

**Charminster Parish Council meeting Tuesday 3rd May 2022
at Charminster Community Hall at 7.45pm**

Minutes

Present: Mark Simons (MS) (Chair), Carol Matthews (CM) (Vice-Chair), Peter Dangerfield (PD), Oliver Greenaway (OG), Julie Jackson (JJ), Louisa Swabey-Payne (LP), Alan Rolls (AR), Richard Wareham (RW) and Tim Yarker (TY)

Also in attendance: Sarah Davies (Clerk) and 8 members of the public

MS welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7.45pm.

2022/154 To elect a Chairman

TY asked for nominations for the role of Chairman. CM proposed Mark Simons. TY asked if anyone else would like to nominate someone. No other nominations. TY asked for a show of hands in support of electing MS as Chairman. All in favour.

2022/155 To elect a Vice-Chairman

PD proposed Carol Matthews. LP seconded. All in favour.

2022/156 Declarations of Interest – to record declarations of interest in any item on the agenda.

None

2022/157 To consider grant of dispensations

None received.

2022/158 To receive apologies for absence

Apologies had been received from Geri Brown, Keith Beeson, Richard East, Susan Frazer and Dorset Councillor David Taylor.

2022/159 To approve the minutes of the meetings held on 5th April 2022

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

2022/160 Matters arising from the above minutes

None

2022/161 Public Discussion Period

MS suspended the formal part of the meeting at 7.56pm.

A resident of West Hill asked if the Parish Council could contact Highways about white lines around the corner at West Hill as parking on this bend has increased.

Action: Clerk to contact Highways

The owners of Ivy Cottage asked for an update on the potential screening at Broken Cross Play Area. The Clerk explained she had sent them two emails updating them on her progress with Highways and is obtaining quotes for the work which will be brought to the June meeting.

MS resumed the formal part of the meeting at 7.53pm

2022/162 **Planning Matters**

P/HOU/2022/02362 – Leapgate Cottage, Old Sherborne Road

Erect indoor swimming pool with changing rooms, gym and lounge area.

CM proposed the Parish Council raise no objection to the application. LP seconded. Majority in favour.

P/FUL/2022/02293 Forston Water Treatment Works

Erect rear extension to the main treatment building

CM proposed the Parish Council raise no objection to the application. PD seconded. Majority in favour.

WD/D/20/003259 Land North of Wanchard Lane, Charminster (revised plan)

There was a lengthy discussion about the amendments that had been explained by Wyatt Homes and New Master Planning during the Annual Parish Meeting.

Whilst members felt the revised scheme was an improvement in many ways and understood what Wyatts were trying to achieve, they felt the proposed development was still very impactful on the local landscape. For some this meant the site should not be developed. There were also concerns about traffic (including how the restriction in Wanchard Lane would work), pedestrian safety in Wanchard Lane, the relationship between some existing properties and the new ones, and the massing of development on the skyline. On the other hand the parish council appreciated the quality of the properties built by Wyatt Homes and their existing track record.

TY proposed the Parish Council object on the grounds of the damage to the landscape in close proximity to the conservation area and the incremental increase in traffic on top of other recent increases. Also, on the grounds that there is no footway being proposed along Wanchard Lane, mixing pedestrians with vehicles. The Parish Council also has concerns about the significant effect the development will have on Soder Hill/Drakes Lane in terms of increased traffic using the road. PD seconded. Majority in favour. 1 abstention.

2022/163 **Councillors to serve on Committees**

Finance & General Purposes Advisory Committee: Chair, Vice-Chair, KB, RE and RW

South Ward Planning Committee: Chair, Vice-Chair, PD, JJ, LP and TY

North Ward Planning Committee: Chair, Vice-Chair, GB and SF

Community Hall Committee: no need for committee

South Ward Amenities Advisory Committee: All members

North Ward Amenities Advisory Committee: All members

CM proposed the above list be accepted. TY seconded. Majority in favour.

2022/164 **Representatives**

Charminster Village Hall: RE

Charlton Down Village Hall: CM

Rights of Way Officers: MS, CM, RE

Trees Officers: MS (South Ward), CM (North Ward)

Flood Wardens: TY, CM and OG

Charminster Fete: no need for representatives

CM proposed the above list be accepted. TY seconded. All in favour.

2022/165 Annual Cemetery Report

Income	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Interments	8	8	5	8
Ashes only	1	3	3	1
Advance grave purchase	0	5	1	6
Memorials placed	6	9	12	4
Total	£3,355	£4,960	£2,860	£4,226 **

Expenditure	2018-2019	2019-2020	2020-2021	2021-2022
Grass Cutting	£2544.00	2544.00	1908.00 *	3392.00*
Other maintenance	£1124.36	0.00	65.00	0.00
Wheelie Bin Costs	£323.00	340.80	355.00	364.00
Business Rates	-	-	-	1054.64
Total	£3,991.36	£2,884.80	£2,328	£4,810.64

* grass cutting lower in 20-21 and higher in 21-22 as contractor did not submit invoices for Jan/Feb and March 21 until 21-22 financial year.

** includes £206 paid to us in error by Woods Funerals (needs to be refunded to them)

The annual cemetery report was noted.

2022/166 Finance

- a) Financial Statement
MS checked the bank statements against the financial statement.
- b) Payments to be agreed
CM proposed accepting the financial statement and all payments. JJ seconded. All in favour.
- c) F&GP Committee to meet in May
CM proposed the F&GP committee meet in May to discuss the annual governance and accountability return and other matters. LP seconded. Majority in favour.
Action: Clerk to arrange meeting

2022/167 Queen's jubilee

- a) Results from survey
The results to date from the survey were discussed. So far 80% are in favour of the proposals in Charminster and 73% in favour in Charlton Down.
- b) Decorations/bunting for Community Hall
CM proposed spending up to £100 on decorating the Community Hall for the "Decorate your house competition" and also purchasing the prizes for the competition. JJ seconded. Majority in favour.
CM also proposed awarding a grant of £200 towards the Community Craft event being organised for the Jubilee. OG seconded. Majority in favour.

2022/168 **Community Hall**

- a) Consider purchasing metal racking for cupboard in foyer
CM proposed spending up to £150 on metal racking. JJ seconded. Majority in favour.
- b) Consider purchasing a round table for the small meeting room
CM proposed spending up to £150 on a small table. LP seconded. Majority in favour.

2022/169 **Proposal for beehives in either CD or Charminster nature area**

TY proposed the Parish Council say no to this request on the grounds of public safety. LP seconded. Majority in favour. 1 abstention.

2022/170 **Request from Cricket Club for donation towards fencing**

Up to date, detailed accounts had not been submitted so the item was deferred to the June meeting.

2022/171 **Future of The Pilot**

TY thanked Marilyn Kay for the fantastic job she has done of editing The Pilot for many years. But he confirmed that Marilyn will be standing down after publishing the July edition. Unfortunately, no one has come forward to take over from her. TY asked members to spread the word and encourage people to step forward to take over otherwise The Pilot will have to fold.

2022/172 **Consider meeting with Turner Associates.**

It was agreed the Clerk should arrange a meeting with Turner Associates.

Action: Clerk to arrange meeting

2022/173 **Request to consider “No Mow May”**

TY proposed the Parish Council say no to “No Mow May” as areas will become untidy and then harder to mow in June. CM seconded. All in favour.

2022/174 **Matters of information and items for the next agenda**

None

2022/175 **Date of the next meeting**

7th June 2022

There being no further business MS closed the meeting at 8.35pm