

**Charminster Parish Council meeting Tuesday 5th July 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), Richard East (RE), Susan Frazer (SF), Oliver Greenaway (OG), Louisa Swabey-Payne (LP), Alan Rolls (AR) and Tim Yarker (TY)

Also in attendance: Sarah Davies (Clerk) and 14 members of the public

MS welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7pm

2022/190 **Declarations of Interest** – to record declarations of interest in any item on the agenda.
None

2022/191 **To consider grant of dispensations**
None received.

2022/192 **To receive apologies for absence**
Apologies had been received from Geri Brown, Julie Jackson and Richard Wareham

2022/193 **Turner Associates**
Colin Turner and two colleagues gave a presentation on their concept approach for the North Dorchester development. Their proposal focused around land ownership and the suggestion of bring other land owners in to lower density and base the proposals more on landscape. They are currently trying to influence Dorset Council and the other developers to take their ideas onboard. Questions and comments followed.

2022/194 **To approve the minutes** of the meetings held on 7th June 2022
CM proposed the minutes be approved. KB seconded. Majority in favour. MS signed and dated the minutes.

2022/195 **Matters arising from the above minutes**
The Clerk had met with Dorset Highways about the parking issues outside the church and round the bend on West Hill. Disabled bays on the highway cannot be put in as they have to be applied for by residents.

2022/196 **Public Discussion Period**

MS suspended the formal part of the meeting at 7.47pm

A resident reported she had injured her thumb on the dog gate next to a stile on a footpath within the Parish. She stated the stile should be replaced by a gate. The Clerk explained that any changes to stiles/gates have to be approved by the landowners. Another member of the public had also written to the Clerk requesting that improving access on footpaths be looked at. Members agreed to look at what can be done.

A resident commented that Princes Plot is in need of maintenance. The Clerk explained that the Dorset Studio School had been maintaining it with their students but this work seemed to have stopped. KB is in the process of writing a maintenance plan.

MS resumed the formal part of the meeting at 8pm

2022/197 Planning Matters

P/OUT/2022/03731 – High Ridge House, 31A North Street

Sever plot and erect 2 no. dwellings (outline application)

TY proposed the Parish Council object to the application as it would have a negative impact on the conservation area and is overdevelopment that is out of kilter with the adjacent properties. It would also have a detrimental impact on the landscape from across the valley. The Parish Council also has concerns about the access from the A352 and the increased surface run-off into North Street, an area already prone to flooding. RE seconded. Majority in favour.

2022/198 Finance

a) Financial Statement

MS checked the bank statements against the financial statement.

b) Payments to be agreed

TY proposed accepting the financial statement and all payments. PD seconded. All in favour.

2022/199 Traffic Issues within the Parish

The Clerk had obtained a very detailed quote from Andy Ward (New Masterplanning).

TY proposed the Traffic working party meet with Andy Ward to discuss the quote in more detail in the next few weeks. LP seconded. All in favour.

2022/200 Charminster

a) Benches for Higher Charminster/Crossroads

Nothing further to discuss

b) Broken Cross Shelter

MS confirmed a revised quote had been received that included a solid back and sides. There was some concerns that there is a lot of new graffiti in the park and installing a shelter would be something else that could be vandalised. LP suggested working with partner organisations such as Dorchester Youth and Community Centre before installing the shelter. TY proposed spending £2925 + VAT. RE seconded. Majority in favour.

CM proposed spending £110 on 25m of screening for the back fence of the park. TY seconded. All in favour.

c) Princes Plot information panel

CM proposed spending to £50 on materials for the repair of the information panel. PD seconded. Majority in favour.

d) Bollards outside school

Deferred to September agenda

e) Single white line around bend on West Hill

The Clerk had obtained a quote of £332 for a white line to be installed around the bend in West Hill. Members agreed to include this issue in the wider review of traffic issues.

- f) Support resident's application for bollards outside 20-22 North Street
CM proposed supporting the application if the resident pays. LP seconded.
Majority in favour.

2022/201 Charlton Down and Forston

- a) Cricket Club – request to install a water pipe under the road
TY proposed the Parish Council allow the work to take place as long as the tarmac is replaced. RE seconded. All in favour.

2022/202 Community Hall

- a) New quote for cupboards for office
A new quote for the cupboards had been received but this was now in the region of £4,000. Members agreed this was too much to spend on cupboards. TY proposed spending up to £1,000 on off the shelf cupboards. CM seconded. Majority in favour.
- b) Children's book club
LP confirmed the book club will be called Charminster Book Bunch. LP requested some storage for books at the hall. The Clerk offered a couple of shelves in the cupboard in the foyer once the shelving is in place.

2022/203 Planning – local list consultation

Members agreed no response was required

2022/204 Matters of information and items for the next agenda

MS thanked the Fete committee for its kind donation of £200 to the Community Hall.

2022/205 Date of the next meeting

6th September 2022

There being no further business MS closed the meeting at 8.34pm