

**Charminster Parish Council meeting Tuesday 1st March 2022
at Charminster Community Hall at 7pm**

Draft Minutes

Present: Mark Simons (MS) (Chair), Carol Matthews (CM) (Vice-Chair), Keith Beeson (KB), Peter Dangerfield (PD), 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) and 5 members of the public.

MS welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7pm

2022/119 Declarations of Interest

Declaration of interest from RW re 2022/130 Redwood House

2022/120 To consider grant of dispensations

None received.

2022/121 To receive apologies for absence

There were apologies for absence from Geri Brown and Richard East.

2022/122 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 1st February 2022.

CM proposed the minutes be approved. RW seconded. Majority in favour. MS signed and dated the minutes.

2022/123 Matters arising from the above minutes

PD confirmed he had received the saplings from the Westleaze resident. 3 Oaks and 3 horsechestnuts.

2022/124 Public Discussion Period

MS suspended the formal part of the meeting at 7.10pm to take comments and questions from the public.

The new owners of Ivy Cottage (Old Sherborne Road) requested that some sort of screening be put in place now that the leylandii have been cut down in the Broken Cross play area. Members agreed to consider a plan for replanting/fencing and assured the residents that they would be kept informed.

A resident requested an update on Phase 4 of Charminster Farm. MS explained that the application was still with the planning officer. The same resident asked about item 2022/129 a&c on the agenda (Fire Alarm and Outside Lights). He asked why the PC are not asking Wyatt to rectify the issues. The Clerk explained that for safety reasons the work should be done and then continue the discussions with Wyatt Homes to try to recoup the money.

MS resumed the formal part of the meeting at 7.26pm

2022/125 Planning Matters

There were no planning applications to discuss.

2022/126 Finance

a) Financial Statement

MS checked the bank statements against the financial statement.

b) Payments to be agreed

MS explained he had purchased new hedge plants to replace the ones cut down by the contractor when the North Street hedge was cut back recently. As the planting season was already upon us, MS explained he had ordered the plants so that they could be planted asap. The total cost was £159.98.

CM proposed accepting the financial statement and payments to be made including reimbursing MS for hedge plants. KB seconded. Majority in favour.

- 2022/127 **Queen's Jubilee – proposals for improvements and commemorations in Charminster and Charlton Down.**
 OG and JJ have met with Highways and Countryside teams who are supportive of the idea to develop the piece of land on the corner of North Street and West Hill (opposite the village hall). OG is obtaining further quotes for the work.
- CM and SF have visited a quarry on Portland and received a quote for 4 stones (some can be sat on) that could be placed in the section of land between the cricket club car park and the edible orchard.
- Further discussions will be had in April when we have more idea of costs.
 The Clerk will try to find grants available to PCs for Jubilee commemorations.
- The Clerk reminded members that an advert for the Best Dressed House Competition needs to be sorted soon.
- 2022/128 **Assistant Clerk Position**
- KB proposed that members devolve authority to the interviewing committee (MS, CM, LP and SD) to appoint an assistant clerk following the interviews on Tuesday 8th March. AR seconded. All in favour.
- 2022/129 **Community Hall**
- a) Quote for fire alarm work – resolving issues with the installation
 CM proposed spending £305 + VAT to rectify the issues with the fire alarm and the Clerk will continue to try to recoup the money from Wyatt Homes. AR seconded. Majority in favour
 - b) Maintenance of flower beds in car park and at back of hall
 Deferred to April meeting
 - c) Quote for replacement outside lights
 Deferred to April meeting
 - d) "School run café" – future charges
 TY proposed allowing the School Run Café to hire the hall free of charge until the end of the summer term. PD seconded. All in favour.
 - e) Noise complaint from Friday morning Zumba class
 The Clerk confirmed she had received complaints from residents about the volume of music played during the 9.30 Zumba Class on a Friday. The Clerk had requested the instructor lower the volume on 3 occasions but no change was made. However, the group has decided not to continue hiring the hall.
- 2022/130 **Redwood House – addition of pedestrian gate from gardens**
 RW explained that the management company for Redwood House would like to add in a pedestrian gate next to the field gate that leads from the gardens (near the edible orchard). It would involve repositioning some of the kerb stones. CM proposed the Parish Council allow the repositioning of kerbstones subject to the new area being filled with tarmac to match the rest of the driveway. PD seconded. Majority in favour. 1 abstention.
- 2022/131 **Request from Charlton Down Cricket Club for a donation towards the repair of the club fencing**
 The Clerk confirmed the club has not yet received quotes for the work. Members requested that once these quotes have been received, the club apply for a grant in the usual way – stating how much money they are applying for and showing a copy of their up to date accounts.
- 2022/132 **North Dorchester Garden Community Board – decide if the Parish Council wish to have a representative.**
 Members agreed it was important to have a representative on the Board so that information can be fed back to the public. KB stressed that it was important for Hyas to know that it did not mean the Parish Council was in agreement with the proposals. TY offered to attend the meetings. PD proposed TY join the Board. AR seconded. Majority in favour.

2022/133 **Review of Policies**

CM and KB offered to review all the policies and feedback to full council.

2022/134 **Matters of information and interest and items for the next agenda**

TY informed the meeting that Marilyn Kay was standing down as editor of the Pilot Magazine. A replacement will need to be found.

The Clerk will speak to Highways about the issue of cars parking on the verge along the C12 and also the placement of the 20mph signage.

2022/135 **Date of the next meeting**

The date of the next meeting is 5th April 2022 at 7pm at Charminster Community Hall. There being no further business MS closed the meeting at 20.14pm