

CHARLTON MARSHALL PARISH COUNCIL
Minutes of the meeting held at the
Church Room on Tuesday 4th October 2011

1. ATTENDANCE AND APOLOGIES

Cllr T J Hill – Chairman; Cllr D Cooper – A/Parish Clerk; Cllr R Berry; Cllr E Park; Cllr M Schillig; Mr Chris Dewey + 2 members of the public.

2. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

There were none.

3. CASUAL VACANCY

The A/Parish Clerk reported that in order to comply with regulations, all notices advertising the Casual Vacancy for the Parish Council, which had not been filled, had been removed from the Village Hall and Church Rooms. The Chairman stated however, that anyone interested, could now be co-opted.

4. OPEN FORUM

Special Constable Watts attended the meeting in place of PC Dave Mullins who had been seconded to Ferndown for three months. He had nothing, in terms of village crime, to report.

4.1 Great Dorset Steam Fair

SPC Watts reported that during the period of the Steam Fair, there were only 18 offences overall, which was very encouraging.

4.2 New Non-emergency number

For information, the new number for non-emergency incidents, was 101. It was agreed this information should be published in the next Village Newsletter.

ACTION PH

4.3 Camera Training

The Chairman enquired whether or not there would be any camera training for members of the Parish Council. SPC Watts agreed to follow this matter up.

ACTION SPC W

4.4 Contact Sheet

The Chairman requested that SPC Watts should provide him with a 'Contact' sheet. To be forwarded (nb: PC Barnes also standing in for PC Mullins).

ACTION SPC W

4.5 On-road pavement parking

It was reported that on-road pavement parking was still continuing in Cereleton Park. To be investigated.

ACTION SPC W

4.6 Police presence in Charlton Marshall

It was noted that the recent Police presence in Charlton Marshall had made a difference to driver behaviour, which was positive.

5. MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING HELD ON 30TH AUGUST 2011

The Minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on 30th August 2011 were agreed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman, apart from Item 8. Finance: 'Clerks other expenses' to be amended to read £61.23 and Finance Report to be amended.

5.1 Minutes of Extraordinary Parish Council Meeting held on 20th September 2011

The Minutes of the Extraordinary Parish Council meeting held on 20th September 2011 were agreed as a correct record of the proceedings and signed by the Chairman.

6. TRANSPORT TO SCHOOL ISSUE, ie. Charlton Marshall to The Blandford School

Nb: The Chairman hereby exercised his right to invite speakers, thereby instigating an Agenda item.

Mr Chris Dewey presented details of a campaign on the safety of the walking route from Charlton Marshall to the Blandford School, which was marginally within the statutory three-mile walking distance. Dorset County Council had cut the £250 pa concessionary 'bus at the end of the summer 2011 term, the only alternative being the Wilts & Dorset X8 'bus at over £600 per year. Although the Council expected pupils from age 11 to walk or cycle to school, the walking route was considered to be unsafe and the 'bus - too expensive: 35 children from CM village were affected. Mr Dewey said he was seeking a CMPC endorsement, and help, to publicise the campaign. A 'not-for-profit' community minibus was also presented as a potential solution.

Following discussion, the Parish Council offered its total support to the Action Group, re. trying to get 'bus fares reduced and also the safety issues to be addressed i.e. a safer walking route from Charlton Marshall to Blandford, but asked Mr Dewey to ascertain how many families had children attending (1) Spetisbury School (2) The Blandford School, and to report back to the PC (proposed: Cllr Schillig/seconded: Cllr Park).

ACTION CD

Cllrs proposed that Cllr Berry should join the Action Group (proposed: Cllr Park/ seconded: Cllr Schillig).
Carried.

7. **CHARLTON BEECHES – WOODLAND TRUST**
Ongoing – nothing received from Giles Nicholson as yet).
8. **PLANNING**
- 8.1 **Applications received**
2/2022/1024/PLNG – 30 Gravel Lane, Charlton Marshall, Blandford Forum, DT11 9NS (erect 1 No. two-storey extension and form canopy over front door).
Cllrs Cooper and Schillig had visited the site and saw no reasons for objections. No objections.
- 8.2 **Decisions received**
Application No. 2/2011/0909/PLNG – Riverlea Cottage, 9 River Lane, Charlton Marshall, Blandford Forum, DT11 9NZ – erect 1 No. single-storey extension (demolish existing single-storey extension).
Planning permission granted.
9. **LAND AT CHURCH LANE**
It was reported that on the 1st October, the Church Lane Action Group submitted documents presenting its views on the 'reasons for refusal' plus additional 'revision' issues that should be raised. These documents had been received and accepted. A group response had also been received from persons who had submitted their additional views. The Planning Inspectorate had now to make their decision.
- 9.1 **Plan of action re. Appeal (Extraordinary PC Meeting – 20.9.2011)**
An Extraordinary PC meeting was held on 20th September, in order to discuss the 'Resubmission' following which a letter and several other documents were sent off by the Chairman to the Planning Inspectorate. The Chairman reported that on the 3rd October, he, with Cllrs Park and Schillig had attended a meeting with John Hammond at NDDC. However, he here wished to clarify that, contrary to information previously reported, on the 21st September John Hammond *had* responded to the request of the PC for a meeting, and not just because of pressure. It was a good meeting; John Hammond gave his assurances and a frank and fair discussion took place, in which he suggested that evidence needed to be put together from as many persons as possible.
- 9.2 **Planning Inspectorate's Site Visit**
The Chairman reported re. the Planning Inspectorate's site visit, that the PC was permitted to provide a map of the route for inspection but at that time, no verbal influence would be permitted
10. **FINANCE**
- 10.1 **Monthly report**
To be amended and brought to next meeting in November. **ACTION DC**
- **Cheques for payment**
 - Clerk's salary – as agreed
 - Mrs Jean Vesey - £66.47 (payments for various items for Fun Day 3/9)
 - Cllr Dorothy Cooper - £43.20 (TalkTalk Business Account – annual fee)
 - Charlton Marshall PCC - £24 (use of Church Rooms for PC meetings in July, August and September)
 - Cllr Tim Hill – £11.35 (Special Delivery Postage costs (2) to Planning Inspectorate)
 - Cllr Tim Hill - £22.50 (travel claim: attendance at DAPTC – Chairmen/Clerks' Seminar – Frampton Village Hall)
 - Bryanston School – £6.30 (printing costs)
 - **Monies received**
 - Excalibur Stone Ltd - £101.25 (Memorial)
 - Excalibur Stone Ltd - £202.50 (Memorial)
- 10.2 **Audit Return**
The PC accepted the annual Audit Return, which was signed by the Chairman. A poster was to be displayed for 14 days on the notice board at The Church Rooms in the village indicating when the document could be inspected.
11. **DAPTC**
Cllr Hill attended the DAPTC course for Chairmen and Clerks. He reported that it was a good course, with role-play and case studies.
12. **PLAY AREA**
Cllr Berry gave her report. Everything was in order but she stated the whole area needed refurbishment. Cllr Schillig reported that he was still awaiting quotes. Discussion agreed that this matter to be brought as an Agenda item for the next PC meeting in November. **ACTION DC**
13. **THE OLD PUMP IN THE CLOSE**
Ongoing.

14. LAND AT HOPEGOOD CLOSE

The Chairman reported that NDDC had not done what they said they would. The Chairman of the Action Group – Peter Elliott, had to apply for a ‘Sport England’ grant by 1st October, but there was no evidence that the PC owned the field. Accordingly, pressure had to be put on NDDC to produce a ‘Transfer’ document, unnecessary delays thereby occurred and eventually an application was able to be made to Sport England. However, the deeds were still not in the possession of the PC because NDDC had not paid Blanchards, and todate, this still had not happened, although a promise had been secured that this would be paid by BACS on Friday 7th October. This simple transfer of land had now taken some thirteen months to complete.

Discussion agreed that a letter should be sent to the Chief Executive of NDDC expressing the concerns of the PC.

ACTION TH

14.1 Village Fun – Day – Report from Action Group

The Playing Field Action Group reported that the Village Fun Day was a great success again this year, with an excellent turn out on a warm and sunny day. A Dog Show proved popular in the morning and thanks was expressed to Damory Veterinary Surgery for their generous support, and to nurses Susie Pryke and Kerry McHenry for judging. Charlie (Wood) won ‘Best in Show’ and ‘Most Handsome Dog’: he intended to defend his title next year.

The children’s races were well supported along with a popular favourite, the Bouncy Castle, keeping both children and adults entertained. The egg-throwing finale was enjoyed by all, and thanks was expressed to Marian and Bill for organising this once again. Thanks was also expressed to Cllr Tim Hill for the cricket activities; Alan from Spetisbury Football Club; the Scouts for the loan of the tug-of-war rope; Dan from DLB Bouncy Castles for delivering at very short notice; Sylvia for securing the large marquee and to everyone else not mentioned, for their help and support.

The event raised £735 (plus a £50 donation) towards the Playing Field Project.-

The Chairman expressed his thanks to Mrs J Vesey for her efforts in managing to obtain a replacement Bouncy Castle. Nb: Charlton Marshall Village Website: 11 photos of the Fun Day available).

14.2 Grant from Sport England

A grant for £54,000 had been applied for from Sport England on the strength of the transfer and a letter from Blanchards. Upon receipt of the deeds, the Parish Council would apply for QEII status.

15. Leiston-cum-Sizewell

Ongoing.

16. HIGHWAYS

See Item 17.

17. GRIT BINS

Cllr Cooper reported that in the absence of the Parish Clerk on holiday, she had met with Steve Mephram of DCC Highways on Friday 23d September, for a visit to the proposed sites for grit bins in the village (originally submitted by the Parish Clerk). Following this visit, an e-mail of approval had been received from Steve Mephram on behalf of DCC with their recommendations re. the proposed sites, but with a proviso on three, that in the event of any future regrading and assessment by DCC, that the Parish Council may be liable for the cost of filling the three in question.

18. VILLAGE DESIGN STATEMENT

Ongoing. Awaiting advice from NDDC and the Minister for Localities – Dr Clark.

18.1 Village Calendar

The Chairman reported that the Calendar proof had arrived. 150 would be ordered and they would be on sale at £5 per copy.

19. LOCAL HISTORY BOOK

The Chairman reported that he and Mark Churchill visited Spetisbury School. The visit was well received.

20. INFORMATION PACK

A new family had moved into the Village and had received an Information Pack. The Chairman had already met them.

21. CORRESPONDENCE

Information sent by e-mail.

22. DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Tuesday 1st November 2011 at 7.30 pm.

There being no other business the meeting closed at 9.50 pm.