

**Charminster Parish Council meeting Tuesday 6th July 2021
at Charminster Community Hall at 7pm**

Draft Minutes

Present: Mark Simons (MS) (Chair), Carol Matthews (CM) (Vice-Chair), Keith Beeson (KB), Geri Brown (GB), Peter Dangerfield (PD) Julie Jackson (JJ), Alan Rolls (AR) and Tim Yarker (TY)

Also in attendance: Sarah Davies (Clerk) and 1 member of the public

MS welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7pm

2021/093 **Declarations of Interest** – to record declarations of interest in any item on the agenda.
None received

2021/094 **To consider grant of dispensations**
None received.

2021/095 **To receive apologies for absence**
Apologies had been received from Richard East, Susan Fraser, Louisa Swabey-Payne, Richard Wareham

2021/096 **To approve the minutes** of the meetings held on 8th June 2021
KB proposed the minutes be approved. CM seconded. Majority in favour. MS signed and dated the minutes.

2021/097 **Matters arising from the above minutes**
The Clerk explained she had not received an update from the planning officer regarding the Strawberry Fields or Charlton Down planning applications.
She had not received a response regarding the Chalkstream consultation.

2021/098 **Public Discussion Period**
MS suspended the formal part of the meeting at 7.10pm to take comments and questions from the public.

The issue of misplaced road name signs in Charminster Farm was discussed. MS agreed that some of the signs are misleading and confusing and explained that he had discussed the matter with David Wyatt of Wyatt Homes who said they had placed and installed signs where Dorset Council had requested them. It was agreed the Clerk will contact Dorset Council and request they take a look at the situation.

Action: Clerk to contact Dorset Council

MS resumed the formal part of the meeting at 7.14pm

2021/099 **Planning Matters**

No planning applications had been received.

2021/100 **Finance**

a) Financial Statement

MS checked the bank statements against the financial statement.

b) Payments to be agreed

KB proposed accepting the financial statement and payments to be made. CM seconded. All in favour.

c) Investments

The Clerk confirmed she had contacted the Dorchester Town Clerk about investments. He had confirmed that the Town Council have over £200k in its Lloyds Current account as members do not believe the Government would allow Lloyds bank to go under and therefore they are not concerned about having more than the £85,000 that is protected under the Financial Compensation Scheme. The Clerk had looked for alternative accounts with different banks and the CCLA but currently the interest rates are around 0.03-0.05%

KB proposed the money is left where it is for now and the Clerk will monitor interest rates on a quarterly basis. CM seconded. All in favour.

2021/101 **Charminster**

- a) **Community Hall**
Mirrors - JJ proposed spending £1,452 on mirrors in the three toilets. This includes safety backed mirrors above all the sinks in each toilet and a full-length mirror in the ladies toilet and accessible toilet.

Action: Clerk to liaise with contractor

Music Licence – The Clerk explained that a music licence needs to be obtained in order to play music at events and during exercise classes. She has applied for the licence but not received a quote. CM proposed spending up to £700. AR seconded. All in favour.

Waste Collection and Hygiene Bins – the Clerk confirmed had set up a monthly waste collection with DWP at a cost of £7 a month and a hygiene bin service at a cost of £14.62 a month (bins will be emptied on a fortnightly basis).

- b) & c) **Cemetery Railings**
A lengthy discussion was held about the repainting of the cemetery railings and the 3 different quotes obtained by the Clerk. CM proposed spending up to £2,000 on painting the roadside railings using a qualified painter and decorator and up to £350 on the painting of the swings and roundabout in the North Street Play Area. KB seconded. All in favour.

Action: Clerk to liaise with contractors

- d) **In ground trampoline and Shelter at Broken Cross**
The Clerk confirmed she had contacted Dorchester Town Council who had provided reassurance that they have not had any complaints or injuries from the in-ground trampolines they have in their parks. To date the Clerk had only got quotes around £5,000 so will try to get some lower quotes.
The Clerk had met with a resident of Broken Cross who has offered his help with building a shelter in the park. He is preparing drawings and a quote. CM proposed spending up to £1,500 subject to members agreeing a final design via email. PD seconded. All in favour.

2021/102 **Charlton Down**

- a) **Consider new joint sign for Nature Area & Orchard**
It was agreed to either repair or replace the existing signs. Item for September agenda once North Ward members and Mark have looked at different options.
- b) **Removal of dead tree on Herrison Road**
The Clerk confirmed the price of felling the dead tree behind Greenwood House, on Herrison Road is £625 + VAT
- c) **Tree work (further to recent survey)**
The Clerk is in the process of obtaining quotes for the large amount of tree work required around Charlton Down. CM proposed spending up to £5,000 on the first two areas. PD seconded. All in favour.

2021/103 **Consider adopting new code of conduct**

Members discussed the proposed new code of conduct and many felt it was not easy to read. TY proposed the Parish Council do not adopt it. KB seconded. All in favour.

2021/104 **Matters of information and items for the next agenda**

TY asked the Clerk to add the Queen's Platinum Jubilee celebrations to the September agenda

The Clerk will attempt to obtain a map showing all the TPO trees in Charminster and Charlton Down.

2021/105 **Date of the next meeting**

The date of the next meeting is 7th September at 7pm. Venue to be confirmed.

There being no further business MS closed the meeting at 8.11pm