

CHARLTON MARSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at the Church Room on Tuesday 6th December 2011

1. **Attendance:** Cllr Hill, Cllr Cooper, Cllr Park, Cllr Schillig, Giles Nicholson (Countryside Ranger) and 2 members of public
Apologies: DC Cllr Cox, ND District Cllr Moyle
The chairman announced the clerk had received the resignation of Cllr Berry.
2. **Declarations of Interest:**
None
3. **Vice Chairman:**
A short discussion took place on the merits of having a vice chairman in place. It was proposed by Cllr Schillig and seconded by Cllr Hill a vice chairman be elected. 3 for and 1 against. It was proposed by Cllr Park and seconded by Cllr Schillig that Cllr Cooper be elected. Cllr Cooper accepted the position. All agreed.
4. **Open Forum:**
There were no matters raised from the public
5. **Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 1st November 2011:**
It was proposed by Cllr Cooper and seconded by Cllr Schillig the minutes be a true record. Agreed.
Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting held on 15th November 2011:
It was proposed by Cllr Schillig and seconded by Cllr Park the minutes be a true record. Agreed.
6. **Charlton Beeches:**
The chairman welcomed Giles Nicholson to the meeting. A discussion took place regarding the work the Woodland Trust had offered to carry out against the list of work Giles had produced for the Parish Council. As their list of work was minimal it was agreed to ask the Woodland Trust if they would make a one off payment of half the costs Giles had quoted. The Parish Council would then take on the management of the wood on a 99 year lease, to start in April 2012, at zero rent. The clerk will write to Justin Milward with this proposal. It was also noted the amount of time Giles had worked to produce the information for the Council and the advice he has given was greatly appreciated.
7. **Transport to School Issue:**
Chris Dewey informed the Parish Council the Children's Service from DCC had walked the route from the village to Blandford School and deemed the route unsafe for children to use. Free transport to school has been offered to his son and he assumes other children from the south side of the A354 Blandford Bypass will be offered it too. The Parish Council send their congratulations to Chris for achieving this positive result.
8. **Planning:**
Applications Received:
2/2011/1252/PLNG: 41 The Close, Charlton Marshall, DT11 9PA – Erect a front and side extension with conservatory at the rear – No objection to front and rear extension/conservatory. Object to the side extension as it is up to the boundary and not in keeping with surrounding properties.
2/2011/1256/PLNG: Riverlea Cottage, 9 River Lane, Charlton Marshall, DT11 9NZ - Erect single store rear extension – No objection
2/2011/1388/PLNG: Home Barn, Birch Close, Park Hill, Charlton Marshall, DT11 9AJ – Request to modify. Planning obligations of an agreement dated 13 September 2000 made under Section 106 Agreement of the Town and Country Planning Act 1990 to allow occupation of the welling on condition that the freehold of the workshops shall not be disposed of separately from the freehold of the dwelling. – No objection
Decisions Received:
2/2011/1024/PLNG: 30 Gravel Lane, Charlton Marshall, DT11 9NS – Erect 1 no. two storey extension and form a canopy over front door – refused
2/2011/1173/PLNG: 1 River Lane, Charlton Marshall, DT11 9NZ – Erect 1 No dwelling with 2 No. parking spaces and form vehicular and pedestrian access - refused

9. Land at Church Lane:

A letter has been sent to Liz Goodall, Chief Executive to NDDC regarding the way the access to the site had been handled by the planning officers. A copy has also been sent to David Jenkins, Chief Executive to DCC, ND District Cllr Moyle and The Planning Inspectorate. No news regarding the visit by the Inspector. John Hammond, planning officer NDDC, will be contacted to see if they have any news. The Action Group sent a letter 1st December to Liz Goodall regarding the village categorisation and settlement boundary review. This was also copied to the Planning Inspectorate.

10. Finance:

Cheques - proposed by Cllr Cooper and seconded by Cllr Park the following cheques were paid. All agreed.

Clerk's salary –as agreed Rent of Room - £75.00 (Sept, Oct, Nov)

Clerks other expenses – £2.76 (stamps)

Clerks travel expenses - £7.20 (Winterborne Division meeting 30/11)

Cllr Hill travel expenses - £31.50 (Cllr update seminar, DAPTC AGM, DAPTC Northern Area meeting)

DAPTC - £20.00 (Cllrs update seminar)

Digley Associates - £54.00 (play area inspection)

RBL Poppy Appeal - £17.00 (poppy wreath)

Church Room - £24.00 (meetings Oct, Nov, Dec)

Monies Received:

Sale of Calendars - £283.30

Grassby & Son Ltd - £101.25 (memorial stone)

The monthly report was presented and agreed.

The chairman reported the Precept presentation given to the Councillors on 29th November by Tony Gibb had been very informative and helpful.

The Draft Precept was discussed and various amendments were made. The clerk will send the amended draft ready for adopting at the next meeting which has to be submitted to NDDC by 20th January 2012.

11. Play Area:

Cllr Cooper gave the report for October. Cllr Schillig gave the report for November. Cllr Hill also gave a report for November. It was agreed the risers on the steps by the slide need repairing and the steps need more gravel to make it level with the wood. The rope hasn't been installed yet on the other side of the slide. The clerk will contact Mick Smith. It was suggested that next spring the other side of the fence should be in filled to match the side. A number of flint stones were removed and various bits of litter. The Annual Inspection did not report any major issues.

12. The Old Pump in The Close:

This is ongoing.

13. Land at Hopegood Close:

A letter has been sent to Liz Goodall, Chief Executive to NDDC, regarding the length of time it took for the land to be transferred. Cllr Hill and the clerk met with John Chapman, co-ordinator for Fields in Trust, at Hopegood Close to show him the field. The Deed of Dedication has been received and was signed by the chairman, Cllr Hill, and Cllr Cooper.

14. Highways:

Cllr Cooper and the clerk attended the Winterborne Division meeting at Milton Abbas on 30th November. A report was given by Cllr Cooper.

The speakers were Tracy Long – Library Manager,

Steve Howard, Strategy and Community Liaison officer, Steve Mepham, Technical officer, and Paul Eastman, Community officer - Highways.

Tracy Long reported with the closing of 9 libraries the Mobile Libraries routes were being reviewed so these areas could be included for a visit. Some libraries will be taken over by volunteers. No proposals for change yet, but will be in full consultation with communities if adopted.

Steve Howard, Steve Mepham and Paul Eastman from Highways had come along to introduce themselves and give a brief outline of their duties. Any problems to be reported to them and they will do their best to solve it.

A letter was sent to Andrew Brown regarding the issue at the Tesco roundabout, with copies to Blandford St Mary PC, DC Cllr Cox and Paul Eastwood. Acknowledgement from the clerk at Blandford St Mary and an email from their chairman stating the issue would be on the agenda at their next meeting. Nothing from Highways.

The Highways survey – Cllr Hill volunteered to complete on behalf of the Council. All agreed.

15. The Bus Stop Shelter:

The clerk made contact with John Cummings from DCC. He is going to make enquiries about moving the bus stop from near the Charlton Inn nearer to Green Close. He asked if Hall and Woodhouse could be contacted about the ownership of the field close by, as a bus shelter could possibly be set into the hedge. The clerk will contact Hall and Woodhouse.

16. Gypsy & Traveller Site – Consultation:

The Cllrs acknowledged these were taking place.

17. Grit Bins:

Steve Mepham from Highways had the sprayed numbers on the grit bins removed and re-numbered with a marker pen. The clerk had contacted the Gypsy liaison officer regarding a grit bin at the Traveller site in Thornicombe and was told there were no funds to fill the grit bin if it was supplied, the residents would have to fill it themselves. The clerk contacted the resident who had requested the bin with this information. They will talk to the bus company to see if they can help.

18. DAPTC:

Cllrs Hill and Cooper attended the AGM on 5th November. The minutes are on the web site.

Cllr Hill attended the DAPTC Northern Area meeting on 8th November and the Cllrs Up-date on 17th November, the reports were sent to all Cllrs and are attached to these minutes.

19. Queen's Jubilee Celebrations:

Cllr Cooper gave a brief outline of ideas to celebrate which were discussed. At the next meeting she hoped to have a more structured proposal for the Council.

20. Blandford Leisure Centre:

Cllr Cooper attended the presentation at the centre on 3rd November. The presentation was sent to all Cllrs. Cllr Cooper reported the centre would need money in the future. Next year, 2012-13, is the final year for the present contract.

21. Information Packs:

The Cllrs were not aware of any new residents.

22. Dates for meetings in 2012:

The first Tuesday of the month; 3rd January, 7th February, 6th March, 3rd April, 1st May (AGM), 12th June, 3rd July, 7th August (to be reviewed nearer the time) 4th September, 2nd October, 6th November. 4th December. The Annual Parish Meeting to take place on Tuesday 17th April at 7.30pm at the Church Room. Cllr Hill has asked the manager from Blandford Leisure Centre to come along to talk about the centre. It was suggested Giles Nicholson should be another speaker.

23. Correspondence:

A letter from Eric Buckle was read and discussed regarding the possibility of changes to collections of household Waste and Recycling in the future.

23. Matters for next meeting:

Communication strategy.

24. Date of next meeting:

3rd January 2012

Meeting closed at 10.35pm.