

CHARLTON MARSHALL PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the meeting held at the Church Room on Tuesday 2nd August 2011

- 1. Attendance:** Cllr Hill, Cllr Berry, Cllr Cooper, Cllr Park, Cllr Schillig, Giles Nicholson (Countryside Rangers) and 6 members of public.
Apologies: Cllr Harper, DC Cllr Cox, Dist Cllr Moyle, PC Mullins
- 2. Casual Vacancy:**
Letter received from NDDC informing the Council no request had been received for an election. Therefore the Parish Council can co-opt to the Council. Notice/flyer of the vacancy will be sent with the newsletter.
- 3. Declarations of Interest:**
None.
- 4. Open Forum:**
A resident raised the issue about the speed of some cyclists using the trailway. Pedestrians do not necessarily hearing them approaching from behind, as bells are not always used as a warning. The entry onto the trailway from the field in Hopegood Close has a limited visibility and needs both users to be aware of the danger. The question was asked if notices could be erected warning about the dangers and responsibility to all users of this valuable asset? Giles Nicholson replied that the trailway was statistically quite safe and expected users to behave as responsibly as on the road. He will produce some laminated posters asking "cyclists" to be responsible to other users.
The question was raised regarding horse droppings on the trailway and the ruling of responsibility of the rider. Giles informed the Council the trailway was a public right of way, which is part of highways, and at present there is no fining. The gate at Ward Drove end of trailway has not been removed by DCC, to be checked and let Giles know if it still missing.
Mr Buckle wanted to bring to the Council's attention the issue of the bank in Church Lane on the side of Cereleton Park. Residents have received a letter from Mr Easton, enforcement officer for DCC, about their responsibility for cutting the bank in Church Lane. This issue has been raised by DCC on other occasions and have had to withdraw as it has always been cut by DCC highways. He had checked the grass cutting schedule and found Church Lane is included. The residents are being asked to take responsibility for the bank but not ownership. Mr Buckle's solicitor is investigating the legalities of this. The clerk will contact highways to try to determine ownership/responsibility.
Parked cars on pavements in Cereleton Park – This has increased in recent years. To be highlighted in the next newsletter (Nov). The clerk will contact PC Mullins for advice.
- 5. Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on 5th July 2011:**
It was proposed by Cllr Cooper and seconded by Cllr Park that these be a true record. Agreed.
- 6. Charlton Beeches – Woodland Trust:**
The chairman welcomed Giles Nicholson, Countryside Ranger, to the meeting. Giles had inspected the wood and reported there is quite a lot of immediate work that needs doing. A lot of overgrowth needs removing, some fly tipping has occurred and the paths need re-defining. In particular the trees that lean/overhang onto the road are nearly at the stage where they will be a danger to high sided vehicles and need cutting back, if not done then DCC will do the work and charge whoever is responsible for the wood. This will be an expensive job (about £8,000.00), it needs careful consideration by the Council if they take responsibility. Despite these issues it has the potential to become an asset that the community could use for pleasure and also as an educational feature. He spoke about the Partnership's they have with local Parish and Town Councils to manage the natural areas they have responsibility for. It was proposed by Cllr Schillig and seconded by Cllr Park that Giles puts together a list of immediate jobs and a prescription of work that needs to be done to manage the site on a yearly schedule, plus costs, for the Council to consider and make a decision at the next meeting. It was agreed the clerk contact The Woodland Trust to ask if they would pay for the immediate work if the Council agreed to take on the lease and if they would consider paying half of the yearly fee; also to take on the lease for 25 years.
- 7. Planning:**
Applications Received: None
Decisions Received: None
It was proposed by Cllr Hill and seconded by Cllr Schillig to support the "Leiston-cum-Sizewell" proposal to "empower local councils" as requested by Steve Shaw. All agreed. The clerk will reply.
- 8. Land at Church Lane:**
Revised decision refusal notice received on 6th July. No further news.

9. Finance:

Cheques – proposed Cllr Park and seconded Cllr Cooper the following cheques are paid. All agreed.

Clerk's salary – as agreed Clerk's expenses - £25.00 (for room)
Clerks travel expenses - £29.70 (SLCC meeting 14/7 & Winterborne Division meeting 19/7)
Cllr Schillig travel expenses - £11.70 (New Cllr seminar 14/7)
Cllr Hill travel expenses - £14.40 (DAPTC Northern Area meeting 18/7)
DAPTC - £40.00 (New Cllrs seminar) & £20.00 (New Chairman's seminar 30/6)

Monies received:

HM Revenue & Customs - £98.43 refund for overpayment

The monthly financial report was presented and agreed.

10. Highways:

The clerk attended the Winterborne Division Parish Liaison meeting on 19th July at Milton Abbas. The members were informed of the major restructure of the service and how the county has been divided into eight areas, we are area three. The winter schedule for gritting the roads has been revised, they hope it will result in a better service. Due to financial constraints they are proposing to charge for salt for grit bins provided by local Councils, to start next financial year 2012/13, this will put an extra strain on precepts.

11. Play Area:

Cllr Schillig gave the report. He and Cllr Berry are still making enquiries regarding the fencing and surface. The Village Fun Day on 3rd September is organised and the disco for the evening is booked. It was proposed by Cllr Hill and seconded by Cllr Berry that enquiries are made at Blandford Leisure Centre to see if they would offer a visit to the centre as a prize. All agreed. Cllr Schillig requested the minutes from the Playing Field Committee meetings be sent to Cllrs so they can keep up to date with progress.

12. The Old Pump in The Close:

From the quotes received it was proposed by Cllr Schillig and seconded by Cllr Cooper the immediate work that needs doing should be done and carried out by David Cairns. All agreed. The other work to be carried out next year. It was proposed by Cllr Schillig and seconded by Cllr Park the pump and any other asset be highlighted individually for maintenance in the budget in the draft budget. All agreed.

13. Re-Classification of the Village in the Local Plan:

A letter was read from Trevor Warrick acknowledging the meeting regarding re-classification of the village took place with the Council on 21st April 2011.

14. Land at Hopegood Close:

The Transfer papers have been signed and returned. Completion should take place shortly.

15. Grit Bins:

After discussion regarding the new proposals regarding payment for salt next year it was agreed the order of the bins goes ahead.

16. Newsletter:

The August newsletter was read and approved. The Council thanked Aimee Bradshaw for her commitment to producing the last few copies of the newsletter and wished her well at University.

17. Village Design Statement:

Cllr Hill gave a report. The aim is to complete and produce a draft for October. The photos for the calendar were chosen by the residents at the Church Fete. Quotes for printing are being sought and will be for sale at £5.00.

18. Correspondence:

DAPTC – Chief Executives newsletter 10/11 (sent to you)
DT11 Forum minutes –sent by email
NDDC – letter from Trevor Warrick
Naomi House – letter about their Open Day and charity Nordic walk
Bournemouth, Dorset & Poole Revised Draft Minerals Core Strategy book
Dorset Police – regarding Dorset Police Enquiry Office Review

19. Matters for next meeting:

Information Pack to be included as an item on the agenda.

**20. Date of next meeting – Tuesday 30th August 2011 at 7.30 pm.
Meeting closed at 10.35pm.**