

Charleton Parish Council.

Minutes of a Meeting of Charleton Parish Council, held on Thursday 3rd September 2009, at 7 pm., in Charleton Village Hall.

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

Also present:- PCSO Paul O'Dwyer, Cllr. Brazil (DCC) and Mrs Raymond (Clerk).

- 1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:-** PC Steve Mutton, Mr Rex Brown (Press)
- 2. **THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING,** held on Thursday 2nd July 2009, had been circulated prior to the Meeting, were taken as read, approved, and signed as correct.

3. MATTERS ARISING:-

- (a) **The telephone kiosks:-** A scheme whereby telephone kiosks may be protected from removal by being adopted at no cost by Parish Councils was brought to the notice of the Councillors, but it was decided that it would be preferable to go ahead with the original decision to get them listed. The Clerk will proceed with this immediately.
- (b) **Rob Harkness (Green Space Team):-** The Clerk read Mr. Harkness's letter in reply to the invitation to attend a Parish Council Meeting, in which he apologised for being unable to do so at that time. Several Councillors are still concerned about the poor care which is given to the green spaces in the village, and it has been discovered that several have been omitted from the schedules. It was felt that the Parish Councillors would still like to discuss the maintenance schedules with Mr. Harkness, and so he will be invited to the Meeting on 1st October.
- (c) **The Casual Vacancy:-** There has been no response to the notice about the Casual Vacancy, and so further publicity will be given to the opportunity available for a resident to become a Councillor, by posters in the Notice Boards, the church, the pub and the garage, and in the Village column in the Gazette.
- (d) **Insurance – the damage to the fountain:-** An estimate for the cost of repairs to the fountain have been obtained from the original craftsmen who moved it when the road was widened. The cost will be £4180.00, which is expected to be settled by the insurers of the person responsible for the damage. A Claim Form was obtained from the Parish Council's insurers, Zurich Insurance, who asked for fuller details of the ownership of the vehicle which ran into the fountain. These details will be obtained by Cllr. Smith from the driver, Mr Dyos, and passed on to Zurich Insurance.

4. REPORTS:-

- (a) **Police:-** PCSO O'Dwyer reported that the crime figures are still very low, with only one outstanding crime reported this year. He is working with the school on Schoolwatch, a scheme to address the problems of speeding motorists. A bicycle has been provided for enabling the police to carry out Cycling Proficiency training. The radar gun has been recalibrated, and is now available for use, together with a matrix to record the speed of vehicles.
- (b) **DCC:-** Cllr. Brazil described his ban from District Council work for three months following the decision by the Standards Board that he was guilty of bullying a Council employee. Cllr.

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Baverstock is able to cover for him while the ban is in force. Cllr. Brazil can still however report on County Council activities, and represent the interests of electors at County level. At District level, as the LibDems are no longer in overall control, he has fewer duties, including the Slapton Line Group, but has access to funding. He mentioned that the flowerbeds have been the subject of many favourable comments, and was informed by Cllr. Parkinson that it was hoped that quantities of daffodils would be planted around the village during the winter. Cllr. Brazil was informed that the owner of a canoe training firm operating at New Bridge was causing a slight problem by parking his vehicle and trailer on the grass and damaging the surface. It was also felt that the sharp edges of the trailer might pose a danger to other people on the green area, and Cllr. Brazil was asked to investigate the matter and perhaps see if the owner could be advised to park his trailer elsewhere. Since the land belongs to SHDC, permission to carry on the business there has presumably been sought and given. The Parish Councillors asked if funding would be available to build a continuation of the Link Footpath, between West and East Charleton, at least as far along the route as the landowners would allow. The Councillors would prefer to build a much less elaborate footpath, providing much of the labour from the village, and so requiring a very much smaller amount to be spent than the nearly £30,000 which the other stretch cost. The Clerk will obtain a written assurance from representative of CJL Rogers that permission will be given for the footpath, and Mr. Fairweather will be approached again, and given assurance that should he be prepared to allow use of part of his land, suitable screening could be provided. Should Mr. Fairweather be unwilling to allow the footpath on his property, the possibility of cutting into the Devon bank on the side of the road will be investigated.

- (c) **School:-** Nothing reported.
 - (d) **Village Hall:-** The VH Committee hopes that contributions may be made by both the Events Committee and the Parish Council towards the cost of a new notice board at the Village Hall. Although the Parish Council is in favour in principle of contributing towards the cost, it would be unable at present to afford the suggested sum of about £300. An airborne virus caused several people who attended a wedding at the Hall recently to be ill, but after investigation it was discovered that the Village Hall was not responsible. The Environmental Health check has been carried out, together with the fire safety checks. Quotations for the improvements to the lighting are being obtained, to include the provision of an outside socket and timer for use with the Christmas lights. The Events Committee will provide funding towards the cost.
 - (e) **Footpaths:-** Mr. Beesly has indicated that he would like to have some new stiles and waymarks for Footpath 3. The hedges and verges at the foot of Daniels Lane have been trimmed, but the work of clearing the mud is still to be done.
 - (f) **Allotments:-** Good crops are being enjoyed by the allotment holders. Cllr. Allen was awarded 1st prize for his mixed veg. basket at the recent Village Fete. The annual rent of £150 is due to be paid to the Parish Council shortly.
 - (g) **Events Committee:-** The Village Fete took over £4000 gross. The weather was fortunately good for the day, apart from the strong winds. A de-brief will be held next week, when the monies will be allocated. Cllr. Allen congratulated the Events Committee, especially Steve Ashley as Chairman, on behalf of the Parish Council.
 - (h) **Coleridge Association:-** The next Meeting will be held at Charleton Village Hall on Tuesday 8th September.
 - (i) **Saltstone Group:-** Nothing to report
5. **WEB SITE:-** The web site is now active, and photographs of the Councillors are being placed on the appropriate page. Views of East Charleton, and a panoramic view of West Charleton for the title page will be obtained. Advertisements can be added, and the links with Ashby's and Richard Keep, which appeared in the original lay-out will be removed. It was decided that the Minutes of

the previous 3 Meetings will be available, rather than 6 as originally proposed. Copies of earlier Minutes will be available upon request from the Clerk. Standard ads will cost £20 for the first year. Notices will be put in the Notice Board and in the Village Hall inviting local groups to publicise themselves on the web site at no cost, and this will also be announced in the village column in the Gazette.

6. PUBLIC PARTICIPATION:- None.

7. CORRESPONDENCE:-

NALC Samantha	Arnold-Baker Guide	tel.	Noted
Mr. Agar	Road Safety etc	tel.	noted
Mr. Beesly	Footpath 3	tel.	passed to Cllr. Allen
DCC/D&C Police	20mph speed limits	letter	noted & filed
Salcombe Harbour Board	Annual Report	booklet	noted & filed
DCC Education	Admissions to Schools	email	noted & filed
SHStrategic Partnership	Greenways & Linkpaths	booklet	noted & filed
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SDCoastal Action Fund	How to Apply	booklet	noted & filed
SHDC Tim Pollard	Grass cutting	email	noted & filed
D & C Police	Remembrance Day	letter	noted
DAPC	AGM 2009	letter	No one to attend
DAPC	Annual Report	booklet	noted & filed
DAPC	Subscriptions 2010	letter	noted
SHDC Peter Dale	Crime & Disorder	letter	noted & filed
SHDC	Crime & Disorder	booklet	noted & filed
SHDC Graham Munson	Gambling Act 2005	letter	noted & filed
SHDC	Gambling Act 2005	consultation doc.	Noted & filed
Rural Devon Network	Rural Devon Profile	booklet	noted & filed
Eq. & Human Rights Com.	Pub. Sector Equ. Duties	booklet	noted & filed
Devon NHS	Swine flu information	leaflet	noted
CJL Rogers- Paul Rogers	Footpaths	letter	noted
Slapton Line Partnership	Spring/Summer	newsletter	distributed to Cllrs.
DCC	Car Free Day 2009	poster	displayed
D & C Police	Senior Safety Days	poster	displayed
South Hams Society	River Maid Cruise	poster	displayed
SHDC	Forward Plan	4 sides A4	displayed
Clerks & Council	Clerks & Councils Direct	newsletter	Circulated
Devon C.A.Forum	Annual Report	booklet	circulated
DAPC	Newsletter Jul/Aug	2 sides A4	circulated
DAPC	Newsletter Sep/Oct	2 sides A4	circulated
SHDC	South Hams Magazine	booklet	circulated
South Hams Society	Newsletter June	6 sides A4	circulated
South Hams Society	Newsletter July	4 sides A4	circulated
DCC	Newsletter 6	2 sides A4	circulated
Tor Homes	Open Door No. 47	tabloid paper	circulated
DCC	Devon Talk Summer 2009	booklet	circulated
Senior Council for Devon	Newsletter 3	booklet	circulated
SHDC	Agenda & Minutes 23/7	booklet	circulated

8. PLANNING:-

- (a) Decisions received:-** Notice of Planning Permission Granted has been received in respect of Application No 09/0790/09/F,
 Applicant Mr & Mrs Bushnel, 58 Bycroft , Shrewsbury Road, Church Stretton,
 Proposal: Amendments to planning consent 09/0887/04/F for erection of new dwelling and integral garage
 Location: Development site to north of Charleton Court, West Charleton, TQ7 2AE
- (b) Withdrawal:-** Householder application for revisions to application **09/2241/07/F** for proposed boat house and ramp at Herondyke, Curlew Drive, West Charleton, has been withdrawn.
- (c) Recommendation of Planning Sub-Committee:-** At a Meeting on 19th August the Planning Sub-Committee considered the following:-

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Fitzhherbert-Brockholes
 Application No: **09/1293/09/F**
 Proposal: Householder application for amendments to approved application 09/2120/08/F for alterations and extension to dwelling
 Location: Lantern Cottage, West Charleton.

There were no objections to the granting of this application.

9. FINANCE:-

- (a) Statement of accounts:-** The Clerk reported that only £433 remains in the Current Account until the next installment of the Precept is received towards the end of the month, when a further £1500 will be added. Taking into consideration the payments which must be made in the period before the next Precept payment will be received, the Clerk recommended that great care be taken to spend as little as possible.
- (b) Precept 2010/11:-** The Clerk advised that when the Precept is considered for next year, a substantial increase should be made, to cover expenses, and to have a small contingency fund.
- (c) Requests for financial support:-** Two requests were received, from First Responders and from Young Devon, but it was decided that neither will be granted.
- (d) Cheques for approval for payment:-**
 Cheque no. 100815, £40.00 to G. Allen for flowerbed maintenance for August
 Cheque no. 100816, £241.23 to F.Raymond, Clerk's salary Jul/Aug/Sep
 Cheque no. 100818, £248.00 to ijudgeTrading Co. for Website costs
 Cheque no. 100819 £46.60 to A.Westlake for renovation of Notice Board.

The Parish Councillors were somewhat surprised to receive an invoice from Mr. Westlake for £93.20 for the renovation of two Notice Boards, since they had no prior indication that this work was to be done on their behalf, but resolved to meet 50% of the costs, as only one of the boards actually belongs to the Parish Council.

10. HIGHWAY AND COMMUNITY MATTERS:-

- (a) Trees by the Link Footpath:-** CJL Rogers and Co have indicated that they would not allow any planting of trees along the side of the Link Footpath.
- (b) Flowerbed maintenance:-** Cllr. Allen asked for volunteers to store the geranium plants which are shortly to be lifted from the flowerbeds.

- (c) **Street lights in Lyte Lane:-** Concern is still being expressed by residents in Lyte Lane that the timer on the street lights appears to be faulty. The Clerk will investigate, and request that the timer be adjusted.
- (d) **Hedge trimming:-** The owner of The Gatehouse will be asked to arrange for the trimming of the overgrown hedge Along the main road.

11. ITEMS FOR THE NEXT MEETING:-

- Village Hall Notice Board**
- The Casual Vacancy**
- Web site up-date**
- Telephone kiosks**

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING:- Thursday 1st October 2009

F.R. 6/9/09

Signed as a true and accurate record of the Meeting,

Signature.....

Date.....

.....Chairman