

## CHARLETON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

### Thursday 5<sup>th</sup> March 2020 at 6.30pm

#### **OPEN FORUM** – Nine members of the public attended.

- A Parishioner who has recently moved into a property at the end of Sickleman's Close, had contacted Highways, LiveWest and the other residents in Sickleman's Close. LiveWest have agreed to widen the road to provide parking and are awaiting legal advice from Highways.
- He also feels that the fence is unsightly and wishes it to be changed.
- He felt that the Parish Hall Committee should somehow be absorbed into the Parish Council. It was pointed out that this is not legally possible.
- A resident of Compton Road wanted to comment on the planning application for 6 Compton Road. She felt that the application was out of keeping and there were privacy issues, the balcony looking straight into her living room. No. 6 is above No. 4 and the proposal will block out the light to her property.
- Another Parishioner said that there was a dispute over the ownership of the land where the septic tank was proposed in the application.
- Another Parishioner wished it recorded his gratitude and support for the fine work of the Village Hall Committee volunteers. When asked what he thought of the fence, he felt that there was nothing wrong with it and if a hedge were grown in its place there would be no pavement.
- There were complaints about flooding which had again happened at Bay Tree Cottage. Cllr. Brazil was present and will raise the issue with the Highways Officer. The owners of the property realised that this is not a matter for the Parish Council but they were assured that this problem is discussed at many meetings and the PC will continue to support the Parishioners in any way they can
- The PC was thanked for its help in getting a vehicle removed which was parked on the pavement and blocking the rear entrance to a property.
- Following a query about the cleaning of pavements, it was confirmed that this is Highways responsibility.
- Regarding the flooding, it was pointed that as part of the application for a housing development which was refused, there was a proposal that the run off would be piped under the A379 into the field on the south side into a soakaway – could this be implemented to prevent water running off the fields and down into the village near the school? The Chair suggested that the landowner be contacted to discuss this.

#### **PRESENT: R. Ashby, S. Dyos, A. Lucas, O Morgan**

In attendance: Cllr. J. Brazil, Cllr. Foss, S. Winstanley

#### **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr. R. Foss –**

- Council Tax will be increased by £5 per household for 2020/2021
- Car park charges will be increased to raise £80,000 and any surplus will be used for provision of electricity charging points.
- Climate change – £400,000 has been budgeted for any groups who think they can cut carbon footprint.
- Any planning applications will come to me for approval, refusal or will go to Committee. If any Parishioners have any views on a planning application, please email me.
- Two weeks ago visited the Meteorological Office in Exeter where it is believed there is climate change and there are serious concerns.
- All the way from Carehouse Cross to Noyces there is a southerly facing slope and the villages are subject to flooding. The way forward is to discuss with local farmers where they can help. We are in unprecedented times. Prior to the recent flooding, from midnight to 9am, one and a half inches of rain fell.
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#### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr. J. Brazil –**

- Flooding – In the short term there is not a great deal that Highways can do and there are grants for individual houses which have been flooded. Thanks to everyone who has helped. The weather has been really awful.
- The County Council has set its budget – increase of 2% + 2% for adult social care – and there is still a deficit in special educational needs.

- The Coleridge Association meeting focussed on three subjects. New rubbish collection arrangements will begin on 28<sup>th</sup> September. The Slapton War Memorial has been moved to Strete Gate onto land owned by the Field Study Centre. They are not prepared to pay for maintenance of the area. Parishes are being asked to contribute towards the maintenance – perhaps £25 per year for 3 years.
- A climate change forum is being formed and volunteers who are interested can contact Cllr. Brazil.

**POLICE REPORT** – No crimes had been recorded in the Parish in January

**1. APOLOGIES – S. Page, B. Rogers**

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS** held on 6<sup>th</sup> February 2020.

It was proposed seconded and **resolved** that the Chair should sign the Minutes as a true and correct record.

**3. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

Members are invited to declare any personal or disclosable pecuniary interests, including the nature and extent of such interests they may have in any items to be considered at this meeting. None

**4. CLERK’S REPORT** – No report

**5. CHAIR’S REPORT** - No report

**6. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1. To approve payment of the following cheques:
  - 024 - £114.00 – Charleton Village Hall (rent of hall for one year)
  - 025 - £265.90 – S. Winstanley (Mar)
  - 026 - £53.20 – HMRC
  - 027 - £200.00 – Greenspace (Dec & Jan)
  - 028 - £100.00 – Greenspace – Feb **Agreed**
2. Current finances – 15,799.57
3. To approve S. Dyos as a signatory to the bank account.

**7. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS** :- Recommendations using delegated powers

0278/20/HHO – 6 Compton Road, W. Charleton TQ7 2BP

Extension and alterations to existing dwelling

Following discussion it was **resolved** to recommend objection for the following reasons:

1. The proposal represents overdevelopment of the site.
2. The proposal would result in a loss of privacy to 4 Compton Road.
3. The proposal is not in keeping within the neighbourhood.
4. The proposed soakaway is on land where there is a disputed boundary.

**8. Report on Coleridge meeting – A. Lucas**

- As per Cllr Brazil’s report.
- In August all the new equipment for the waste collection will be delivered. If your waste does not fit in the receptacles provided it will not be collected.

**9. To discuss providing a new notice board in E. Charleton and moving the defibrillator.**

- Following discussion it was agreed a new notice board was not necessary,
- A. Lucas spoke to the Manager of the shop but a new Manager has been appointed. It was agreed Ashbys be approached to ask if the defibrillator could be put on their shop premises near the car wash.

**10. Report from O. Morgan about meeting with Greenspace re. wildflower planting.**

- Met with Greenspace – on April agenda to approve quotation.

**11. CORRESPONDENCE** – Email re. application for 6 Compton Way.

**10. COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS**

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| Village Hall –     | New heating installed.  |
| Church -           | No report   |
| Footpaths A. Lucas | All reasonable but there is an issue with the dog bin at the Marsh. |

Village Maintenance - Include new bin in the next agenda  
VAS - As above  
Defibrillator checks – All OK  
Checked and report sent in.

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Charleton Village Hall at 6.30pm Thursday 2nd April 2020.**

.....Chair