

**Charminster Parish Council meeting 4<sup>th</sup> February 2020  
at Charminster Community Hall at 7.00pm**

**Draft Minutes**

**Present:** Mark Simons (MS) (Chair), Carol Matthews (CM), Keith Beeson (KB), Geri Brown (GB), Peter Dangerfield (PD), Richard East (RE), Mandy Edwards (ME), Ben Lucas (BL), Alan Rolls (AR), Richard Wareham (RW) and Tim Yarker (TY)

**In attendance:** Sarah Davies (Clerk), David Taylor (Dorset Councillor) and 14 members of the public

MS welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7pm. MS explained that a representative from Dorset Highways had been confirmed as attending but was not in attendance and had not sent their apologies.

2020/007    **Declarations of Interest** – to record declarations of interest in any item on the agenda.  
None

2020/008    **To consider grant of dispensations**  
None received.

2020/009    **To receive apologies for absence**  
Apologies had been received from Peter White

2020/010    **To approve the minutes** of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 and 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020  
TY proposed the minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> December 2019 be approved. CM seconded. Majority in favour.  
MS signed and dated the minutes.  
KB proposed the minutes of 21<sup>st</sup> January 2020 be approved. ME seconded. Majority in favour.  
MS signed and dated the minutes.

2020/011    **Matters arising from the above minutes**  
None

2020/012    **Charminster Farm Planning Application – Questions for Dorset Highways and Wyatt Homes' Transport Consultant**  
MS welcomed Alex Wozniczko (AW) from AWP (Wyatt Homes' transport consultant) as well as David Wyatt and Tim Hoskinson from Wyatt Homes. AW explained the proposals with regards to Highways. He explained that the junction of Weir View and the A37 will be altered to encourage traffic to slow down more as it comes off the A37. The turn will become a 90° turn. He confirmed that Highways had requested that the proposals included the closure of the junction of Soder Lane and the A37 and also the junction of Wanchard Lane and the A352.

2020/013    **Public Discussion Period**

A lengthy discussion took place about the effect the road closures will have on Weir View and the rest of the village. Suggestions were made by residents and Parish Councillors that included the following:

- Apply a weight restriction on Weir View to prevent lorries and large vehicles using this route.
- Install traffic lights or a roundabout at the junction of the new link road and the A37
- Install a central reservation to assist cars turning right onto the A37
- Create a one-way system on Wanchard Lane from the A352
- Possible resurfacing of the A37 to reduce noise

There was also the suggestion that junction at Wrackelford (A37/Soder Lane) could be improved to create the new access rather than creating the new road.

David Wyatt confirmed that the new link road is required to be of a finished standard before the road closures come into force.

There was a brief discussion about the cemetery and the possible requirement in the future for expansion.

The issue of noise for the new houses was discussed. Tim Hoskinson explained that the layout of the houses had been designed so that the houses nearest the A37 act as a sound barrier with their rear gardens being further from the road.

The issue of parking was raised with residents expressing concerns that in Phase 1 many residents park on pavements rather than their drives. The possibility of parking on the new link road was also discussed. Tim Hoskinson explained there will be parking areas to the side of the road as well as driveways onto the road which will prevent parking on the road.

2020/14 **To discuss planning application WD/D/19/003097**

KB proposed the Parish Council object to the planning application on the grounds it is outside the development boundary, an overdevelopment that is not appropriate to the scale of the village and the impact that the traffic proposals will have on Weir View and the rest of the village. RE seconded. 4 in favour, 5 against, 1 abstention.

BL made an alternative proposal the Parish Council object to the application on the grounds that the highways issues have not been resolved to the satisfaction of the Parish Council. CM seconded. 6 in favour. 3 abstentions.

2020/015 **Finance**

a) Financial Statement  
MS signed the bank statement.

b) Payments to be agreed  
KB proposed accepting the financial statement and all payments. TY seconded. Majority in favour.

2020/016 **Community Hall**

a) **Update report**

The Clerk confirmed the hall is now up and running with 4 regular hirers (including 2 Pilates Groups and Pre-School). Three children's parties have been held and bookings of various events are due to take place over the next few months including an IT workshop, more parties, a Salisbury Diocese two-day event, Dorset Youth Association Conference and a wedding. There is now a key safe on the outside of the hall which is making opening and closing easier. CM's husband has very kindly been looking at creating a website for the hall which will include Hallmaster as the Booking and Invoicing system.

b) **Expenditure to be agreed**

TY proposed the following items be purchased:

Baby Changing Unit	£150
Hygiene Bins and Bags x 4 (Ladies Toilets)	£280 (£69.68 each)
Cutlery Trays x 4	£15 (£3.50 each)
Catering Trolley (for serving drinks in other rooms)	£85
Hallmaster Contract (Bookings and Invoicing)	£187 per year
Registering domain <a href="http://www.charminstercommunityhall.co.uk">www.charminstercommunityhall.co.uk</a>	£6 per year
Website Hosting	£50 per year

CM seconded. All in favour.

2020/017 **Date for Litter Pick**

It was agreed the Annual Litter Pick will be held on Saturday 21<sup>st</sup> March from 10am

2020/018 **Date for April meeting**

The Clerk explained she would not be available on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> April (the proposed date of the April meeting). It was agreed to postpone the meeting until Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> April.

2020/019 **Matters of information and items for the next agenda**

The Clerk confirmed that the Parish Council report on the 20mph speed limit had been submitted to Mike Potter at Dorset Council. He will summarise the report before putting it to the Committee but he has confirmed he will recommend the proposals be approved.

The Clerk explained the delay installing the second bin outside the shop was down to a problem with the supply of the bins and also the operative who fits the bins for the Council has been off sick long-term.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.35pm