

CHARLETON ANNUAL PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Charleton Village Hall, West Charleton Thursday 7th September 2017 at 6.30pm

OPEN FORUM – Two members of the public attended.
One of the flowerbeds beside the A379 is looking untidy.

PRESENT: J. Bignell, B. Rogers, C. Cross, S. Page, R. Sanders
In attendance: S. Winstanley, Cllr. R. Foss, Cllr. Brazil

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

- The main topic at the moment is the consultation on amalgamating W. Devon and SHDC. There is a need to consider how the councils can save money due to the Government failing to allow the Councils to use the business rates as was promised.
- There is again a backlog on enforcement.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr. J. Brazil

- The road at Frogmore will be closed for 5 days.
- The Coleridge meeting has been arranged for 28th September. The subject of amalgamating W. Devon with SHDC will be examined with the help of Officers of SHDC or Councillors. It was explained that the presentation of the financial situation may be misleading. Members added that the online consultation was slanted so that it was not possible to simply object to the scheme.

POLICE REPORT – PC Jane Gerrard – by email
There have been two incidents of criminal damage since the last report.

1. APOLOGIES – J. Gordon

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS held on 6th July 2017
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

- The audit has been received from Grant Thornton without comment.
- Members were urged to encourage Parishioners to join the Council as the numbers are now so depleted that it will be very difficult to hold meetings if existing Members are off sick/away.

5. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. To approve payment of the following cheques:
 - 150 - £227.33 - S. Winstanley (Aug)
 - 151 - £80.00 – Greenspace
 - 152 - £324.27 – Community First (insurance)
 - 153 - £80.00 – Greenspace
 - 154 - £30.00 – DALC
 - 155 - £227.13 – S. Winstanley (Sept)
 - 156 - £71.80 – HMRC **Resolved**
2. Current finances - £14,609.75

6. CHAIR’S REPORT – B. Rogers

Attended the Chairman’s training in July which was helpful.

7. To discuss the Parish Council’s response to the proposal for ‘One Council’

Postponed to next meeting following the Coleridge meeting.

8. To discuss the Parish Council’s response to an Alcohol Licence at the Springfield Farm Shop

It was agreed that the Parish Council is not in favour of the granting of an alcohol licence and that a response be sent accordingly.

9. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS – None

10. CORRESPONDENCE – Notification that the rent for the hall is being increased.

11. COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Village Hall – B. Rogers – Most of the hall has been decorated and is now in full use. The rent is to be increased from £8 to £9.

Church - S. Page – The first news is that the Rev Mike North has completed his training and has moved on. Any maintenance improvements to the church will require a working architect later this month. One of the topics will be the removal of pews in the north transept to increase the area for social activities. Another topic will be to see if it is at all possible to provide a convenience of some sort.

In line with diocese policy both churchwardens have been DBS checked and are awaiting a safeguarding course and we are keen to work with the school on any projects they have which involves the church.

Churchyard A local tree surgeon has inspected the quercus ilex and the easterly sycamore and we are awaiting his report but both need attention.

According to our records the upkeep of the surrounding wall to the old churchyard is the responsibility of the parish but it is up to us to investigate first.

It would however be helpful for the parish to cut the grass in the road between the main gate and the north gate.

Church members helped with the E Portlemouth Fete this year and in due time we should receive a donation.

We intend to hold a Sunday School sing along on the 1st October at 4pm and on Saturday 14th October in the village hall there will be a concert by John Conner with Sylvington He was very good last year and is back by popular demand. There will be food(pasties) and a bar and tickets are £10. Proceeds to St Mary’s Fabric Fund.

Footpaths – C. Cross – No problems. Report of flytipping up from Charleton Court towards the Grange. Along the footpath to the Marsh two of the latches on the gates are broken and the dog waste bin is broken.

Events - B. Rogers – No news.

Defibrillator checks – Both checked, OK. Report to be sent.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Charleton Village Hall at 6.30pm on 5th October 2017

SignedChair

ACTION POINTS

- R. Sanders** Will check on the ownership of the stone wall along the churchyard.
- Clerk** To contact Greenspace re. flower beds
- To order a new dog bin
- To contact highways re. VAS
- To respond to licence application

