

Charleton Parish Council.

Minutes of a Meeting of Charleton Parish Council, held on Thursday 4th February 2010 at 7 pm., in Charleton Village Hall.

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Present were:- Cllr. Parkinson, (Chairman, presiding) Cllrs. Allen, Ashley, Morgan, Mottram and Smith.

Also present:- Mrs Raymond (Clerk), Mr Rex Brown (Press), Mrs Alison Jeffery (Charleton School, PC Steve Mutton and 1 member of the public, Lady Claire Tod.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** were received from Cllr. Julian Brazil (DCC and SHDC) .
2. **THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**, held on Thursday 7th January, had been circulated prior to the Meeting, were taken as read, and after a minor amendment, approved, and signed as correct. The amendment was that information regarding Parish Plans is available on www.devonrcc.org.uk not as reported in last month's Minutes
3. **MATTERS ARISING:-**
 - a) **The Casual Vacancy:-** Cllr. Mottram proposed that Lady Claire Tod be co-opted to fill the Casual Vacancy. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Allen, and approved unanimously. Lady Claire then took her place among the other Councillors. The Acceptance of Office form was completed, and Lady Claire will complete and return the Notice of Registrable Interests to the Monitoring Officer at SHDC.
 - b) **Grass cutting and maintenance:-** Cllr. Allen said that Gill Clayden, the Clerk to Stokenham PC, would be willing to speak to Charleton PC about the pilot scheme for self-financing of grass cutting and maintenance in Stokenham and some neighbouring parishes, and suggested inviting her to the next Meeting. The other Councillors were not in favour of doing so at this stage, as it was generally felt that the pilot scheme had already encountered certain difficulties, and that until it has been possible to solve these it would not be desirable to have further discussion of the advantages or otherwise of the scheme yet. Cllrs. Allen, Ashley and Parkinson had recently attended a meeting at which the pilot scheme was discussed, but Cllr. Parkinson advised that the Parish Council should wait for the results of the pilot to be assessed before taking any action in the matter. Further consideration will be given at a later date, when more information will be available. At present it would seem that the scheme may well prove to be more expensive to run than the present arrangements.
4. **PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:-** None.
5. **PARISH WEB SITE:-** Photographs of the Parish Councillors present were taken by Mr. Andrew Chapman, who promised to obtain a photograph of Cllr. Westlake as soon as he can, for inclusion in the web site. Cllr. Parkinson will pursue the possibility of obtaining suitable panoramic views from members of the Camera Club. Cllr. Tod recommended the view from the church tower, to which she as churchwarden has access. Cllr. Smith said that he had a panoramic view of Charleton, taken from the estuary, which may possibly be scanned for use as well. The Clerk will ask for a hit counter to be fitted, and will contact Mr Leigh to arrange for the removal of the old, redundant web site which he set up some time ago. Cllr. Morgan suggested appointing someone to deal with advertising on the web site, and to liaise with prospective advertisers, but none of the Councillors felt able to take on this task at present. Cllr. Morgan then suggested inviting Mr Ian Judge to attend a Meeting to explain to the Councillors exactly how they could make best use of

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the web site it, and Cllr. Parkinson said that he would discuss this with Mr Judge and report back to the next Meeting.

6. CORRESPONDENCE:-

Kingsbridge Library	Hire of Village Hall	email	Advised
Clerks & Councils	Yearbook	booklet	Note & file
Devon Libraries	Mobile Library Survey	2 sides A4	Response req.
Devon Libraries	Mobile Library Survey	Poster	Display
D & C Police	Liaison Meeting, 15/2	letter	Note & file
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SHDC	Register of Electors	Poster	Display
SHDC	Parish Remuneration recommendations	4 sides A4	Note & file
C J L Rogers (Paul)	Proposed Link Footpath	letter	Note & file
Graham Fairweather	Proposed Link Footpath	tel. call	Clerk to report
Coleridge Association	Subscription 2010	email	Response req.
Coleridge Association	Meeting 9th March	email	Note & file
NSPCC	Helpline information	Poster	Display
D & C Police	Meeting 26th March	invitation	Response req.
Clerks & Councils	Clerks & Councils Direct	booklet	available for circulation
DAPC	Newsletter Jan/Feb	2 sides A4	available for circulation
SHDC	Minutes of Exec.Meeting 7/1	5 sides A4	available for circulation
D.Jenkins-Evans	Planning Code of Practice	email	available for circulation
SH CVS	Voluntary Vine	13 sides A4	available for circulation
Senior Council	Newsletter 5 January	booklet	available for circulation
SHDC	Minutes of Exec.Meeting 25/1	11 sides A4	available for circulation
DCRN	Junk Mail	booklet	available for circulation
DPFA	The Playing Field	booklet	available for circulation
SHDC	Agenda & Minutes, 2/2	booklet	available for circulation

The Clerk reported that in a telephone call Mr. Fairweather of East Charleton said that although he would not be prepared to allow a permissive footpath to cross his land south of the road, he would be willing to discuss further the possibility of his accepting a route on the north side of the road. The Clerk was instructed to contact Mr. Fairweather and obtain this in writing, so that further exploration may be carried out in conjunction with SHDC to consider a further permissive footpath between West and East Charleton.

7. PLANNING:-

- a) **Sub-committee recommendations:-** The Planning Sub-Committee recommended no objections to the following:-

Applicant: Mr J Patrick
 Application Number: **09/2299/09/F**
 Proposal: Householder application for demolition of existing garage and Construction of extension to side and rear
 Location: 12 Charleton Way, West Charleton. TQ7 2AN

- b) **Planning decisions received:-** Notice of Grant of Conditional Consent was received in respect of the following:-

(i) Work to Preservation Order Trees
 SHDC (Parish of Charleton) (No.5) **TPO 2001**

Register Number of Notice: **2953**

Site: Land to the east of Charleton Church, to the west of Charleton Court, nr. Kingsbridge

(ii) Applicant: Mr & Mrs A Wright

Application Number.: **09/2060/09/F**

Proposal: Householder application for extension to side of bungalow with replacement garage below.

Location: 21 Charleton Way, West Charleton TQ7 2AN

c) New Application:- The Parish Council considered the following Application, and recommended no objections.

Applicant: Mrs S Saunders

Application number: **09/0118/10/CU**

Proposal: Removal of condition 1 (temporary 2 year permission) of planning permission 09/0372.08/CU for change of use of land for temporary use as a primary school playing field (to allow permanent use)

Location: Field west of Croft Farm at SX753424, Croft Farm, Croft Lane, West Charleton.

8. REPORTS:-

- (i) **SHDC and DCC:-** due to the unavoidable absence of Cllr. Brazil, there was no report
- (ii) **Police:-** PC Mutton said that 3 crimes have been reported within the last 90 days, compared with 6 in the similar period last year. Anyone interested may access information on crime figures on Google:- kingsbridgeruraleast. There have been no enquiries about joining a local Speed Watch team, so a poster inviting volunteers to join teams of three, possibly to cover both Charleton and Frogmore, to help to identify hot-spots of speeding to the police.
- (iii) **School:-** Mrs Alison Jeffery read a brief written report on the activities at the school, a copy of which is available below.
- (iv) **Village Hall:-** Cllr. Ashley reported that the electrical work mentioned last month is to commence on 15th February, and will take about a week. The hall will be out of use during the day, but evening bookings will not be affected. Cllr. Mottram said that the new Notice Board should be available for use shortly.
- (v) **Footpaths:-** Cllr. Mottram said that horses are being fed on Footpath 3, and are cutting up the grass with their hooves so that the footpath is now impossible to walk on, due to the muddy and uneven surface. Cllr. Allen said that he would consult Ros Davies on the RoW team for advice on what can be done to improve matters.
- (vi) **Allotments:-** Cllr. Allen reported that preparation for spring planting has begun on the allotments.
- (vii) **Events Committee:-** Cllr. Ashley reported that the proceeds of the Quiz Night to be held on 6th March, as mentioned in last month's Minutes, is to be shared between the Coleridge Bus and St. Luke's Hospice. The proceeds of the Grand Draw to take place during that evening are for Ben Rogers taking part in the London Marathon. There is to be a meeting of the Management Committee at Riverview on Monday 8th February at 7 pm. The Treasure Hunt will take place on Sunday 21st March, starting at 2 pm from the Village Hall. Entries will cost £8 per head, to include buffet and prizes, and drivers holding a full driving licence will have insurance cover. The Hunt will cover a Maximum of 30 miles, and the police will be informed of the event beforehand, as an act of courtesy.
- (viii) **Parochial Church Council:-** Cllr. Tod reported that the application to Awards for All, for financial aid for repairs to the church tower, was not successful. To help to raise funds for the

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repairs to the church tower, there will be a concert by Panache, the ladies' barbershop chorus, on 12th March, with tickets which include refreshments on sale at £6 each.

9. FINANCE:-

- a) **Statement of Accounts:-** The Clerk reported that there is £745 in the Current Account and £0.66 in the Business Premium Account, which is being kept open for use in future fund-raising activities.
- b) **Cheque for approval for payment:-** The following cheque was approved for payment:- Cheque number 100832, £40.00 to G. Allen, for flowerbed maintenance January.

10. HIGHWAY AND COMMUNITY MATTERS:-

- a) **Parish Plan:-** Cllr. Mottram said that the forming of a Parish Plan would require a community meeting to ascertain what the residents would consider necessary, and suggested circulating invitations, suggesting topics for consideration and discussion. The other Councillors suggested as useful topics for discussion the following:-car-parking, open spaces (including play and leisure facilities), village green, safe walking routes, affordable housing, and community and public transport. Other topics will be invited from the residents. A suitable poster and fliers will be designed by the Clerk, and passed to Cllr. Parkinson for distribution.
- b) **Grass cutting 2010:-** Cllr. Allen proposed that the Parish Council should pay for 7 extra cuts of the grassed areas in the village, as outlined by Mr. Harkness at the November 2009 Meeting. The proposal was seconded by Cllr. Ashley, and approved unanimously. The Clerk will therefore write to Mr. Harkness to arrange for the extra cuts to be done, starting in April. Mention was made of the concerns felt by residents of Sicklemans Close at the damage being caused to the grass verges by visitors parking there. Residents are advised to recommend to their visitors that they park in the wide area behind the Village Hall, which is part of the highway and therefore not subject to any special parking regulation, despite the notice indicating that parking is restricted.
- c) **The Link Footpath:-** A letter has been received from C J L Rogers indicating willingness to discuss a further length of footpath across their land between West and East Charleton. A similar written permission will be sought from Mr. Fairweather.
- d) **Street cleaning:-** The street sweeper and the mechanical road sweeping machine will be in West Charleton on Wednesday at 10 am, when Cllr. Allen will meet with the operatives to ensure that all relevant areas will in future be covered.
- e) **Parking on the virtual pavement:-** Vehicles parked on the virtual pavement in front of Post Labore have been causing pedestrians to have to walk in the road in order to pass. Cllr. Westlake will be asked to ensure that her visitors avoid parking too close to the wall, and the school will be asked to remind parents to park thoughtfully, leaving room for pedestrians to use the virtual pavement. PCSO O'Dwyer may also be asked to support the Parish Council in this matter.

11. MATTERS OF URGENCY:- None.

12. DATES OF THE MAY MEETING AND THE ANNUAL ASSEMBLY:- As the Election will probably take place on Thursday 6th May, the May Meeting will be held on **Wednesday 5th May**. The Annual Assembly will be held on **Wednesday 12th May**, as on the original date chosen the hall is not available.

13. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:-

- Parish Plan**
- Web site update- Cllr. Parkinson**
- Telephone kiosks**
- P3 matters- bridge on Footpath 3- Cllr. Allen**
- Street cleaning- Cllr. Allen**
- Weeds on the permissive footpath**
- Grit stores.**

14. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:- The next Meeting will be held on Thursday 11th March 2010, starting as usual at 7 pm.

F.R. 7/2/10

Signed as a true and accurate record of the Meeting,

Signature.....

Date.....

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