

## MINUTES OF CHARLTON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING 2 NOV 21

### **MINUTES OF A MEETING OF CHARLTON PARISH COUNCIL** **Held on Tuesday 2 November 2021 at 7pm in the Village Hall**

Present: Cllrs Anne Hodgkins (Chair), Marion Adkins, Philip Baffour, Hannah Piet, Philip Thompson, Jenny Walker; M Bromley Gardner (Clerk); Wilts Cllr Elizabeth Threlfall; 1 member of the public (from Item 8).

1. Apologies. Cllrs Liz Garforth-Bles, Tom Blanden, Lord Andover.
2. Public Questions/Receipt of Petitions. Nil.
3. Declarations of Interest. None.
3. Urgent Items at Chair's Discretion. None.
5. Minutes of Last Meeting. The Minutes of the 30 Sep 21 PC meeting were approved. Outstanding actions were considered from both the last 2 meetings. The letter to Hd of Planning Wilts Council was outstanding. **Action: Clerk**
6. Finance. The account stood at £20,021. The following payments were authorized, after which the balance would be £17,525:
  - Chq 518 – cancelled.
  - 519 – to replace 518 – £120.58, Cllr Tom Blanden, expenditure on Book Exchange.
  - 520 – £1230.87, Village Hall insurance.
  - 521 – £120, British Legion donation.
  - 522 – £1000, PCC for churchyard support.
  - 523 – £25, Neil Medland, for grasscutting at the War Memorial.
7. Covid Response Update. The PC considered the covid response in view of the surge in Wiltshire cases and the coming winter season. Hannah Piet reported that the Charlton Collective group were still able to operate.
8. Community Environmental Toolkit. The PC discussed the Community Environmental Toolkit issued by Wilts Council. The decision was to place a notice in the Chat and on the FB page, to find out whether any residents were interested in taking the lead or taking any action. **Action: Clerk**
9. Zoom Renewal. The Zoom subscription, shared with Hankerton PC in the current year, was due renewal at £120 (Hankerton PC had already decided not to renew their share). The PC decided not to renew (bearing in mind that it was no longer legal to hold a remote PC meeting and that the 40-minute free Zoom facility was still available if needed for informal meetings).
10. Book Exchange. Cllr Tom Blanden was unable to attend the meeting but had reported that he was still awaiting quotes. The PC acknowledged that the intent was to fund the Book Exchange from the Community Benefit fund so there was no impact on the Precept.
11. Platinum Jubilee. No ideas had been received from residents following the Chat mention. Various ideas were put forward by Cllrs:
  - Photographic display in the Village Hall of a) the village and b) the residents through the 70 years of the Queen's reign, noting residents with interactions with the Royal Family.
  - Residents individually to make bunting (perhaps even silver foil bunting to represent platinum), the individual bunting pieces to then be joined together.

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- A photograph of all residents, much the same as at previous Jubilees, but this time with a key.
- Photographs of all houses with residents standing in front, all to be bound into a booklet.

The following were agreed: Marion and Jenny to lead the project, £600 to be put into the Precept; a 'hook' mention in the Dec/Jan Chat but a main entry in the Feb/Mar issue.

12. Precept 2022/23 – 1<sup>st</sup> Look. Marion Adkins as RFO went through the draft budget for next year. Ideas for possible Precept expenditure next year were put forward:

- A replacement tree on The Street, as part of the Queen's Green Canopy project.
- A wildflower area.
- Repair to the wall capping between the bus shelter and the war memorial.
- An amount for general maintenance eg replace noticeboard internal pinboard.

13. Solar and Battery Planning Updates. There was nothing new to report - internal Wilts Council consultees (eg Ecology) still had objections until further work was completed but these were not objections in principle. On the Upper Stonehill battery site lights problem, the operators had decided to switch the lights to manual operation to avoid the sensors being triggered by small animals; for the discrete network operator compound further north the solution was to reinforce the fencing to keep small animals out.

14. Police and Crime Commissioner Wiltshire Consultation 'Use Your Voice'. The Chair informed Cllrs about this consultation which they could complete individually and that it closed on 14 Nov.

15. Planning. Report of Planning Applications considered since the last meeting: Homefields – variation of condition – wooden double garage – no objection. Report of Planning Applications decided by Wilts Council since the last meeting: Sawmills Pink Lane garden store – permitted. Earlier Planning Applications not yet decided: Charlton Park 3 greenhouses demolition, Beechwood House form agricultural access to paddock; Conigre House; Minety Solar Farm; Five Lanes Solar Farm; Purlieus Farm Battery Storage Facility; Land at Braydon convert barn to dwelling. Report of current Planning Applications: Elm Hill Farmhouse – alterations to outbuilding (raise roof 60cms). Additionally barns on Land South of Perry Green – as decided at the last meeting – no objection by the PC.

16. Councillors' Observations/Points for the Next Meeting.

- Hedge half blocking footpath, needs cutting back near Turnpike Cottage.
- Pound – needs a tidy-up? Who owns? Old Minutes book to be checked.
- BKV – could ask residents for ideas on how to improve our performance in the BKV.
- CSW team – Cllr Philip Thompson now fully trained.
- PC communication with residents – consideration needed regarding increase.
- Malmesbury Community Area Alliance – Area Board to hold meeting with PC Chairs and Clerks 'to increase engagement with the parishes in the community area, to collaborate, to share best practice and hopefully learn from each other and work together'. First meeting Tue 23 Nov on Teams.

17. Dates of Next Meetings. 11 Jan, 1 Mar (APM and short PC), 3 or 10 May tbc, 5 Jul, 6 Sep, 1 Nov.

The meeting closed at 8.40pm

Chairman