

The Charltons Parish Council

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“Draft” Minutes of Parish Council Meeting
held as a consultative virtual meeting via Zoom software on
Tuesday 21st April at 5.00pm

Councillors Present (remotely):

Nick Blackledge (Chairman)

Bob Adams

Dennis Elliott

Peter Moulding

Richard Montagu (Vice-Chairman)

Alan Crawley

Tamzin Elliott

Dee Powell

In Attendance (remotely): D.Cllr C Hull and the Clerk.

Public Session

None.

20/32. Apologies for Absence and to consider the reasons given

Council to receive apologies for absence and, if appropriate, to resolve to approve the reasons given.

RESOLVED: C.Cllr D Ruddle.

20/33. Declarations of Interest

Members to declare any interests they may have in agenda items that accord with the requirements of the Local Authority (NALC Model Code of Conduct 2012) adopted July 2012. (NB this does not preclude any later declarations).

RESOLVED: None.

20/34. Minutes.

To approve the Minutes of Ordinary PC Meeting held on Tuesday 17th March 2020.

RESOLVED: Minutes were confirmed as a true record and would be signed when normal meetings resume.

20/35. Planning.

a. To consider the following planning applications (PA):

i. **PA 20/00871/REM.** Application for approval of reserved matters following approval of planning application 20/00690/S73 for the approval of the appearance, landscaping, layout and scale on land opposite Fox And Hounds, Broadway Road, Charlton Adam.

The PC approves this revised layout as it is more realistic than the previous design that only had one access/egress point. As far as the detailing on the houses themselves are concerned, the PC are prepared to support comments made by neighbours in the belief that these will be taken into consideration by the developer, who has worked constructively with both them and the PC throughout this matter.

The PC has one observation that there appears to be no electric car charging points for plots 1 to 3, where there are no garages. The PC would also hope that the development can include bat bricks within the build.

RESOLVED: The PC unanimously recommends **APPROVAL** of the application.

b. South Somerset District Council (SSDC) Decisions.

- i. **PA 20/00690/S73.** Application to vary conditions 5 (access), 8 (access visibility) and 11 (retention of roadside hedgerow) of planning approval 16/02353/OUT to allow for the provision of three vehicular accesses in total to serve the 8 dwellings rather than a single point of access on land opposite Fox And Hounds, Broadway Road, Charlton Adam – **APPROVED.**
- ii. **PA 19/03394/COU.** Change of use of rear garden shed from residential to a hair and beauty salon (Use Class A1) at 10 Smalls Mead, Charlton Mackrell – **APPROVED.**
- iii. **PA 19/03354/COU.** Parking on land of up to 18 operational vehicles (consisting of HGVs and coaches) with existing building to be Use Class B1/B8 associated use including vehicle maintenance and office at Storage Building, Cary Fitzpaine Farm, Cary Fitzpaine – **APPROVED.**
- iv. **PA 19/02667/FUL.** The conversion of an existing barn to an annexe for the main dwelling at Hidden Barn, High Street, Charlton Adam – **APPROVED.**
- v. **PA 19/02412/OUT.** Outline application with all matters reserved for the erection of 2 No. new houses with associated accesses and garages on land south of Somerton Lane, Charlton Mackrell – **APPROVED.**

20/36. Finance.

a. **Accounts for payment**

To review and approve a schedule of items of expenditure (incl. VAT).

K M Dike Nurseries Grass Cutting Mar 20	£165.00
Somerset Scientific Services (ditch testing)	£66.00
Reading Room Hire Mar 20	£18.00

RESOLVED: All items of expenditure were approved.

20/37. Items for Report and Future Business.

a. Councillors endorsed the following statement drafted by Cllrs Adams and Montagu on behalf of the PC in response to the current Coronavirus pandemic:

"We wish to acknowledge the tireless work that John and Christine Bowman have undertaken in keeping the Village Shop and Post Office open during these challenging times. We believe they have gone beyond the call of duty in what they have done and offer them, on behalf of the residents of the Charltons, our deepest thanks. We also wish to mark the work that has been done by the large number of volunteers in the village and as a part of the Somerton Community Lifeline. They have also worked hard to collect and deliver prescriptions and shopping for those in our Parish, who for reasons of age have not been able to do this for themselves. We hope they will all keep safe and be able to continue in their good work until such time as we come out of this lockdown situation."

RESOLVED: The Clerk agreed to publish the statement in the Charltons Village News.

b. Following a brief discussion in response to updated police guidance on 'Reasons to Leave Home', councillors considered that the closure of the Community Centre car park had an impact on those who came to the playing field to walk their dogs and exercise, especially the elderly. Councillors considered that the car park could be opened and a sign put up stating 'For the use of The Charltons Residents and Disabled Blue Badge Holders only during the Coronavirus Pandemic', although they understood that this could not be policed. The play area would remain closed.

RESOLVED: The Clerk agreed to email Mr Whitaker, Chairman of the Community Centre Committee, to ask him to consider un-locking the car park only and erect a sign as suggested above.

c. The Chairman reported on a number of footpath issues. He had received reports that there had been gatherings and motor sports in the quarry. Youths, without helmets and possibly unlicensed and uninsured, were causing a noise nuisance on private land. He contacted Vicky Butt who erected signs and immediately chained the gates to make access

more difficult. Following a brief discussion, councillors agreed to approach family members prior to contacting the police, in an effort to prevent further disruption and trespass.

RESOLVED: Cllr Powell agreed to approach family members of the youths.

The Chairman reported that he had also been contacted by a concerned resident regarding a bull roaming the footpath at Mr Biss's Farm, Kingweston Road. The Chairman had contacted the landowner who confirmed that the bull was docile and allowed to roam.

RESOLVED: Following a brief discussion, the Chairman agreed to ask the landowner to consider erecting an advisory sign for users of the footpath that there was a bull in the field.

d. Cllr Adams reported that Butcome Brewery were planning to erect a 30ft lamppost at the edge of the pub garden near to the entrance from the car park, to illuminate both the car park and the path through the garden; electric cables had already been installed to provide the power.

RESOLVED: The Clerk agreed to ask SSDC planning whether Butcombe Brewery would need to apply for planning permission to erect a structure of this size and nature.

e. Cllr Crawley reported that the dog waste bin at the south east entrance to the Community Centre field was damaged and needed replacing.

RESOLVED: The Clerk agreed to contact SSDC Streetscene to enquire about purchasing a replacement for erection by the PC.

f. The PC had received a report of young trees being cut back at the side of the road from Wellham to West Charlton with the smaller branches discarded into the ditches. There was concern that, as well as looking unsightly, the small branches may block the ditches.

RESOLVED: The Chairman agreed to look into this issue.

g. Cllr Adams advised that he had reported to SSDC the fly tipping of three wheels and tyres at the side of Broadway, Charlton Adam, following the clearing of the ditch by one of the landowners. On the plus side, as a result of the lockdown, fewer wine bottles in the ditch!

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 6.10 pm

Signed

Dated