

Charleton Parish Council.

Minutes of a Meeting of Charleton Parish Council, held on Thursday 2nd July 2009, at 7 pm., in Charleton Village Hall.

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

Also present:- Mrs Raymond (Clerk), Miss Ros Davies (Rights of Way), Mr. Rex Brown (Village Correspondent), PC Steve Mutton and one member of the public, Mrs Hawkes.

- 1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-** Cllr. Mottram and Cllr. Brazil (DCC & SHDC)
- 2. **THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING**, held on Thursday 2nd June 2009, had been circulated prior to the Meeting, were taken as read, approved, and signed as correct.

3. **MATTERS ARISING:-**

- a) **P3 agreement:-** Miss Ros Davies reported that she had inspected the footpaths with Cllr. Allen, and was very pleased with the excellent way in which they were maintained by the landowners, especially those on Croft Farm land where the footpaths were mown to a width of about 2 metres. She also remarked on the beautiful views which can be enjoyed from many of the paths. She had approached the stallion in Mr. Beesly's field and was satisfied that it did not pose a danger to path-users, although the posts erected across the field would seem to indicate that a fence may be erected. Should this fence prevent the free use of the footpath it would be illegal, and so a check will be made to ensure that it does not block the path. The handrail at the stile at the Redlap end of Footpath 2 will be firmed, and two stiles on Footpath 2 will be repaired. Copies of the report will be sent to the landowners, together with a note of the Parish Council's gratitude to them for their care of the paths.
- b) **Daniels Lane:-** The maintenance of this lane is the responsibility of Devon Highways. Miss Davies will obtain estimates for the work of scraping the mud from the surface, and investigate the ownership of the adjoining land to be able to recommend to the owners that they cut back the hedgerows to open the lane for use.
- c) **Continuation of the Link Footpath:-** The plans of the Parish Council to continue the safe walking route from West to East Charleton have been impeded by the refusal of one landowner to consider permitting the path to cross his land. Cllr. Morgan suggested that a radical solution may be needed, and asked why the Devon bank could not be removed or modified to allow the footpath to be built along the edge of the road. Miss Davies will discuss the options with the Area Engineer, Mr. George. Meanwhile the Clerk will obtain a written assurance from CJL Rogers And Co. that they are still agreeable to allow a permissive footpath over this further section of their land.
- d) **Damage to the Fountain:-** Cllr. Ashley reported that the damage caused by the runaway vehicle which crashed into the back of the fountain is more substantial than first thought, as the impact appears to have moved the whole structure. The Clerk will inform the Parish Council's insurers of the circumstances, explaining that the damage was caused by an unattended vehicle parked above which at 11.30 pm on 30th May 2009 had rolled down the road, hit Cllr. Smith's car, and then fallen down the steep bank towards the main road, ending up lodged at the back of the fountain. It was winched back onto the road later in

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the morning. The van belonged to the RAC, and was parked there by Mr. Steve Dyos, of 19 Saunders Way. The Parish Council has not been informed by Mr. Dyos of the incident.

- e) **Listing of telephone kiosks:-** Photographs of the two kiosks were provided by Cllr. Morgan, and the request for listing will be sent to English Heritage by the Clerk immediately.
- f) **Grass cutting and maintenance:-** The Clerk has not yet received a reply from Mr. Harkness to an invitation to attend a Meeting of the Parish Council, and so will repeat the invitation and seek Mr. Harkness's agreement to meet to discuss the matter.

4. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:- Mrs Hawkes said that although she expressed an interest in being considered for co-option she has decided that upon further consideration, after the disappointing experience with the Web Site, some people may not have complete faith in her, and so she no longer wishes to accept co-option, although she supports the Parish Council, and would still be willing to serve should the need arise.

5. THE CASUAL VACANCY:- A notice will be put in the boards at West Charleton and Charleton Garage informing people of the Parish Council's intention to co-opt someone to serve on the Council following the resignation of Cllr. Mukherjee-Jones. Mention will also be made in the Village Column in the Gazette

6. THE PARISH WEB SITE:- Samples of possible formats for the Web Site are available for the Councillors to download and consider. They will then inform Cllr. Parkinson of their preferences, and make any suggestions, before Cllr. Parkinson will authorise Mr. Judge to set up the Site, although Mr. Payne has said that he does not consider any of the three samples to be satisfactory. The Clerk will email the Minutes of the last 6 Meetings for inclusion on the Site. New pictures of the Councillors will be submitted for publication, and the Clerk will arrange a mutually convenient time for this. Photographs of local scenery will also be sought.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:- The Parish Councillors felt that circulating the residue of the correspondence after the relevant items have been dealt with at the Meeting is not satisfactory nor necessary, and so the list will be circulated with the agenda, and the file will be available upon request.

<u>from</u>	<u>item</u>	<u>size/format</u>	<u>action</u>
CCD	Village Green	booklet	circulate
SH CVS	Voluntary Vine	leaflet	circulate
SH CVS	Volunteer Centre	notice	circulate
SH CVS	Funding Extra	newsletter	circulate
SHDC	Minutes 28/5	10 sides A4	circulate
SHDC	South Hams	booklet	circulate
FOI	Info. By email	1 side A4	circulate
E & HR Commission	Public sector duties	letter	circulate
E & HR Commission	Public sector duties	booklet	circulate
SHDC	Local Gov Re-organisation	leaflet	circulate
SW Planning Aid	Information notice	1 side A4	circulate
Boundary Committee	Further proposals	2 sides A4	circulate
SHDC	Executive Forward Plan	5 sides A4	circulate
SHDC	Agenda & Minutes 25/6	booklet	circulate
SHDC	Complaint report	5 sides A4	circulate
DAPC	Newsletter	2 sides A4	circulate
DCC	Highway Surface Dressing	leaflet	circulate
Ken Abraham	Invoice for internal audit	1 side A4	note & respond
Arrow Flexible Packaging	Price list for dog foul bags	email	consider

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DCC	Conference 22/7	poster	note for response
SH CVS	Meetings, July/Sept	notice	note for response
SH CVS	Workshops	notice	note for response
Dee Bulleid	Letter of thanks	letter	note
SW Planning Aid	Training sessions	email	note
DCC	Boundary Commission	email	note
CCD	Request for info. re PC	email	Clerk to respond
SW Planning Aid	Information notice	1 side A4	note & file
DAPC	Membership application	1 side A4	Clerk to respond
DCC	Money Matters	booklets	for distribution
CCD	Village of the Year	booklet	note
CCD	Parish Planning	notice	note

The Councillors agreed to authorize payment of Mr. Abraham's invoice for the Internal Audit, for the DAPC Membership subscription, and for the purchase of dog-foul bags but not a dispenser.

8. PLANNING:- The Planning Sub-Committee considered the following Application:-

Application No:	09/0856/09/F
Proposal:	Householder applications for revisions to application no. 09/2241/07/F for proposed boathouse and ramp.
Location:	Herondyke, Curlew Drive, West Charleton. TQ7 2AA

The Planning Sub-Committee were very concerned that this Application follows a series of Applications for permission to erect a structure on this site which has been designated a summerhouse and a boathouse, but of which both the title and the design seems to have been changed with each submission, and recommended refusal. However, notice was received toady of the withdrawal of this Application. Letters of representation and consultation responses are only taken into account for the specific application reference to which they apply, and so with any subsequent Application new comments should be sent. The Planning Officer's definition of a boathouse has been requested and a reply is still awaited.

9. REPORTS:-

- a) **Police:-** PC Mutton reported that there have bee 3 reported crimes in the last 60 days, one of which has been solved, one arrest has been made and, the third is under investigation. If the Councillors wish to have a reactive speed sign a request must be made to the Highway Authority. Should the Parish Councillors wish to discuss speed-calming measures which might be implemented with Mr. Halliday, PC Mutton said that he would be willing to attend this meeting. Cllr. Ashley stated that he believed that reactive speed lights were the most effective simple method of encouraging the observance of speed limits. PC Mutton pointed out that recently he has been able to arrange for an increased police presence throughout his 'patch', including PCSO Hawkes on his bicycle.
- b) **School:-** The concern which the Chairman of West Alvington Parish Council feels about the lack of representation on the school's Boards of Governors of the affiliated schools is thought to result from the fact that the school building, playing field and village hall at West Alvington belong to the Parish Council, unlike similar areas of Charleton.
- c) **Village Hall:-** Cllr. Smith reported that the cleaner has resigned, as the Committee had expressed dissatisfaction with certain aspects of the work done, and an advert for a new cleaner has been posted on the board. Quotations for the work to up-grade the electrical fittings are being considered. The Village Hall Committee has decided that it will not apply for a grant to build a wall around the car park, opting to retain the old chain-link fence, as they consider that a wall

would be dangerous for children who might climb on it, and for motorists who might collide with it, as well as being prohibitively expensive. The Parish Councillors were amazed by this decision, and disagree most strongly with the reasoning behind it, and consider that a stone wall could only be an improvement on the broken concrete posts and rusty netting.

- d) **Footpaths:-** It has been confirmed that weeding and maintenance of the permissive footpath is the responsibility of Devon Highways, and not of the Parish Council, despite the Councillors having recently cleared weeds to enable walkers to use the path. The re-laying of the asphalt now seems to have been carried out satisfactorily by the contractors.
- e) **Allotments:-** Cllr. Allen reported that the allotment holders are now enjoying their crops as they ripen.
- f) **Events Committee:-** Cllr. Ashley reported that several volunteers had been recruited at and after the meeting on 1st July, and that further meetings will be called to continue with the planning of the Village Fete. The tickets for the Rivermaid cruise are available at £15 each.
- g) **Saltstone Group:-** The last meeting was primarily concerned with the Boundary Committee's plans for reorganization of local councils, but the next meeting will be held to decide on the future of the Group. Those Councils which do not send a representative will be approached to say what their reasons are for not supporting the Group.
- h) **Coleridge Association:-** A report will be given at the next Meeting in September.

10. FINANCE:-

- a) **Annual Accounts** have been submitted to the Audit Commission, and a report should be available in September.
- b) **Cheques for approval:-** The following cheques were approved for payment:-
 - Cheque no.100806, £237.21 to Community First for renewal of insurance
 - Cheque no. 100807, £241.23 to F. Raymond for Clerk's salary for Apr/May/June 09
 - Cheque no. 100808, £40.00 to G. Allen for flowerbed maintenance for July.
 - Cheque no. 100809, £140.00 to Charleton Village hall for rent to July 2009

Cheques to DAPC for annual subscription, K. Abraham for internal Audit and Arrow Packaging for dog foul bags will be prepared for signature after the Meeting, and recorded at the next Meeting.

11. HIGHWAY AND COMMUNITY:-

- a) **Dog foul bags:-** As noted above, a supply will be purchased for use on the footpaths throughout the parish.
- b) **The Notice Boards:-** One of the two boards on the wall of Post Labore has been renovated by Mr. Tony Westlake and is now in use again.
- c) **Street cleaning:-** Cllr. Allen invited Mr. Steve Mason, in charge of street cleaning, to inspect the village to see what cleaning is required. Many areas were seen to be very badly in need of sweeping, and Mr. Mason informed Cllr. Allen that a new cleaner will be working in the village, which it is hoped will result in some cleaning actually being done in the village. Cllr. Ashley congratulated Cllr. Allen on his efforts in resolving this matter.
- d) **Britain in Bloom:-** Cllr. Morgan wished it to be noted that he congratulated Kingsbridge, where the efforts of many volunteers have supported the efforts of the Town Council to participate in the Britain in Bloom competition. He also mentioned the improvements in East Charleton, where a resident has planted an attractive container garden on the wall opposite the garage.

12. MATTERS OF URGENCY:- None.

13. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:-

- The Casual Vacancy**
- The launch of the Web Site**
- Update on telephone kiosks.**

14. DATE OF THE NEXT MEETING:-

The next Meeting of the Parish Council will be on **Thursday 3rd September 2009**, at 7 pm in the Committee Room at the Village hall, West Charleton.

A Meeting of the Planning Sub-Committee may be held on Thursday 20th August, should it become necessary.

F.R. 5/7/09

Signed as a true a accurate record of the Meeting,

Signature.....

Date.....

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