

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

Minutes

Present: Mark Simons (Chair) (MS), Keith Beeson (KB), Mandy Edwards (ME), Richard East (RE), Caroline Elliman (CE) Tim Yarker (TY), Iain Young (IY)

In attendance: Sarah Davies (Clerk), District Councillor Fred Horsington and 3 members of the public.

2019/016 **Declarations of Interest** – to record declarations of interest in any item on the agenda.
MS declared an interest in item 2019/024 (Cerneminster Stables, Mill Lane, Charminster)

2019/017 **To consider grant of dispensations**
None received.

2019/018 **To receive apologies for absence**
Apologies had been received from Carol Matthews, Geri Brown, Ben Lucas, Gill Reese, Peter White and County Councillor Jill Haynes

2019/019 **To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5th February 2019**
TY proposed accepting the minutes of the 5th February 2019 as an accurate record. RE seconded. Majority in favour. MS signed and dated the minutes.

2019/020 **Matters arising from the above minutes**
MS confirmed he had installed the bench on Mill Lane, near Princes Plot and Lyn Masters has agreed to a plaque being put on the bench in memory of John Masters.
MS has installed the new tennis court net.

2019/021 **Public Discussion Period**
MS suspended the meeting at 7.05pm

A Charminster resident spoke against the planning application for 9 Mill Lane.
MS resumed the meeting and brought forward item 2019/0240 – 9 Mill Lane

The application for a new dwelling was discussed at length. A letter from another resident affected by the proposed plans was discussed and had been circulated to all members prior to the meeting.

RE proposed the Parish Council strongly object to the plans on the following grounds:

- 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 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.

IY seconded. All in favour

2019/022 **District Councillors Report**
TY informed the meeting that the new Dorset Council budget has been agreed. He said it is encouraging to note that the budget is balanced and includes additional investment in children's services and adult services. The aim was to protect front line services and this has been achieved for 2019/20.
TY confirmed he will be standing for election as a Dorset Councillor in May. MS thanked both him and Fred Horsington for all their hard work representing the Parish as District Councillors.

2019/023 **County Councillors Report**
None received

2019/024 **Planning Matters**

WD/D/19/000070 – Cerneminster Stables (Mill Lane, Charminster)
Change of use of existing stable to 1 no. dwelling

This application was discussed at length. KB proposed the Parish Council strongly object on the following grounds:

- The proposed development is outside the defined development boundary
- The existing building is not of permanent or substantial construction, it does not make a positive contribution to the local character and needs to be substantially rebuilt or extended, therefore the proposed plans are contrary to SUS3 of the Local Plan
- The proposed dwelling is not for affordable housing or for an essential rural workers' dwelling so again, the proposed plans are contrary to SUS3 of the Local Plan
- The proposed dwelling is in an isolated location on an unmade road with no electricity or water.
- There would be an adverse effect on wildlife.
- The plans are of a poor design for a sensitive location

TY seconded. Majority in favour. 1 abstention.

WD/D/19/00039 – 4 Whitebeam Close, Charlton Down

Erection of single storey rear extension

KB proposed the Parish Council supports this application subject to CM confirming that neighbours are happy with the plans. IY seconded. All in favour.

2019/025 **Finance**

- a) Financial Statement – MS signed the bank statements.
- b) Payments to be agreed.
KB proposed accepting the financial statement and payments to be made. ME seconded. All in favour.
- c) Receipt of allotment cheque
Deferred to next meeting
- d) Appointment of internal auditor
KB proposed the Parish Council appoint Denys Hood as its internal auditor for the next year. IY seconded. All in favour.

2019/026 **Community Hall Update**

The meeting on site had been useful. The Clerk will try to arrange another viewing for those that couldn't make the last one.

A public meeting will be held once the Parish Council has ownership of the hall.

2019/027 **Higher Charminster Footpath Update**

MS reported that planning permission has finally been granted for the footpath. The next stage is for DCC to build the footpath so the Clerk will contact Laura Russ at DCC to inform her planning permission has been granted.

Action: Clerk to contact DCC

2019/028 **Matters of Information and Interest and items for next agenda**

MS reminded everyone the next Litter Pick is on Saturday 16th March at 10am. Meet outside Charminster Village Hall on North Street or Charlton Down shop.

An article about standing at Parish Council elections in May will go in the Pilot as well as on Facebook, the PC website and notice boards.

2019/029 **Date of next meeting – 7pm on 2nd April 2019 at Charminster Village Hall**

The meeting closed at 7.50pm