

CHARLTON MARSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Annual Parish Meeting held at the Church Room on 5th April 2011

Attendance: Cllr Rodd, Cllr Cooper, Cllr Harper, Cllr Hill, Cllr Plant, Cllr Presland, Dist Cllr Moyle, and 17 members of public.

Apologies: D.C.C. Cllr Cox.

Chairman's Report:

Cllr Rodd reported on the issues/projects the Council had been involved with during the year –

- Just over a year since the application for the development of the land at Church Lane was raised and how the village rose to the occasion by forming an Action Group. All the hard work that was done achieved the goal of the application being refused by NDDC planning committee.
- Village re-classification was raised and a meeting is being held with NDDC to try to rectify this.
- Various projects happening in the village including:
New play equipment for the field in Hopegood Close, the fun day held in September;
The Village Hall Committee applying for planning permission for a new hall;
- The closing of the Youth Club for the present, a blow after the hard work of getting it up and running.
- The snow and ice that all residents endured raised issues the Council were requested to address.

Finally the Parish Council election on 5th May. Cllr Rodd would be standing down this time along with Cllr Presland and Cllr Plant. They have enjoyed being part of the Council and hope they have succeeded in working in the village interests. It was now time for new faces to carry on the work in progress.

Dorset Wildlife Trust:

Emma Brawn gave an informative presentation regarding orchards and how important they are to the environment.

Mark Churchill:

Mark spoke on behalf of Reverend Stephen Treeby who was unable to attend. The theme of the talk was the link of the church with the community and how this has been achieved. The summer fete and various suppers run by members of the church is one way. The success of the Coffee Shop in the Church Room run by volunteers from the community is another. Other groups which meet here include the On-Line centre and Lunch Club and until recently the Youth Club, which has closed for the moment.

Six members of the community are in Madagascar doing various tasks to help the local communities.

Finally to inform everyone that Stephen will be retiring at the end of May after almost 10 years in the community. His last service will be on Sunday May 1st at Blandford St Mary church at 11.00am, all are welcome.

The church wardens will be the first point of contact for church matters, their details will be on the church notice board.

Marcel Schillig – Action Group:

Marcel gave a presentation of the course of events that led to the Action Group being formed –

- A meeting on the 9th February 2010 led by the Parish Council to discuss the proposal for Church Lane development
- The Action Group formed
- Creation of the Conservation Area Document
- Meeting with Bob Walter (MP)
- Joined the CPRE (Campaign for Protection of Rural England)
- Employ services of planning consultant
- Enlisted support from Planning Aid
- Involving the community to write letters of objection to the planning application
- Producing a comprehensive document of objections for submission to Planning Committee
- Co-ordinated the speakers for the Planning Committee meeting

All this work proved worthwhile when the application was refused. The next step forward is to prepare for either an appeal or a new application. The work still carries on. All support would be appreciated.

Cllr Tim Hill:

Tim gave a report on how the Village Design Statement (VDS) was progressing –

- A public meeting held on 19th October 2010
- Speakers who have produced or in the process of producing this document gave advice
- A questionnaire was produced and delivered
- The answers collated – just finished entering data
- Next step a photo shoot by residents in a set time frame
- The committee will select the photos for inclusion in the document
- Then work toward a draft copy in July – September 2011
- To be put before the public for viewing between October – December 2011
- Then present Cabinet at NDDC in May 2012, for completion by June 2012

The VDS will not prevent planning development but if it arises then the document has to be taken into account when looking at the planning application.

Tim thanked everyone for taking the time to fill out the questionnaires and hoped they would now help with the photo shoot.

A short question and answer session took place covering all the items covered.

Cllr Rodd thanked the speakers and members of the public for attending.

Meeting closed 8.15pm