

**Charminster Parish Council meeting 1<sup>st</sup> December 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), 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.

2020/088    **Declarations of Interest** – to record declarations of interest in any item on the agenda.  
None

2020/089    **To consider grant of dispensations**  
None received.

2020/090    **To receive apologies for absence**  
None received

2020/091    **To approve the minutes** of the meeting held on 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020  
RW proposed the minutes of 3<sup>rd</sup> November 2020 be approved. RE seconded. Majority in favour.  
MS signed and dated the minutes.

2020/092    **Matters arising from the above minutes**  
MS reported on the meeting he had with Chris Loder MP regarding the noise of the A37 and traffic through the village. He was supportive of the issues but would like us to follow up with David Taylor once more before he gets involved. His PA also believed that there was an agreement in writing a few years ago that the road would be resurfaced with a noise reducing surface but she is unable to produce this as this was during Oliver Letwin's time and all emails have to be destroyed. The Clerk has contacted Jill Haynes but she cannot access her Dorset County Council emails. It was agreed we should submit a freedom of information request to see if Dorset Council can find the agreement. The Clerk will also contact Dorset Council to request the results of their noise surveys before and after resurfacing. The surveys produced by Wyatt Homes will also be re-examined.

2020/093    **Public Discussion Period**  
  
No members of the public present

2020/094    **Planning Matters**

WD/D/20/002223 – 11 Higher Charminster  
CM proposed the Parish Council support the application. PW seconded. All in favour.

WD/D/20/002271 – Little Puddle Farm  
TY proposed no objection to the application. CM seconded. All in favour

2020/095    **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  
KB proposed accepting the financial statement and all payments. CM seconded. All in favour.

## Recommendations from Finance & General Purposes Committee

- i. KB explained the application for grants received from local organisations had been discussed at the recent F&GP meeting. TY proposed the following list be accepted. PD seconded. All in favour.

<b>Group/Organisation</b>	<b>Proposed Donation</b>
St Mary's First School	£1500.00
Charminster Pre-School	£3500.00
1 <sup>st</sup> Charminster Scout Group (including Beavers & Cubs)	£300.00
Charminster Guides	£200.00
Charminster Brownies	£200.00
Charlton Down Cricket Club	£200.00
<b>Total</b>	<b>£5900.00</b>

- ii. **Budget & Precept**  
KB explained the budget and precept for 2021/22 had been discussed at length. KB explained that members of the F&GP committee had felt it was important not to increase the precept next year. With that in mind KB proposed a budget of £42,300 be accepted and the PC apply for a precept for this amount. TY seconded. All in favour.
- iii. **GDPR policy**  
KB proposed the new GDPR policy be adopted. CM seconded. All in favour.
- iv. **Risk Assessments**  
KB proposed no changes needed to be made to the general Parish Council risk assessment document and the new Community Hall risk assessment document should be adopted. RW seconded. All in favour.

### 2020/096 **Community Hall**

- a) As the Clerk is still waiting for revised quotes for the projector system and the Parish Council are not meeting until February, CM proposed spending up to £21,000 on the AV system for the community hall. PD seconded. All in favour. RE asked the Clerk to find out whether a maintenance contract is included.
- b) CM proposed spending up to £400 on a table tennis table for the community hall. KB seconded. All in favour.
- c) KB proposed spending £700 on a noticeboard for the outside of the hall. RE seconded. All in favour.

### 2020/097 **To consider quote for repairing kissing gate on footpath from East Hill**

The Clerk confirmed Spring Grove Forge had quoted £200 for the repair of the kissing gate. It was agreed the gatepost should be replaced before any repairs are carried out. TY proposed spending up to £350 for all the work. RE seconded. All in favour

### 2020/098 **To consider quote for repairing Fingerpost at junction of C12 and Rectory Lane**

Quote not received yet.

### 2020/099 **To consider quote for fence panels at Broken Cross play area**

CM proposed spending £400 on the installation of 4 fence panels on the outside of play area. TY seconded. All in favour.

### 2020/100 **Litter signs for Wanchard Lane**

The Clerk is still waiting for a reply from Dorset Waste Partnership

### 2020/101 **Matters of information and items for the next agenda**

AR suggested the cycleway on the C12 be extended to Vicarage Lane. CM confirmed she had submitted this suggestion a few months ago.

### 2020/102 **Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be on 8<sup>th</sup> December at 7pm to discuss the proposed development at Charlton Down. The next monthly Parish Council meeting is on 2<sup>nd</sup> February 2021

There being no further business MS closed the meeting at 8.02pm