

## MINUTES OF CHARLTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 6 JUL 23

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CHARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

**Held on Thursday 6 July 2023 at 7pm in the Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs Tom Blanden (Chairman), Philip Baffour, Liz Garforth-Bles, Lord Suffolk, Jenny Walker; M Bromley Gardner (Clerk); Wilts Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall; 3 members of the public.

1. Apologies. Cllrs Marion Adkins, Hannah Piet, Philip Thompson.
2. Public Questions/Receipt of Petitions. None.
3. Declarations of Interest. None.
4. Urgent Items at Chair's Discretion. None.
5. Cllr Vacancy. One candidate had come forward for the Cllr vacancy – David Rawlings. After he had introduced himself and his reasons for coming forward, he was unanimously co-opted onto the PC. He signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office.
6. Minutes of Last Meeting. The Minutes of the PC meeting of 4 May 23, having been circulated in advance, were approved and signed. No outstanding actions.
7. Finance. There was currently £22,940 (+) in the account. The following payments had been made since the last meeting:
  - Cheque number 562, £114.64, T Blanden, ladder and hi-vis vests for use with SID.
  - 563, £225.35, Charlton Recreation Centre, reimbursement of Coronation Tea Party costs

The following payments were authorized:

- cheque number 564, £268.69, Community First Trading Ltd, annual insurance – 3 year Long-Term Agreement.
  - 565, £9.65, Marion Adkins, APM refreshments 2023.
  - 566, £56, M Bromley Gardner, 50% of SLCC subscription.
8. Five Lanes Solar Farm – Community Benefit - Update. The applicants' agents had offered Charlton PC £48,000, payable on energization of the scheme, assuming planning permission was granted.
  9. Bus Shelter. The PC accepted Dan Bailey Building Ltd's quote of £4750 + VAT to repair the bus shelter to the required specification. The PC also accepted the Loss Adjuster's offer of £5,755.50 in full and final settlement, based on the sum insured, minus the applicable £100.00 excess
  10. Book Exchange. Tom Blanden said he would be putting the book exchange back together again on Saturday. Philip Baffour said he would help.
  11. SID. Tom Blanden showed a download of data from the SID. It was agreed that the PC's SID Deployment Policy would be reviewed at the next meeting, in the light of Wilts Council's revised deployment rules. The PC would also consider the rules and policies around utilizing a 2<sup>nd</sup> SID.

**Action: Clerk**

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David Rawlings volunteered to take on the SID Cllr portfolio including leading on SID movement.

**Action: David Rawlings**

12. Highways and Traffic. The Clerk reported on progress with the attempt to improve traffic matters at the s-bend in the village centre. Our issue had been accepted by LHFIG as a Priority 1 which meant it would be funded. Wilts Council were looking at a proposal for enhanced signage and road markings; the proposal would be shared with us when ready; and at that point we would discuss it in a meeting. A current estimate of cost for the PC contribution was £1200-£1500. The Clerk said he had some concerns about 'enhanced signage and road markings' being a satisfactory solution – it was only a few years ago that we had enhanced signage and road markings and that seemed to have made no difference, so why would this solution fare any better? But the time to consider this was when we had the LHFIG proposal to consider.

13. Footpaths – Next Actions. The question was about forming a Footpath group. A resident, Mr Roy Evans, was present and offered to try to form such a Group, and to lead it if successful. He would start by looking for interest from others in Charlton. Liaison would continue between him and Cllr Liz Garforth-Bles and Cllr Philip Thompson, the Footpaths Cllrs.

**Action: Liz Garforth-Bles, Philip Thompson**

14. Risk Register Review. The Risk Register was reviewed. No changes were suggested and the Register was confirmed unchanged..

15. BKV. The village had come 2<sup>nd</sup> with Hankerton, one point behind the winners, Tockenham. The report had been received and while mainly very good had made it clear that the bus shelter had been a problem, inside (riubbish, leaves) and outside (weeds). The report would be published on the Hub page and offered to the Chat. **Action: Clerk**

16. Planning. Report on Planning Applications:

- **Considered by the PC since the last meeting:**
  - Homefields – single-storey rear extension.
  - Land west of Bullocks Horn Lane.
  - Minety Solar Farm variation of conditions.
  - 42 Perry Green – replacement and enlargement of existing rear extension.
  - All no objection.
- **Decided by Wilts Council since the last meeting:**
  - Homefields – approved.
  - Land at Braydon conversion to a dwelling – refused.
  - Land west of Bullocks Horn Lane – refused.
- **Not yet decided:** Five Lanes Solar Farm, Land off Pond Lane (BESS), Land at Somerford Farm (BESS), Land at Stonehill (BESS), Purlieus House (removal of Agricultural Occupancy restriction), Minety Sub-station extension.
- **Current Planning Applications:**
  - none.

17. Councillors' observations and items for the next meeting.

- For next meeting:
  - SID deployment policy review. Also factors around utilizing a 2<sup>nd</sup> SID.
  - Planning applications – how PC should deal with them.
- Chairman:

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- Had a new email address for PC business – [charltonchair@gmail.com](mailto:charltonchair@gmail.com)
- Had attended a recent nWALC conference. Encouraged other Cllrs to attend future WALC conferences.

18. Dates of Next Meetings. 7 Sep, 2 Nov.

Wilts Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall reported:

- Two Wilts Council policies were out for consultation – the Local Plan and the Wiltshire Design Guide.
- 30 mph repeater sign on the B4040 west of the village centre needed strimming.

The meeting closed at 8.30pm.