

**Charminster Parish Council meeting Tuesday 6th April 2021
held virtually online via Zoom at 7.00pm**

Draft Minutes

Present: Mark Simons (MS) (Chair), Carol Matthew (CM) (Vice-Chair), Keith Beeson (KB), Geri Brown (GB), Peter Dangerfield (PD), Richard East (RE), Sue Fraser (SF), Alan Rolls (AR), Richard Wareham (RW) and Tim Yarker (TY)

Also in attendance: Sarah Davies (Clerk) and 3 members of the public

MS welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7pm.

- 2021/040 **Declarations of Interest** – to record declarations of interest in any item on the agenda.
PD declared an interest in item 2021/047 Planning Application for 3 Mill Lane (as the owner of the property)
- 2021/041 **To consider grant of dispensations**
None received.
- 2021/042 **To receive apologies for absence**
None received
- 2021/043 **To approve the minutes** of the meetings held on 2nd March 2021
A member of the public raised concerns that the minutes from 2nd March 2021 state the wind turbines proposed in the Local Plan under COMS11 are small scale turbines. The resident believed the map shows them to potentially be large scale turbines. It was agreed the Clerk and MS would investigate further and if required, an amended response to the Local Plan could be considered at the May meeting.
KB proposed the minutes be approved. AR seconded. Majority in favour. MS signed and dated the minutes.
- 2021/044 **Matters arising from the above minutes**
No matters arising
- 2021/045 **Co-option of North Ward Councillor**
CM proposed Sue Fraser be co-opted to the North Ward of the Parish Council. RW seconded. All in favour. SF signed the paperwork and will pass to the Clerk.
- 2021/046 **Public Discussion Period**

MS suspended the formal part of the meeting at 7.10pm

A Charlton Down resident put forward a proposal to create a secure dog training area within the Community Orchard. She felt it would be good to have an area within the village that is totally secure to enable people to train and socialise their dogs. MS and CM explained that a few years ago the Parish Council had made the decision to ban dogs off lead in the Orchard to try to alleviate the problem of dog fouling. Due to the number of trees in the orchard, it is hard for dog owners to see if their dog is fouling when off lead and away from them. The resident believed it would encourage people to use the orchard and felt there are plenty of other places in the village for children to go.

MS resumed the formal part of the meeting at 7.21pm
- 2021/47 **Planning Matters**

P/HOU/2021/00120 – 24 Herrison Road, Charlton Down
Form new window opening, change existing window opening to French doors, replace all remaining windows, replace fascias, gutters and conservatory.
CM proposed the Parish Council support the application. TY seconded. Majority in favour.

WD/D/20/003217 – 9 Higher Charminster
Single storey extension to rear and two storey side extension including internal remodelling.
TY proposed supporting the application. KB seconded. Majority in favour.

WD/D/21/000044 – 3 Mill Lane, Charminster

Repair boundary walls, install new gates to existing accesses and associated works.

KB stated he felt the proposed works would enhance the Grade 2 property. TY proposed supporting the application. KB seconded. Majority in favour. PD abstained.

WD/D//20/003282 – Wolfteon Manor, 16 East Hill, Charminster

Demolition of satellite building and erection of extensions to existing care home

KB proposed supporting the application subject to the planners being satisfied that the view to the south is not adversely affected and there should be no significant felling of mature trees. CM seconded. Majority in favour.

2021/048 **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. KB seconded. All in favour.

c) TY spoke about the financial situation of The Pilot publication. He explained it is funded by advertising revenue (which is considerably lower due to Covid) and the 2 Parish Councils and 2 Parochial Church Councils. Costs have increased due to the larger print run with Charminster Farm. A request was put forward for a donation of £750 which included £250 to pay off the outstanding debt from a previous loan made by the Parish Council and a £500 donation. Members agreed it is a very worthwhile publication and is well produced with a variety of articles and now represents the wider community.

It was agreed that subject to checking rules and regulations about publishing the content online, TY would send a digital version to CM for inclusion on the Parish Council website.

KB proposed the Parish Council writes off the £250 loan and gives a donation of £750. PD seconded. Majority in favour.

Action: Clerk to set up payment

d) Tennis Court Bookings

CM proposed spending £120 per year on the LTA Clubspark online booking system. TY seconded. Majority in favour.

Action: Clerk to set up online system

2021/049 **Transfer of land at Haydon Hill Close**

MS explained that on completion of the development, the small area of grass in the middle and the original hedge on Drakes Lane should have transferred to the Parish Council along with a payment of £5,000 for maintenance. The delay was due to the retaining wall around the grass area. The PC assumed the wall would be inspected by the building inspector who would certify it had been built properly. But the company self-certified so couldn't provide a building control certificate for it. The Parish Council asked for an indemnity policy in case the wall fell down but the developer would not provide one. Members agreed that as the wall shows no sign of decay the transfer should go ahead. KB proposed instructing the PC's solicitor to complete the transfer of land. RW seconded. Majority in favour.

Action: Clerk to instruct solicitor

2021/050 **Charminster**

a) Meadow View

CM proposed that subject to MS and the Clerk checking the proposed location, the Parish Council support the proposal for white parking bays and 1 disabled bay to be painted on the road by Dorset Council. RW seconded. Majority in favour.

Action: Clerk and MS to liaise with Magna/Dorset Council

b) Request from St Marys School to use the Community Hall as an emergency evacuation point.

KB proposed the community hall be available to the school in the event of a terrorist attack or dangerous intruder. PD seconded. Majority in favour. The Clerk will provide the school with the code to the emergency key safe.

Action: Clerk to liaise with School

- c) Consider a contractor for treatment of grass in Haydon Hill
CM proposed spending up to £200 for grass treatment. AR seconded. Majority in favour.
The Clerk will liaise with the Haydon Hill resident who is proposing a small wildflower area in the grass.

Action: Clerk to liaise with contractor

- d) RE proposed spending £401 on a recycled plastic bench for the top of Princes Plot. SF seconded. Majority in favour.

Action: Clerk to order bench

- e) RW proposed spending £250 on the installation of a new litter bin at Broken Cross (at junction of C12) and £5.50 per empty. PD seconded. Majority in favour.

Action: Clerk to liaise with DWP

2021/051 **Charlton Down**

- a) Request from a resident to create an enclosed Dog Training area in the Community Orchard
CM proposed the area is not made secure or used as a dog training area. RW seconded. Majority in favour.

- b) Repair of sign at Nature Area
CM proposed spending up to £50 on metal sockets for the legs of the sign. RW seconded. Majority in favour.

Action: MS to repair

- c) New seating area under shelter on MUGA field
CM proposed spending up to £550 on a brown recycled plastic picnic bench to be placed under the shelter. AR seconded. Majority in favour.

Action: Clerk to order bench

2021/052 **Respond to Chris Loder's email asking for the Parish Council's view on the proposal for a Dorset National Park**

KB proposed we respond to say the Parish Council objects to the creation of National Park in Dorset. Members feel it will add to bureaucracy and would be detrimental to Charminster's well-being as our parish is just outside the area which would be inside the National Park. There are also concerns it would potentially be undemocratic.

RW seconded. Majority in favour.

Action: Clerk to reply to Chris Loder

2021/053 **Community Governance Review**

The dates for the review were noted.

2021/054 **Dorset Council survey of DAPTC's service provision**

CM proposed the Clerk respond to the survey. KB seconded. Majority in favour.

Action: Clerk to respond to survey

2021/055 **Matters of information and items for the next agenda**

MS updated members on the North Street footway. There is an opportunity to create a wildflower area to the side of the path. KB proposed spending up to £250 on the purchase of wildflower seeds and plug plants. CM seconded. Majority in favour.

TY informed the meeting that Haydon Farm is now promoting itself as a wedding venue. Although the internal works have had planning permission, no mention was made to use the site for wedding receptions although MS believed that up to six weddings can be held per year without a change of use. Other members believed this may not be the case and would expect to see an application for change of use and listing building consent.

2021/056 **Date of the next meeting**

The next meeting will be on 4th May 2021 at 7pm (via Zoom)

There being no further business MS closed the meeting at 8.41pm