

MINUTES OF CHARLTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 30 SEP 21

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CHARLTON PARISH COUNCIL **Held on Thursday 30 September 2021 at 6pm in the Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs Anne Hodgkins (Chair), Marion Adkins, Philip Baffour, Tom Blanden, Liz Garforth-Bles (from part way through Item 6), Hannah Piet, Philip Thompson, Jenny Walker, Viscount Andover; M Bromley Gardner (Clerk); Wilts Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall; 23 members of the public.

1. Apologies. Cllr Liz Garforth-Bles would try to come but would probably be late.
2. Declarations of Interest. None.
3. Urgent Items at Chair's Discretion. None.
4. Public Questions/Receipt of Petitions. Other than those connected with Item 6 - nil.
5. Minutes of Last Meeting. The Minutes of the 7 Sep 21 PC meeting were approved. Outstanding actions would be considered at the next meeting.
6. Planning Application PL/2021/06296. The Chair introduced the item then suspended the meeting, after which those objectors who wanted to address the PC did so (4 spoke), followed by the applicant Mr Baird (all operating to a 3-minute speaker time limit); then Cllrs had questions for Mr Baird (they had none for the objectors). When complete the meeting was resumed and Cllrs debated the issues, taking each objection subject in turn (Smell, Other Nuisances, Traffic and Road Safety, Size of Buildings, Proximity to the Village and Conservation Area, Introduction of Commercial Operations). The PC then voted – by 7-2 for No Objection. (A more detailed account of the Cllrs' debate can be found in the submission to Wilts Council.) Finally the PC decided to request the following planning conditions (details also on the planning response):
 - Widening of access (and support of the Highways response).
 - Access improvement plan to be submitted to Wilts Council Conservation Officer for clearance in order that it does not harm the Conservation Area.
 - Importance of the planting/screening. Possibility of mature trees in north-east/east.
7. Wilts Council Draft Climate Strategy. The PC agreed that there was no need for any PC response to the consultation. The Chair reminded Cllrs that they could still respond on a personal basis if they wished.
8. Councillors' Observations/Points for the Next Meeting.
 - Anne Hodgkins reported that, in recent CSW activity, the team had been joined by the new police Enforcement Officer who had recorded 2 speeding drivers. After the team stopped the Enforcement Officer stayed on and caught further 15 speeders. It was significant and good that he had come to Charlton so early after his appointment.
 - Tom Blanden wondered whether additional signage would help reduce speeds, for example countdown warning signs in the eastern approach on the B4040.
 - Philip Baffour wondered whether the village speed limit could be 20mph.
 - Marion Adkins suggested that Park Street needed pothole repairs or even re-surfacing.
9. Dates of Next Meetings. 2 Nov, 11 Jan, 1 Mar (APM and short PC), 3 or 10 May tbc, 5 Jul, 6 Sep, 1 Nov.

The meeting closed at 7.58pm

Chairman