

**Charminster Parish Council meeting Tuesday 2nd February 2021
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) and Tim Yarker (TY)

Also in attendance: Sarah Davies (Clerk), Dorset Councillor David Taylor (DT) and 1 member of the public

MS welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7pm.

MS informed members that Peter White had decided to stand down as a Parish Councillor. Members asked for their thanks for his service to be noted in the minutes.

2021/006 **Declarations of Interest** – to record declarations of interest in any item on the agenda.
None

2021/007 **To consider grant of dispensations**
None received.

2021/008 **To receive apologies for absence**
None received

2021/009 **To approve the minutes** of the meetings held on 1st December 2020, 8th December 2020 and 5th January 2021
KB proposed the minutes of 1st December 2020 be approved. PD seconded. Majority in favour.
MS signed and dated the minutes.
CM proposed the minutes of 8th December 2020 be approved. KB seconded. Majority in favour.
MS signed and dated the minutes.
KB proposed the minutes of 5th January 2020 be approved. TY seconded. All in favour.

2021/110 **Matters arising from the above minutes**
No matters arising

2021/111 **Public Discussion Period**

There were no comments from the public.

Cllr David Taylor spoke about the Strawberry Fields development.
Members requested David Taylor arranges an open session via Zoom to be held between Dorset Council officers responsible for creating the local plan, the Parish Council and residents of Charminster Parish. This would give people the opportunity to hear what officers are proposing and why and ask questions they may have.

Action: Clerk to confirm with David Taylor

CM asked David Taylor to find out whether there are plans to relocate Forston Clinic before 2038.
(7.20pm David Taylor left the meeting)

2021/112 **Planning Matters**

WD/D/20/003036 – Watcombe Farm (installation of ground source heat pump)
KB proposed the Parish Council support the application. PD seconded. All in favour.

WD/D/20/003137 – 4 Walnut Court, Charlton Down (erection of a garden room)
CM proposed no objection to the application. TY seconded. Majority in favour

2021/113 **Finance**

a) Financial Statement

MS & CM confirmed they 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

MS explained the table tennis had been purchased but it had cost £529 in total. He asked for this amount to be added to the payments to be made.

The Clerk explained that Steve Manuel (Charminster contractor) had requested not to invoice us until April for December, January, February and March for accounting purposes. Members agreed this was acceptable.

CM proposed accepting the financial statement and all payments. AR seconded. All in favour.

2021/014 **Community Hall**

- a) RW suggested that the grants received from Dorset Council during recent closures of the hall could be used to support local organisations or individuals. There was lengthy discussion about how the funds should be used and whether they should remain in the hall funds as originally intended.
CM proposed the money allocated to the hall stays with the hall but the Parish Council consider using other funds to help local organisations in need due to Covid using our usual grants policy. MS to write an article for the Pilot. TY seconded. Majority in favour. 1 abstention.

Action: MS to write article for Pilot

- b) CM proposed spending £936.48 + VAT on the noticeboard for the community hall.

Action: Clerk to order notice board

2021/015 **To consider quote for new gatepost (on footpath from East Hill)**

The Clerk confirmed James Moger had quoted £325 for the supply and installation of a new gatepost. The residents adjacent to the gatepost have agreed to pay half the amount. TY proposed spending £162.50. RE seconded. All in favour

Action: Clerk to liaise with contractor

2021/016 **To consider quote for supply and installation of Concealed Entrance Sign for Cricket Club**

CM proposed spending up to £329.74 for the supply and installation of the concealed entrance sign requested by the Cricket Club. GB seconded. All in favour.

Action: Clerk to liaise with Highways

2021/017 **Renewal of defibrillator (Charlton Down)**

The Clerk informed the meeting that the renewal cost for 4 years is £1800 + VAT. This cost was originally paid for by Charlton Down Village Hall. Members asked the clerk to find out if any other schemes were less expensive.

As the renewal date is 10th March, CM proposed spending up to £1800 + VAT unless the Clerk is able to find a cheaper alternative. AR seconded. All in favour. 1 abstention.

Action: Clerk to investigate costs

2021/018 **Proposal by resident for C12 cycleway to be extended to Vicarage Lane**

CM proposed the Parish Council ask Dorset Council to investigate the potential for extending the cycleway way from Westleaze to Vicarage Lane. PD seconded. Majority in favour.

Action: Clerk to contact Dorset Council

2021/019 **Matters of information and items for the next agenda**

CM asked the Clerk to ask DWP if they are intending to do a litter pick between Monkeys Jump roundabout and Weirs roundabout as there is a lot of rubbish visible since the verges have been flailed.

Action: Clerk to contact DWP

2021/020 **Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be on 9th February 2021 to discuss the Charminster Farm application. The next monthly Parish Council meeting will be on 2nd March at 7pm.

There being no further business MS closed the meeting at 8.10pm