

## MINUTES OF CHARLTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 7 JULY 20

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CHARLTON PARISH COUNCIL Held on Tuesday 7 July 2020 at 7pm by Zoom

Present by Zoom: Cllrs Anne Hodgkins (Chair), Marion Adkins, Philip Baffour, Liz Garforth-Bles, Hannah Piet, Philip Thompson, Robert Whitworth, Viscount Andover; M Bromley Gardner (Clerk); one member of the public.

1. Apologies. Cllr Jenny Walker.
2. Public Questions/Receipt of Petitions. None.
3. Declarations of Interest. None.
4. Urgent Items at Chair's Discretion. Solar Farm Community Benefit, a subject that only arose the night before, would be added as Item 7, all other item numbers to increase by one.
5. Minutes of Last Meeting. The Minutes of the PC meeting of 12 May 20, having been circulated in advance, were approved and would be signed at some time in the future. There were no outstanding actions.
6. Finance. There was £16127.67 in the account. The following payments were authorised:

- cheque number 494, £46, to the Clerk for 50% of the SLCC subscription.

Additionally the RFO mentioned that the Clerk had put in no costs for the APM refreshments. The Clerk said he had lost the invoice so was writing it off. The meeting agreed that he should be re-imbursed an average amount.

**Action: RFO**

7. Solar Farm Community Benefit. Anne Hodgkins explained that Hankerton PC, meeting the previous night, had decided to try to get together with the other affected PCs to coordinate a joint approach to the solar farm developers for some community benefit; and to do so now, thus able to report back to PCs in September meetings, in order to be prepared whenever permission is granted, if it is, rather than playing catch-up at that point. She was therefore seeking authority to do this; the PC agreed. **Action: Anne Hodgkins**

8. Covid Response. Hannah Piet reported. The Charlton Collective, working through a Whatsapp group, had 25 members, had dealt with 39 requests (of which 12 shopping, 27 prescriptions), for 15 different residents: an excellent job by Tanya Kelly. Requests were reducing now but the group would continue, alert to any 2<sup>nd</sup> wave. The Village Hall Facebook page would continue as the main information medium. Facemasks had gone to all on the Vulnerable list (12 people) plus others who had asked. There were 14 packs left; the PC decided to offer these to the Vulnerable list first. **Action: Hannah Piet**

9. Risk Register. The PC reviewed the Risk Register, including draft additions: updating war memorial protection with measures already agreed; and adding the inability to meet website accessibility regulations as a new risk. The additions were approved.

10. SID Update. During the lockdown the SID had not been moved but data had been regularly downloaded. Traffic volumes were now steadily increasing and had reached

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about 75% of normal. Speeds had increased but were now reducing; maximum speeds had been over 60mph. The SID had been turned from west to east on 6 Jul. The PC agreed that it should remain in its existing position for now.

11. CSW Update. CSW was now allowed to re-start, but our team had only 2 members willing and able to take part so we would wait and review in early August. Further recruitment was needed; Cllrs were urged to pass on the names of anyone known to be willing to have a go. Anne Hodgkins would look into asking the police to conduct speed checks while we could not, but there was doubt that their resources would allow this.

12. CATG Suspension. The CATG had not met since Sep 19 and was suspended until further notice. The PC tasked the Clerk with continuing to pursue the bid for CATG funding for SID costs (£592.77). **Action: Clerk**

13. Community Fund. Cllrs had been asked to come with ideas for spending the first £1000 of community benefit funding. Ideas included: give it to the Village Hall, which had lost income because of the lockdown; replace the B4040/Moor Lane finger-post; pay for a new website; revamp the bus shelter. The decision was to offer £800 to the Recreation Centre specifically for the play area (Marion Adkins would discuss with them), and to reserve £200 for bus shelter work (the Chair and Clerk would meet to identify the work needed). **Action: Marion Adkins, Chair, Clerk**

14. BKV Prizemoney. There was £200 from the 2019 Lawrence Kitching Award win and £92 left unspent from the 2018 BKV win. The only idea was more bulbs, especially where Gigaclear had dug the verges. The decision was to wait for the next spring and see whether the existing bulbs had suffered from the Gigaclear work.

15. BKV Lawrence Kitching Award 'Standard'. CPRE Wiltshire had instituted a new trophy for the LK Award, similar to that for the Small Villages winners, and would deliver it to us soon. Because the BKV competition had been cancelled this year we would hold the trophy until Sep 20. The PC agreed that the War Memorial garden was the right place to display it.

16. Planning. Planning Applications considered since the last meeting: Minety Solar Farm – no objection but with conditions; Sagamore, new rear 2-floor extension to replace existing conservatory – no objection. Planning Applications decided by Wilts Council since the last meeting: none. Current Planning Applications: Minety Solar Farm, awaiting decision in Wilts Council.

17. Councillors' observations and items for the next meeting. Defibrillator development (Chair to lead).

18. Dates of Next Meetings. 1 Sep, 3 Nov. Whether to meet physically or remotely would be decided shortly before the meeting date in the light of the latest situation.

The meeting closed at 8.10pm.

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