

## CHARLETON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Thursday 1<sup>st</sup> February 2018 at 6.30pm**

**OPEN FORUM** – Three members of the public attended.

- Cars parking opposite the school are causing a problem. Some cars are parking on the verge which is making the verge a muddy mess. Discussion took place about the possible remedies. Cllr. Brazil suggested it might be possible to remove the verge and create parking spaces. He will discuss with Highways.
- Reducing the speed limit between East and West Charleton to 30 mph would help.
- It was suggested that the Parish Council made permission for the proposed housing estate off Lyte Lane conditional on having a roundabout on the A379 at the junction with Lyte Lane.
- The footpath beside the flowerbed was treacherous. Thanks were expressed for an improvement.

**PRESENT: B. Rogers, J. Bignell, S. Page, R. Sanders**

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

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

- £500 has been awarded under the TAP fund for the provision of a portable VAS
- SHDC is setting its budget and the Council Tax is likely to be increased by £5 per household p.a. There will be an increase in the Police budget but this has to be agreed.
- Parish Councils will not be Precept capped by the Government for the next 3 years.
- SHDC has entered into a pilot scheme for business rates which could provide the DC with 40% of the growth in business rate.
- As from the 18<sup>th</sup> January, SHDC have increased the charge for planning applications by 20%.
- There are 3873 second homes in the South Hams. If the DC were allowed to increase the Council Tax on second homes it could provide considerable income.
- Discussion is taking place about reducing the rubbish collections to once three weekly in a cost saving proposal along with a proposal to close public lavatories.
- SHDC is third in the country for the amount it recycles. All grey bin rubbish is incinerated in Plymouth, the energy produced providing power for the Naval Yard.
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**COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr. J. Brazil**

- Public lavatory closures will not take place until next financial year but the decision must be made in this year. The details need to be examined carefully.  
The County Council has not yet set its budget but there will probably be a 6% increase, 3% permitted by government and a further 3% for adult social care. The future of Tumbly Hill is in doubt.

**POLICE REPORT** – PC Jane Gerrard by email

- There have been no crimes in the Parish since November.

**1. APOLOGIES** – C. Cross

**2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS** held on 4<sup>th</sup> January 2018

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. B. Rogers and S. Paige declared a pecuniary interest in application No. 1193/17/OPA.

**4. CLERK'S REPORT –**

- A quote for gully sucking has been sought.

**5. FINANCIAL MATTERS**

1. To approve payment of the following cheques:
  - 170 - £102.00 – Charleton Village Hall – (one year's rent)
  - 171 - £227.33 – S. Winstanley
  - 172 - £248.23 – S. Winstanley (annual expenses)
- 173 - £1,000.00 – Kingsbridge Nat. Hist. Society for bird hide **Resolved**
2. To agree quote for VAS – postponed to next month
3. Current finances - £16,680.85 (including £171 Highway maintenance grant)

**6. CHAIR'S REPORT – B. Rogers – No report**

**7. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS –**

**To be considered – 1193/17/OPA – Land to East of Lyte Lane, W. Charleton**  
 READVERTISEMENT (Revised description and plans) Outline application with some matters reserved for construction of up to 24 dwellings (including affordable housing) village green, children's play area, parking area and associated works including landscaping.  
 It was not possible to make a recommendation due to the PC not being quorate  
**0150/18/HHO – Stonewalls, E. Charleton TQ7 2AR**  
 Replace existing rotten wooden window with a double glazed unit that matches the rest of the property, install new double glazed patio doors and existing external door to be moved.  
 Following discussion it was **resolved** to recommend support.

**8. CORRESPONDENCE – None**

**9. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS**

Village Hall – B. Rogers – New chairs have been purchased. A new hot water boiler has been installed.  
 Church - S. Page – Sister Cicely has died. A loss to the Church.  
 Three weddings are booked and the paths are being cleaned.  
 Coffee morning is arranged.  
 Tomorrow at 4pm 4 pews are being removed to create a bigger area for social events. Help is Needed.  
 Footpaths – C. Cross – Muddy but OK. The pavement near the raised borders has been cleaned.  
 Events - B. Rogers – No report.  
 Defibrillator checks – Both checked and the form sent off.

**10. DATE OF NEXT MEETING – Charleton Village Hall at 6.30pm on 8<sup>th</sup> March 2018 at 6.30pm**

Signed .....Chair

**ACTION POINTS**

**Clerk**

**To contact highways**

**To forward quotes for VAS**