

## The Charltons Parish Council

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### "Draft" Minutes of the Parish Council (PC) Meeting held in The Reading Room, Charlton Mackrell on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> April 2019 commencing at 7.30pm

**Councillors Present:** Cllr N Blackledge (Chairman), Cllr C Stone (Vice Chairman), Cllr D Grindley, Cllr M Hillborne, Cllr R Montagu, Cllr A Petitpierre, Cllr D Simpson and Cllr K Whittick.

### **ACTION**

**In Attendance:** C.Cllr D Ruddle, D.Cllr D Norris, the Clerk and twenty one members of the public.

**Electors' Question Time/Comments:** Comments from the public were received regarding the poor condition of Chessels and the lack of response from Highways, the review of the Conservation Area and the Agent's letter submitted for PA 18/03298/OUT at item 19/51a. The PC would take all comments into consideration when discussing these items on the agenda. **(C.Cllr Ruddle arrived at 7.45pm)**

**19/44. Apologies for Absence:** Cllr B Densely.

**19/45. Declarations of Interest:** Cllr Montagu declared a personal (non prejudicial) interest at item 19/55.a.

**19/46. Police Community Support Officer (PCSO) Report:** None.

**19/47. Minutes of the PC Meetings held on Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> March 2019 were confirmed and signed as a true record.**

**19/48. Matters arising from the minutes:**

a. Planting of permanent Christmas Tree on Village Green. The Clerk reported that she had made preliminary enquiries regarding the options available to the PC and was awaiting quotes. The aim was to plant during the recommended dormant season, which ran from November to March.

b. Local Plan Consultation. The Clerk reported that, unfortunately, South Somerset District Council (SSDC) do not have the resources to be able to attend a PC meeting as requested. They advised that the time to make comments on the Local Plan Review Preferred Options would be during the formal consultation period beginning in June 2019. During that time there will be a number of drop in sessions where everyone will be welcome to come along and discuss the proposals with officers, which the Clerk would advertise.

**19/49. Report from County and District Councillors:**

a. D.Cllr Norris reported that this would be his last meeting as he was not standing for re-election in May. He enjoyed working with all the villages in the Northstone Ward and was pleased to see members of the public at the PC meetings. Cllrs and members of the public thanked and applauded Cllr Norris for his hard work and assistance during his time as D.Cllr.

b. C.Cllr Ruddle reported that he was disappointed at Highways' lack of response/action regarding repairs to Chessels Lane and would pursue this matter on behalf of the parish. Cllr Ruddle reported that Somerton Library was now a Trust run by a group of volunteers and staff from Somerset County Council (SCC), however, there were a few teething issues with the automated system.

- 19/50. Proposal from Ms D Harrison that the PC nominate the Playground Working Party to undertake the planning and fundraising activities on its behalf.**

**RESOLUTION: The PC AGREED unanimously.**

**19/51. Planning Applications for Decision by the PC:**

a. Received:

- i. **PA 18/03298/OUT** – Agent letter submitted 21 Mar 19 and transport response to highways objection dated 15 Mar 19. Outline application for residential development of up to 24 dwellings on land rear of Fox and Hounds, Charlton Adam.

**RESOLUTION: The PC agreed unanimously that the Clerk would draft a response for circulation prior to submission to meet the deadline of 29<sup>th</sup> April 2019.**

b. SSDC Decisions:

- i. **PA 19/00409/HOU.** Alterations and the erection of a first floor extension over existing kitchen and new single storey extension to rear at Foxwood, Broad Street, Charlton Adam – **PERMITTED WITH CONDITIONS.**

- ii. **PA 19/00280/PAPV.** Notification for prior approval for the installation of a solar photovoltaic system on the roof of the premises at Tout Quarry, Tout Lane, Charlton Adam – **PERMITTED WITH CONDITIONS.**

- iii. **PA 19/00070/HOU.** Replacement of existing 3 bay garage building with new garage building and stores at Manor Farm, Mill Lane, Charlton Mackrell – **PERMITTED WITH CONDITIONS.**

c. Pre-consultation for one or two dwellings on land at Peddles Lane, Charlton Mackrell.

**RESOLUTION: The PC agreed that they had no comments to make at this stage.** Residents present also did not wish to comment at this stage.

**19/52. Finance and Accounts:**

- a. The Finance Report for period to 31<sup>st</sup> March 2019 was circulated and approved.

b. Payments approved unanimously:

K M Dike Nurseries Ground Maintenance Mar 19	£165.00
Fingerpost Refurbishment Expenses – Mr J Legge	£102.27
Clerk's Allowances and Expenses Apr 19	£53.21
Donation by Cllr Petitpierre at Thelma Hill's Funeral on behalf of the PC	£10.00

- 19/53. Report from Cllr Densley on meeting with Mr G Warren, SCC Highways Engineer re options available to prevent HGVs driving through the villages:** The Clerk read out Cllr Densley's report, which stated that Mr Warren agreed to commit £1,000 of his £20,000 budget to improve signage from the A372 turning towards Lytes Cary. He agreed the present sign was insufficient being in a blind spot for lorry drivers, the warning for the low bridge was far too late and that the signage at Ilchester Road/ Primrose Hill was insufficient. Width restrictions were also discussed, which Mr Warren doubted would be approved as the roads were not narrow enough to justify it, however, he would send some illustrated proposals for the PC to consider.

- 19/54. Request from Mr K Anderson, volunteer warden for Green Down Somerset Wildlife site in the parish, to use the west part of the village car park for the extra people visiting the site in June and July when butterflies emerge:**

**RESOLUTION: The agreed unanimously to APPROVE the request.**

**19/55. Reports from Committees, Working Groups (WG) and PC Representatives:**

- a. Conservation Area (CA). Cllr Hillborne reported that she recently hastened Charlotte Stranks, SSDC temporary Conservation Officer to be told she left two weeks previously, however, she was liaising with Mr A Garratt, replacement SSDC Conservation Officer to arrange a suitable time to discuss a review of the CAs with a view to a possible extension along Kingweston Road, due its historic importance following archaeological findings.

**19/56. Correspondence as circulated:**

- a. Letter of thanks for £30 grant from Yeovil ShopMobility.  
b. Email of thanks for £60 grant from Citizens Advice South Somerset.

c. Email of thanks for £427 grant from The Charltons PCC for churchyard maintenance.

**19/57. Items of Report and Future Business:**

a. Cllr Petitpierre reported that a tree had fallen across the mill pond on Mill Lane, Charlton Mackrell, which required dredging, the undergrowth needed tidying up and only one of the reflective bollards was visible.

**RESOLUTION: Cllr Simpson agreed to obtain a quotation for the work. The Clerk agreed to report the missing bollards to Highways, once the mill pond maintenance had been carried out.**

b. Cllr Petitpierre reported that there were potholes along the verge in Kingweston Road.

**RESOLUTION: Cllr Whittick agreed to report the potholes on SCCs interactive map.**

c. The Clerk advised that the deadline for Cllrs to submit their Election Expenses was 30<sup>th</sup> May 2019, which had to be submitted whether or not expenses were incurred.

**RESOLUTION: The Clerk agreed to Email the form to Cllrs Blackledge, Densley and Montagu.**

d. The Chairman thanked Cllrs Grindley, Hillborne, Petitpierre, Simpson, Stone and Whittick, who did not stand for re-election, for their hard work and commitment during their time on the PC. The Clerk advised that she had advertised the vacancies, which would be filled by co-option at the next PC meeting on 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019, including those Cllrs who did not submit their nomination papers for election and who wished to be co-opted.

**DS  
Clerk**

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**Clerk**

**19/58. Date and time of next meeting:** will be held in The Reading Room on Tuesday 7<sup>th</sup> May 2019, following the Annual Parish and Annual Parish Council meetings, which commence at 7.00pm.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm.

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