

## MINUTES OF CHARLTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2 MAY 25

### MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CHARLTON PARISH COUNCIL Held on Friday 2 May 2025 at 7pm in Charlton Church

Present: Cllrs Tom Blanden Chairman), Marion Adkins, Philip Baffour, Liz Garforth-Bles, David Rawlings Lord Suffolk, Philip Thompson, Jenny Walker; M Bromley Gardner (Clerk); Wilts Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall; 11 members of the public; 3 representatives of Gem Festival.

1. Apologies. Cllr Hannah Piet.
2. Public Questions/Receipt of Petitions. None.
3. Declarations of Interest. Lord Suffolk declared an interest in Item 6. Subsequently he left the Hall during the PC's consideration of the issue and the vote.
4. Urgent Items at Chairman's Discretion. None.
5. Finance. The following payment was authorized:
  - 2025.5.1] - £137.50, P R Electrical Services, for the installation of the Elm Hill defibrillator.
6. Licensing Application – Gem Festival.
  - a. Sam Southan of Pull Up Recordings described the festival, after which he answered many questions from the public and from Cllrs.
    - He agreed to add an additional road-sign to the Traffic Management Plan – a 'No Access to the Festival' (or words to that effect) at the Five Lanes cross roads, to warn Festival traffic off driving down Tetbury Lane.
  - b. This was followed by the PC considering its view, at which point Lord Suffolk left the Hall. One Cllr said, while not specifically against this festival, that there were too many such events happening in Charlton Park. A poll was taken of residents' views, showing a strong majority supporting this event. Cllrs then voted, also with a strong majority not to object to the licensing application. **Action: Clerk**
7. Councillors' Observations/Points for the Next Meeting. None.
8. Dates of Next Meetings. 15 May, 3 Jul, 4 Sep, 6 Nov.

The meeting closed at 8pm. [can anyone improve on my approximate timing?]