

**Charminster Parish Council meeting Tuesday 11<sup>th</sup> April 2023  
at Charlton Down Village Hall at 7pm**

**Draft Minutes**

**Present:** Mark Simons (MS (Chair), Keith Beeson (KB), Peter Dangerfield (PD), Susan Frazer (SF), Oliver Greenaway (OG), Alan Rolls (AR), Richard Wareham (RW), Tim Yarker (TY)

**Also in attendance:** Sarah Davies (Clerk), and 5 members of the public.

MS welcomed everyone to the meeting at 7pm

2023/033 **Declarations of Interest** – to record declarations of interest in any item on the agenda.  
MS declared an interest in item 2023/039 12 Mill Lane Planning Application.  
SF declared an interest in item 2023/041 Charlton Down Allotments

2023/034 **To consider grant of dispensations**  
None received.

2023/035 **To receive apologies for absence**  
Apologies had been received from Geri Brown, Richard East, Julie Jackson, Carol Matthews and Louisa Swabey Payne.

2023/036 **To approve the minutes** of the meeting held on 7<sup>th</sup> March 2023  
RW proposed the minutes be approved. PD seconded. Majority in favour. MS signed and dated the minutes.

2023/037 **Matters arising from the above minutes**  
No matters arising.

2023/038 **Public Discussion Period**

MS suspended the formal part of the meeting at 7.03pm

It was agreed the resident who had made a complaint against the Charlton Down Allotments Society would be invited to speak during item 2023/041.

MS resumed the formal part of the meeting at 7.04pm

2023/039 **Planning Matters**

P/PAAC/2023/01216 – Haydon Hill Farm (Prior Approval – Agricultural to Dwelling)  
Change of use and conversion of 1 No, agricultural dwelling to 3 no. dwellings  
TY proposed the Parish Council object to the application on the following grounds:

- The design and appearance
- The agricultural building is currently used to store grain and is therefore not a redundant building
- There is no footpath down to North Street so pedestrians will be at risk walking along the highway.

KB seconded. Majority in favour

P/HOU/2023/01835 – 14 Vicarage Lane, Charminster

Demolish conservatory and porch and erect new porch and single storey rear extension  
OG proposed the Parish Council raises no objection to the application. PD seconded. All in favour.

P/HOU/2023/1066 – 12 Mill Lane, Charminster

Rebuild rear side extension with first floor extension with alterations to garage to form first floor

TY proposed the Parish Council raises no objection to the application. KB seconded. Majority in favour.

24a North Street – appeal against refusal of planning permission

It was agreed no further submission was required as our original submission would be included in the appeal documentation.

#### 2023/040 Finance

a) Financial Statement

MS checked the bank statements against the financial statement.

b) Payments to be agreed

RW proposed accepting the financial statement and all payments. AR seconded. All in favour.

#### 2023/041 Charlton Down Allotments

The resident who raised the complaint against the Charlton Down Allotments Society (CDAS) explained his concerns. The Clerk had obtained clarification from the Society that no changes would be made to the tenancy agreement or Constitution without a vote taking place at the next AGM. The resident and some members felt this had not been made clear in the original email to tenants.

Members agreed that no changes should be made outside of an AGM and tenants should be given the opportunity to discuss the proposed changes during the meeting. Members did discuss the appropriateness of CDAS changing rules without consultation with the Parish Council. It was agreed that the Parish Council would ask to meet with the current CDAS committee to discuss this.

#### 2023/042 Millers Orchard

PD presented the proposals for the regeneration of Millers Orchard. OG proposed the following parts of the proposal be started:

- Trim and shape apple trees. Trim back adjacent trees, clear river bank of brushwood
  - Paint and rehang main gate
  - Improve signage
  - Purchase 1 bench and 1 picnic table (recycled plastic)
  - Fill in the hedge at the northern end where there is an unprotected steep drop
- Total: £4,185

KB seconded. Majority in favour. MS confirmed he will remove the broken bench.

**2023/043 Recruitment of New Clerk and Appointment of Locum Clerk**

RW informed the meeting that the recruitment of a new clerk and appointment of a locum clerk had been discussed at length at the recent F&GP meeting.

Michele Harding was present at the meeting. Michele is clerk to 5 parishes in Dorset including Chesil Bank Group Parish Council and Maiden Newton Parish Council. She has confirmed she is willing to locum until a new clerk is appointed.

KB proposed appointing Michele as the locum clerk. RW seconded. All in favour.

TY proposed a vote of thanks to Sarah.

**2023/044 Matters of information and items for the next agenda**

AR reported the fence behind the large goal in the North Street play area is broken.

OG confirmed all the jubilee stones are now in place. The house decorating competition will take place between 1<sup>st</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> May. The Flagpole base has been installed and the flag will go up in time for the coronation.

SF reported a deer had been attacked by a dog in the Charlton Down Orchard. She requested new signage be put up as previous signage stating dogs on leads had disappeared.

**2023/045 Date of the next meeting**

2<sup>nd</sup> May 2023 at 7pm at Charminster Community Hall. The Annual Parish Meeting will take place at 6.45pm.

There being no further business MS closed the meeting at 8.18pm