

**Charminster Parish Council meeting Tuesday 9th July 2019
at Charlton Down Village Hall at 7.00pm**

Draft Minutes

Present: Mark Simons (Chair) (MS), Carol Matthews (Vice-Chair) (CM), Keith Beeson (KB), Peter Dangerfield (PD), Mandy Edwards (ME), Richard East (RE), Ben Lucas (BL), Alan Rolls (AR), Peter White (PW), Tim Yarker (TY)

In attendance: Sarah Davies (Clerk) and 21 members of the public

2019/079 **Declarations of Interest** – to record declarations of interest in any item on the agenda.
None.

2019/080 **To consider grant of dispensations**
None received.

2019/081 **To receive apologies for absence**
Apologies had been received from Geri Brown, Richard Wareham and Dorset Councillor David Taylor.

2019/082 **To approve the minutes** of the meeting held on 4th June 2019
RE proposed accepting the minutes of the 4th June 2019 as an accurate record. TY seconded.
Majority in favour. MS signed and dated the minutes.

2019/083 **Matters arising from the above minutes**
There were no matters arising.

2019/084 **Public Discussion Period**
MS suspended the meeting at 7.04pm to take comments from the public.

Several residents spoke about their concerns regarding the speed at which traffic travels through the village. A resident from Vicarage Lane presented members with a petition signed by herself and other residents of Vicarage Lane requesting the speed limit be changed to 20mph.

MS thanked everyone for their comments and explained that the Parish Council had already agreed to fund a community scheme to change the speed limit to 20mph. The delay in this being implemented has been down to Dorset Council (and Dorset County Council). The Parish Council has completed all the requirements set out by Dorset County Council Highways department including speed surveys, residents surveys and creating Community Speed Watch in the proposed area. Unfortunately, because the scheme is not on the Council's priority list, it does not have the staff available to start the legal process. Therefore 5 members of the Parish Council met with a Highways Representative and representatives from Balfour Beatty to discuss paying Balfour Beatty to carry out the legal work. This will cost approximately £2,000 and then the signage and lining will be carried out by Highways for approximately £10,000.

MS resumed the formal part of the meeting at 7.15pm to enable members to make a decision.

KB and TY both stated it was important that North Street is not forgotten and the Parish Council should still push for the speed limit to be lowered there.

TY proposed the Parish Council allocate up to £15,000 for the implementation of the 20mph and instructs Balfour Beatty to start the required legal process. PD seconded. Majority in favour. 1 abstention.

Action: Clerk to contact Balfour Beatty

MS suspended the meeting at 7.30pm to hear more comments from the public.
The issue of parking on Weir View was discussed. Concerns were raised about vehicles being parked opposite driveways obstructing access. It was felt the situation has improved slightly following the article in the Pilot about considerate parking so the residents will monitor the situation. If it deteriorates again, the Clerk will ask PCSO Sarah Pilcher to speak to the vehicle owners.

MS resumed the formal part of the meeting at 7.35pm

2019/085 **Dorset Councillor's Report**

None received

2019/086 **Planning Matters**

WD/D/19/001487 – 4 Whitebeam Close, Charlton Down

WD/D/19/001249 – 3 Herrison Road, Charlton Down

WD/D/19/001339 – 2 North Street, Charminster

The respective North Ward and South Ward planning committees had not had a chance to visit neighbouring properties so it was agreed this would be done and report back any concerns to the Clerk who will then submit the PC's response.

WD/D/19/001544 – 51 Meadow View, Charminster

Demolition of existing conservatory and garage and erection of 2 dwellings

The proposed development was discussed at length and concerns were raised about the accessibility of the parking.

RE proposed the Parish Council object to the proposals due to the overdevelopment meaning the parking spaces are insufficient and inaccessible. PW seconded. Majority in favour.

2019/087 **Finance**

a) Financial Statement

b) Payments to be agreed

MS requested he be reimbursed for the £60.17 he spent securing the Charlton Down benches. CM proposed accepting the financial statement and all payment including the payment for MS and any regular payments that occur over the summer period when the PC do not meet. ME seconded. Majority in favour. MS signed the bank statements.

2019/088 **Charlton Down and Forston**

a) **Notice Board for Forston**

The Clerk explained she had written to all households in April asking if they would like to see a notice board installed on the gable end of Jim Goddard's barn. In the letter it stated that if no response was received, the PC would assume they were not in favour of a board. To date the Clerk has received 2 responses in favour, 2 against and 1 neutral. BL proposed the Parish Council do not purchase and install a notice board as demand for one is very limited. RE seconded. Majority in favour.

2019/089 **Charminster**

a) **Parking on Weir View**

Discussed earlier in meeting.

b) **20mph speed limit**

Discussed earlier in meeting

c) **Community Hall**

MS confirmed the community hall is nearly finished. The delay in handover is down to the floor not being laid yet.

d) **Grass and Tree in Haydon Hill Close**

The Clerk has contacted the Dorset Council tree officer regarding the tree growing adjacent to the two silver birches on the edge of the Green. The Tree Officer agreed that this tree could be removed to encourage the growth of the two silver birches which are more suitable trees for the area. CM proposed spending £150 to remove the tree and stump. ME seconded. Majority in favour.

Action: Clerk to arrange contractor

MS explained the grass is also in very poor condition. A local contractor who was attending a neighbouring property recently believes the area is infested in leather jackets. The Clerk will obtain a quote for the application of nematodes in the Autumn.

Action: Clerk to obtain quote

e) **Churchyard Footpath**

MS confirmed he had been to look at the footpath again and felt it has been brought up to the desired standard.

2019/090 **Matters of Information and Interest and items for next agenda**

CM requested the South Ward play parks be on the September agenda. The Clerk will arrange a South Ward and North Ward meeting over the summer.

Action: Clerk to arrange meetings

CM proposed spending up to £200 on new football nets for North Street and Broken Cross goals. KB seconded. Majority in favour.

Action: Clerk to order new nets

The Clerk will report the curb at the junction of Pound Close and Weir View – it is now difficult to turn left on to Weir View due to the angle of the curb.

Action: Clerk to report to Highways

2019/091 **Date of next meeting – 3rd September 2019** (provisionally in Charminster Community Hall)
The meeting closed at 8.05pm