

**Charminster Parish Council meeting 1st September 2020
held virtually online via Zoom at 7.00pm**

Draft Minutes

Present: Mark Simons (MS) (Chair), Carol Matthews (CM) (Vice-Chair), Keith Beeson (KB), Geri Brown (GB), Peter Dangerfield (PD), Richard East (RE), Richard Wareham (RW), Peter White (PW) and Tim Yarker (TY)

In attendance: Sarah Davies (Clerk)

MS welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7pm. He also thanked the two outgoing members of the Council, Mandy Edwards and Ben Lucas and asked the Clerk to pass on the thanks of Council for all they have done during their time on the Council.

2020/045 **Declarations of Interest** – to record declarations of interest in any item on the agenda.
None

2020/046 **To consider grant of dispensations**
None received.

2020/047 **To receive apologies for absence**
None received

2020/048 **To approve the minutes** of the meeting held on 7th July 2020
TY proposed the minutes of 7th July 2020 be approved. CM seconded. All in favour. MS signed and dated the minutes.

2020/049 **Matters arising from the above minutes**
The Clerk confirmed the inflatable pub did not go ahead at Charlton Down as the owner had managed to secure other regular bookings throughout the summer.
There was discussion about the planning application for Bridge Cottage. PD informed the meeting that the owners of Bridge Cottage had received verbal confirmation that the application had been approved but if they went ahead with the plans, Highways would sue them for changing the width of the right of way. The Clerk confirmed she had not been informed of the approval. PD suggested the Parish Council request the access be changed from vehicle to pedestrian and horse only but it was agreed this was not for the Parish Council to do and instead for the owners to apply for the change.

2020/050 **Public Discussion Period**

No members of the public present

2020/051 **Planning Matters**

WD/D/19/003097 – Erect 82 no. dwellings – Charminster Farm

The revised application was discussed at length. KB proposed the following response:

- The Parish Council supports the application to close the junction with Wanchard Lane and North Street.
- The Parish Council supports the application for a weight restriction on Weir View.
- The Parish Council believe all the residential roads in the development should have a speed limit of 20mph so that they are in line with the new speed limit through much of the existing village. This should be paid for by Wyatt Homes.
- The Parish Council still has concerns over the proposed new junction with the A37, particularly the difficulty of turning right towards Yeovil during peak times without a central refuge to enable drivers to cross half-way. We are also concerned about cars queuing to get out of the junction causing traffic to back up along the link road and preventing residents reaching their homes.
- The design and specification of the allotments needs to be agreed with the Parish Council before starting on site. Wyatt Homes should provide the play equipment/MUGA after consultation with the Parish Council and this should be included in the S106 agreement.

- The Parish Council would also like to see the allotments and play areas and other new facilities managed by the Parish Council rather than a residents' owned management group as these facilities would be for the benefit of the whole village.
- The Parish Council has concerns about the parking standards used as Phase 1 has insufficient parking and is already experiencing problems with parking especially trade vehicles that are in addition to residents' own vehicles.

PD seconded. All in favour.

WD/D/20/001532 – Land adjacent to Linch Close, Charminster

TY proposed the Parish Council object to the application on the grounds it is a change of design from agricultural building to a residential dwelling. KB seconded. All in favour.

2020/052 Finance

a) Financial Statement

MS confirmed he had seen sight of the bank statement and it matches the figures provided by the Clerk in the financial statement.

b) Payments to be agreed

CM proposed accepting the financial statement and all payments (including payments made during August). RE seconded. All in favour.

2020/052 Community Hall

CM proposed reopening the hall from 28th September for regular low risk users. The kitchen should remain closed to prevent the need to deep clean it after every use. RW seconded. All in favour.

The Clerk and MS informed the meeting they had met with a contractor regarding the sound/AV system and are awaiting a quote.

2020/053 Seagers Barn Bench

Richard Coode has very kindly refurbished the bench at Seagers Barn during lockdown. He incurred costs of £65 and had asked the Parish Council to consider contributing towards this. CM proposed reimbursing him with the whole amount and TY seconded. All in favour. The Clerk was also asked to note the PC's thanks to both Richard and also Graham Matthews for assisting with transporting the bench back into position.

2020/054 Memorial bench or tree in Charlton Down

A request has been made from relatives of a Charlton Down resident who sadly passed away recently for a memorial tree or bench (without a plaque). CM proposed suggesting a walnut tree or similar in the edible orchard.

Action: Clerk to liaise with CM and relatives

2020/055 Matters of information and items for the next agenda

The ongoing problem of the noisy surface on the A37 was discussed. CM proposed contacting our MP to ask for his support in resolving the matter. PD seconded. All in favour.

Action: Clerk to contact MP

RW requested the issue of litter and toddler play equipment in the MUGA field be added to the October agenda.

KB asked the Clerk to report the blocked drain at the bottom of Wanchard Lane.

2020/056 Date of the next meeting

The next meeting will be on 6th October 2020 at 7pm.

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