down but it was agreed the cost of this could be extremely high.
RE proposed adopting the telephone box on North Street but allowing the Cocklands one to be removed. AR seconded. Majority in favour. 1 abstention.

2019/127 **Finance**

- a) **Financial Statement**
MS signed the bank statement.
- b) **Payments to be agreed**
The Clerk requested the following additional payments be agreed:
Steve Manuel (October maintenance) £365
RJS Window Cleaning (Bus Shelter Cleaning) £79.20
RE queried the amount being asked for by Dorset Council for business rates. The Clerk has already submitted a query about the amount.

KB proposed accepting the financial statement and all payments including the two additional ones. BL seconded. All in favour.

- c) **Agree for Finance and General Purposes committee to meet**
KB proposed the F&GP committee meet in November to set the budget for next year and discuss Parish Council grants.
The meeting was set for Tuesday 19th November at 1.30pm at Slades Farm

2019/128 **Charlton Down**

- a) **Cutting back of trees on Poplar Drive**
It was agreed the Clerk will obtain quotes for the cutting back of the trees on the MUGA field that are now touching the side of 1 Poplar Drive.
Action: Clerk to obtain quotes
- b) **Request for a sign on Herrison Road warning about Cricket Ball**
The Clerk explained the Cricket Club had requested the Parish Council ask Highways to install a sign on Herrison Road warning of Cricket Balls. It was agreed the Clerk will provide the cricket club with the contact details for Dorset Highways.

2019/129 **Charminster**

- a) **Community Hall Expenditure**
It was agreed an extraordinary meeting will be held on Tuesday 12th November at 7pm at Charminster Community Hall to agree expenditure for the Community Hall.
- b) **Christmas Tree – Community Hall**
No decision made.
- c) **20mph speed limit update**
MS confirmed a letter had been circulated to all Charminster residents about the proposed new speed limit and thanked those who had delivered them.

2019/130 **Matters of Information and Interest and items for next agenda**

MS confirmed he had removed a fallen tree on the footpath off Mill Lane and removed the den that had been created in Broken Cross playground.

PD had been asked to report the poor condition of the road surface in Ellerslie Close.

Action: Clerk to report to Highways

The Clerk is still trying to find out about the situation with Charminster allotments. She will try to contact Neil Bailey.

The Clerk will contact the Charminster Community Highways Officer to discuss the verge and hedge on Westleaze/East Hill.

KB agreed to write the specification for the Higher Charminster footpath. The Clerk will forward the planning application documents to him.

The Clerk will chase up the new bin for Charlton Down

2019/131 **Date of next meeting – 3rd December 2019 at 7pm at Charminster Community Hall**

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.16pm