

**Charminster Parish Council meeting 6<sup>th</sup> October 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), Alan Rolls (AR), Richard Wareham (RW), Peter White (PW) and Tim Yarker (TY)

**In attendance:** Sarah Davies (Clerk)

MS welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7pm.

2020/057 **Declarations of Interest** – to record declarations of interest in any item on the agenda.  
None

2020/058 **To consider grant of dispensations**  
None received.

2020/059 **To receive apologies for absence**  
Apologies had been received from Richard East

2020/060 **To approve the minutes** of the meeting held on 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020  
RW proposed the minutes of 1<sup>st</sup> September 2020 be approved. CM seconded. Majority in favour.  
MS signed and dated the minutes.

2020/061 **Matters arising from the above minutes**  
There were no matter arising

2020/062 **Public Discussion Period**  
  
No members of the public present

2020/063 **Planning Matters**  
  
No were planning applications to discuss.

2020/064 **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**  
The Clerk added 2 additional payments to the list circulated prior to the meeting. £288 for the Play Inspection Company for their annual inspections and £150 for Steve Manuel for cutting the grass bank at the community hall and £50 for cutting back the bushes at the BX playground.  
CM proposed accepting the financial statement and all payments. KB seconded. All in favour.

2020/065 **Community Hall**  
a) **To discuss quotes for AV systems**  
The clerk confirmed she and MS had met with one company who have provided a quote. The Clerk has also met with a second company but no quote has been provided yet. She will circulate the quotes and they can be discussed at the November meeting.  
b) **To discuss quote for fire alarm maintenance and repair**  
The Clerk confirmed she had met with a representative from a company based in Poole. His quote was £175 + VAT for 4 maintenance visits a year. KB proposed accepting quote and not asking the Clerk to obtain further quotes. TY seconded. All in favour.  
c) **To agree the Covid-19 Risk Assessment**  
The Clerk had circulated the risk assessment prior to the meeting and KB had circulated some proposed amendments. KB proposed agreeing the risk assessment with his amendments. RW seconded. All in favour.

2020/066 **To consider a request for a memorial tree in Charminster**  
PD proposed the family could plant a walnut tree or fruit tree could be planted in Millers Orchard. KB seconded. All in favour.

2020/067 **Broken Cross Play Area**

The problems with anti-social behaviour were discussed at length. It was agreed that some sort of screening would be beneficial. The Clerk will consult the immediate neighbours and ask if they would be happy with a wooden fence, no more than 6 feet high, placed on the outside of the play area fence to prevent it being damaged. If they agree, the Clerk will obtain permission from Magna and get some quotes for the November meeting.

2020/068 **Dorchester Youth Association – Outreach Project**

The Clerk explained that since the closure of Stratton Youth Club, DYA are running an outreach project in Charminster, Charlton Down and Stratton. At the moment these sessions are being run outside but with winter approaching, DYA are looking to run the sessions indoors. TY proposed allowing the group to use the Community Hall for free on a Saturday morning for 6 months to support the project. KB seconded. All in favour.

2020/069 **Charlton Down Allotments**

Members discussed the proposed changes to the tenancy agreement including the proposal to allow greenhouses. Although the allotment society had proposed only allowing polycarbonate or polythene, members felt this may prove expensive given the current situation with Covid and the increase in demand for Perspex. TY proposed agreeing the proposed amendments but allowing greenhouses made of any suitable material with the condition that the structures are removed by the allotment society if they become unsafe or derelict. CM seconded. Majority in favour. 1 against.

CM proposed spending £150 for the removal of the rubbish from the allotment site. RW seconded. Majority in favour.

2020/070 **Problems with litter**

The ongoing problem with litter on the highways was discussed. It was agreed that some signage may act as a deterrent to some so the Clerk will liaise with Highways as to what we could be allowed and where it can be placed. If allowed, it was agreed Wanchard Lane could be a good place to carry out a trial but a proposal can be made at the November meeting.

2020/071 **To consider installing toddler equipment on the MUGA field**

RW confirmed that parents have asked him if it would be possible to install some toddler equipment on the MUGA field to enable families with mixed aged children to all play in one place. The Clerk will obtain some prices and it can be discussed at the November meeting.

2020/072 **Matters of information and items for the next agenda**

TY raised the issue of the untidy middle of The Square. Terry Dixon has offered to tidy up the area but the hedge is included in the maintenance contract for Charminster. The Clerk will ask the contractor to bring forward his cut and she will also meet with Mr Dixon to see what else needs to be done.

2020/073 **Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 at 7pm.

There being no further business MS closed the meeting at 8.03pm