

CHARLTON MARSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at the Church Room on Tuesday 1st November 2011

1. Attendance:

Cllr Hill, Cllr Berry, Cllr Cooper, Cllr Park, Cllr Schillig and 8 members of public

Apologies:

DC Cllr Cox, NDDC Cllr Moyle,

2. Declarations of Interest:

None

3. Casual Vacancy:

As the Council is short of two Cllrs it was agreed a serious drive was needed to find willing volunteers to join the team.

4. Open Forum:

Congratulations were given to the Council on the production of the village calendar.

The tree on the green in front of the Church Room has been reduced due to decay. The local tree surgeon asked if the Council would like the rest of it taken down. As DCC has responsibility for the tree, the clerk will contact them to get permission for this to be carried out.

5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 4th October 2011:

It was noticed the cheques for payment had not been recorded as proposed and seconded. It was agreed they had been proposed by Cllr Hill and seconded by Cllr Park and the cheques were paid.

It was proposed by Cllr Schillig and seconded by Cllr Berry the amended minutes be a true record. Agreed.

6. Transport to School:

Cllr Berry reported the Children's Service from DCC would be carrying out an assessment of the route to Blandford School shortly. Wilts and Dorset Bus Company have reduced the cost for an annual or termly ticket, but negotiations are continuing. Cllr Cooper highlighted the point regarding seat belts. On the previous buses used, children were belted in to ensure their safety, but on public buses this option is not available.

7. Charlton Beeches –Woodland Trust:

The clerk had spoken to Justin Milward, Woodland Trust, regarding the delay in response to the report sent to him in early September. Sara Stebbings, site manager, is looking at the report and the site to work out what work they would normally carry out and the cost. The clerk stressed the urgency for a reply as the Council would be setting their budget for the coming year very soon and needed an answer so the Council could make a decision about the wood. It was noted the Woodland Trust had cut back the hedge/trees butting onto Park Hill.

8. Planning:

Applications Received:

2/2011/1173/PLNG: 1 River Lane, Charlton Marshall, DT11 9NZ – Erect 1 No new Dwelling with 2 Parking Spaces and form vehicular and pedestrian access. – No comment on the building, Reservations regarding the infilling of a Brownfield site, Number of Parking spaces and the Access onto the A350.

Decisions Received: None

9. Land at Church Lane:

Cllr Hill gave a report: A detailed planned walking/driving route of the area has been sent to the Planning Inspector to carry out. Members can accompany him, but are not allowed to speak. This includes walking to No 6 Charlton Manor and an inspection of the property if felt appropriate. John Hammond had rung about visits to the properties and would include No's 4 and 11 Charlton Mead and 4 Charlton Manor in their submission. NDDC had been given an extension until November 9th to send in their comments etc. Cllr Schillig requested the correspondence to the Planning Inspector be circulated to all Cllrs. Cllr Hill agreed to send these by email. After discussion regarding not being allowed to raise the issue of access via Church Lane at both planning committee meetings, it was proposed by Cllr Schillig and seconded by Cllr Park a letter to be sent to NDDC regarding the procedural matter concerning the access to the site. All agreed.

10. Finance:

Cheques - proposed by Cllr Schillig and seconded by Cllr Cooper the following cheques are paid. All agreed.

Clerk's salary – £260.59 (Sept) & £270.59 (Oct) (adjustment of £10.00 owed from expenses)

Clerks Expenses - £33.97 (printer ink – multipack)

Countryside Services - £2010.00 (2nd payment for grass cutting)

DAPTC - £15.00 (Chairman's/Clerks seminar)

BDO - £162.00 (external audit)
Cllr Hill - £5.90 (postage for playing field project)
Charlton Marshall Community Project - £75.00

Transfer of £5,000.00 to NatWest – proposed by Cllr Schillig and seconded by Cllr Park. All agreed.

Monies Received

Blanchards Bailey - £1500.00 (money from NDDC re car park in playing field)
Sale of Calendars - £436.40
Mr & Mrs Martin - £136.80 (rent for pound)

The monthly report was presented and agreed.

A draft precept was presented to the Cllrs to look at for discussion next meeting. The clerk will send any amendments before the meeting.

Cllr Cooper reported on the presentation for a new resource centre at The Three Choughs in Blandford Forum. Although Hall and Woodhouse have supplied the premises and a generous donation, £75,000.00 is still needed to complete the refurbishment of the site. Therefore a letter will be sent out to Councils in the DT11 area asking for help by giving a donation.

The grass cutting contract ends 31st March 2012. The clerk is in the process of contacting contractors for quotes.

11. Play Area:

Cllr Cooper gave her apologies as she had not done the inspection, but would submit it at next month's meeting. The clerk contacted Digley's regarding the Annual Inspection. This has been done and the report will be sent. No major issues to report. A discussion took place regarding the replacement of the fencing and surface. It was proposed by Cllr Park and seconded by Cllr Schillig that it is left for the present. 4 for: 1 abstained. Carried.

12. The Old Pump – The Close:

David Cairns sent a report to the clerk. He has undercoated the top of the pump and the garage doors. He is waiting for a part for the drainpipe. He hopes to complete shortly.

13. Land at Hopegood Close:

Cllr Hill reported the field has been accepted in the nominations for QEII status and would shortly be on the website F I T, under DT11. A picture of the field will be on the site and there is a time period of four weeks to vote. A letter will be sent Liz Goodall regarding the length of time it has taken to complete the transfer of land, which could have jeopardised the nomination. The money for the car park has been received.

14. Highways:

The Winterborne Division meeting takes place on 30th November at the Reading Room, Milton Abbas at 7pm. Cllr Cooper and the clerk will attend. The clerk had received the presentation of the Winter Maintenance briefing in October.

DC Cllr Cox sent the clerk communication she has had with a resident in Charlton Marshall who had a near miss incident with a vehicle at the roundabout on the A354 bypass near Tesco's and the inadequacy of the safety island for pedestrians and bad behaviour of drivers. Cllr Cox reported it to Paul Eastwood, DCC Highways, who has suggested the Parish Council write a formal complaint to traffic engineering, copy to Blandford St Mary clerk. It was agreed the clerk would do as suggested.

15. Grit Bins:

The grit bins have been installed and filled. A discussion took place regarding the way the bins had been marked for Highways reference. It was proposed by Cllr Schillig and seconded by Cllr Cooper a letter to be sent stating the Council's disappointment in the way the bins have been marked and enclose photos of other local villages/towns who have a much neater numbering reference. The clerk received a phone call from a resident at the Traveller Site in Thornicombe. It has been noticed there are a number of grit bins about and asked if it was possible for them to have one. The clerk contacted DCC to see if that would be a problem. The reply received stated that the site is not on a public highway and DCC would not supply salt. It was suggested the Gypsy Liaison Officer be contacted. The clerk has tried but the officer is on holiday until 3rd November. A discussion took place and it was agreed in principal the Council would buy a bin if it could be filled by the Gypsy/Traveller Dept.

16. Queen's Jubilee:

A discussion took place to agree a date for the village to celebrate this occasion. It was proposed by Cllr Cooper and seconded by Cllr Hill to set the date as 4th June. All agreed. Cllr Cooper will put together a collection of ideas for the Council to consider for the December meeting.

17. Village Design Statement:

Cllr Hill reported the committee has been stood down temporarily to await a response from Secretary of State Greg Clark to a letter sent by Cllr Hill after he attended the NDDC meeting for villages and towns currently in the process of producing a VDS. NDDC are aware of the current decision and are in agreement.

18. Calendars:

The sale of the calendars has been successful and only a few remaining from the original number of 150.

19. Poppy Wreath:

Cllr Hill will attend the Remembrance Service at the Church and lay the wreath on behalf of the Council.

20. Information Pack:

It was reported a number of new residents have arrived in the village. The clerk will deliver a pack to them. The clerk has put some packs in the Church Room for anyone to collect and deliver.

21. Correspondence:

The correspondence was read and will be circulated as necessary. Cllr Cooper volunteered to attend the Blandford Leisure Centre presentation on Thursday 3rd November.

22. Matters for next Meeting:

Cllr Schillig requested the position of vice chairman be on the agenda.

Cllr Hill will be attending the DAPTC Northern Area meeting on 8th November and has been sent information regarding the motion to update the constitution for this body. As they want members to vote on the night, a short discussion took place. All were in favour to the changes in the constitution.

23 Date of the next meeting – Tuesday 6th December at 7.30pm.

Meeting closed at 10.05pm.