

**Charminster Parish Council meeting Tuesday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2022  
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), Richard East (RE), Susan Frazer (SF), Ollie Greenaway (OG), Julie Jackson (JJ), Alan Rolls (AR), Louisa Swabey-Payne (LP), Richard Wareham (RW) and Tim Yarker (TY)

**Also in attendance:** Sarah Davies (Clerk), Marilyn Kay (Editor of The Pilot)

MS welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7pm

2022/001    **Declarations of Interest**  
There were no declarations of interest

2022/002    **To consider grant of dispensations**  
None received.

2022/003    **To receive apologies for absence**  
There were no apologies for absence.

2022/004    **To approve the minutes** of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> December 2021  
KB proposed the minutes be approved. PD seconded. Majority in favour. MS signed and dated the minutes.

2022/005    **Matters arising from the above minutes**  
The Clerk confirmed she had received a good response from the Assistant Clerk advert and interviews would be held w/c 14<sup>th</sup> February with MS/LP and the Clerk interviewing.

2022/006    **Public Discussion Period**  
There were no questions from the public. LP said she had received complaints about the number of potholes in Church Lane and the Clerk confirmed she was already liaising with Dorset Council about this.

2022/007    **Planning Matters**  
  
P/HOU/2021/05729 – 22 East Hill, Charminster  
TY proposed the Parish Council raises no objection. RE seconded. Majority in favour.  
  
P/LBC/2021/05575 – Mohuns Little Bridge, Burton Road, Dorchester  
RE proposed the Parish Council raises no objection. CM seconded. Majority in favour.

2022/008    **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. Majority in favour.  
  
c)        Cemetery Charges  
After a lengthy discussion it was agreed that MS/CM/SD would put together some proposed figures and present them to the March meeting.

2022/009    **Queen's Jubilee – proposals for improvements and commemorations in Charminster and Charlton Down.**  
Various options were discussed. OG and JJ put forward the suggestion of creating a Platinum Jubilee Garden on the piece of land at the junction of West Hill and North Street – it would include an engraved commemorative stone as well as seasonal planting and sensory planting for children. It was felt it would help make that area more presentable. MS suggested maybe a stone bench or sculpture. SF and CM suggested a similar idea for Charlton Down, perhaps on the green triangle of grass next to the allotments (by the C12).  
TY proposed that members agree in principal to investigate the ideas further and a working party be created for each ward to develop the ideas discussed at the meeting and come back to the March meeting with costs and a more detailed plan. South Ward working party will be OG and JJ and North Ward will be CM and SF. It was also proposed that the house dressing idea goes ahead. CM seconded. Majority in favour.

**2022/010 Annual Litter Pick**

It was agreed the annual litter pick will be held on Sunday 3<sup>rd</sup> April. It will be advertised in the Pilot and on Facebook. The cricket club will be asked if they would open the clubhouse to serve coffee and cake for volunteers and South Ward members will offer the same at the community hall.

**2022/011 Charlton Down**

- a) Tennis courts – CM proposed adding the maintenance of the tennis courts (excluding cleaning/treating) to the maintenance contract at a cost of £450 per year. This would include 4 visits to clear leaves and 2 visits to cut back vegetation.  
The Clerk explained that cutting back the vegetation takes longer than it needs to as Herrison House management committee do not allow us to cut back their vegetation from their side of the fence so it has to be done from within the courts. KB seconded the proposal. Majority in favour.
- b) Quote for removeable post for Orchard  
CM proposed accepting the quote of £450 + VAT to supply and install a removeable post so that wood chippings can be delivered to the orchard when the PC has tree work carried out. TY seconded. Majority in favour.
- c) Allotments Inspection – report from Councillors  
RW had circulated a report prior to the meeting. One item on the report was the proposal for the Parish Council to pay the costs of removing the rubble and rubbish at the top of the allotments. TY proposed the allotments committee obtain quotes and present them to the PC. KB seconded. Majority in favour.
- d) Memorial Tree for edible orchard  
Members were asked to consider the request by 2 residents to plant a memorial tree in the edible orchard (paid for by the residents). PD proposed allowing a tree to be planted and suggested a Mulberry tree (subject to costs not being prohibitive). RE seconded. Majority in favour.
- e) Quote for replanting of trees on Rowan Walk (once diseased horse chestnuts are felled)  
Clerk to obtain further quotes – item for March or April agenda

**2022/012 Community Hall**

- a) Quotes for floor to ceiling lockable storage cupboards in the Parish Office  
2 quotes were discussed and TY proposed accepting the quote for £1734 + VAT. CM seconded. Majority in favour.
- b) Maintenance of flower beds in car park and at back of hall  
AR suggested asking a gardener in Broken Cross if he would like to quote for the work. AR to pass him the Clerk's details.

**2022/013 30mph roundel for North Street**

Dorset Council has quoted £450 to paint one roundel in the road near Higher Charminster. Members felt this was expensive and asked the Clerk to request Dorset Council try to include it in their budget for the next financial year.

**2022/014 Enhanced Partnership Consultation**

After a lengthy discussion, PD proposed the Parish Council responds saying it looks forward to seeing the practical proposals for the BSIP to improve public transport provision in Charminster and the wider area.

**2022/015 Blue Badge Parking Policy Proposals**

It was agreed the Parish Council would make no response to the consultation.

**2022/016 Request from Hyas Associates to meet with the Parish Council**

It was agreed the Clerk will ask Hyas to meet with Councillors (face to face if possible but if not virtually).

**2022/017 Matters of information and interest and items for the next agenda**

None

**2022/018 Date of the next meeting**

The date of the next meeting is 1<sup>st</sup> March 2022 at 7pm at Charminster Community Hall. There being no further business MS closed the meeting at 20.41