

CHARLETON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Charleton Village Hall, West Charleton
Thursday 2nd March 2017 at 6.30pm

OPEN FORUM – Two members of the public attended – no comments

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

In attendance: Cllr. J. Brazil, Cllr. R. Foss, S. Winstanley (clerk in attendance)

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

- Special meeting today to consider the draft Joint Local Plan which has been approved. The public consultation will start on the 15th March and will continue for 6 weeks.
- The proposed Local Authority Company has been scrapped.
- SHDC can borrow at 3% and it hoped to borrow and then get a return of perhaps 6% to try and make up the shortfall.
- Council Tax will rise by approximately £5 per week.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr. J. Brazil

- Council Tax will rise by 5%, 2% + 3% for adult social care.
- There are issues with schools funding formula. Devon receives £290 per pupil, which is half the national average and due to an overspend of £2 million in special educational needs budget, an additional £33 will be deducted from the grant for each pupil.
- Apologies for the mistake which occurred over the TAP application for the VAS.

POLICE REPORT – PCSO Paul O'Dwyer

- There have been no reported crimes in the last 30 days.
- Elsewhere there has been a problem with boy racers.
- Wednesday saw the introduction of new legislation over the use of mobile phones while driving.

1. APOLOGIES – J. Bignell

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held on 2nd February 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

- Application will be made through the locality budget for a grant towards the cost of the VAS.
- The APM will be held in April. The Chair will be absent but will provide a report. The Vice Chair will stand in.

5. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. To approve payment of the following cheques:

131 – £231.89 – S. Winstanley (Feb)

132 - £70.20 – HMRC

133 - £280.00 – Charleton Village Hall – Hall Rent to March 2017

134 - £112.02 – R. Brown – Glazing for phone kiosk

135 - £240.00 – Greenspace (Dec, Jan & Feb) **Resolved**

2. Cash at bank – £10,958.26

6. CHAIR’S REPORT – No report

7. TO DISCUSS FUTURE PROJECTS FOR THE PARISH

- The basket for the beacon is being restored.
- Defbrillator training will be arranged.

8. TO DISCUSS HIGHWAY MAINTENANCE/DRAINS/ROAD WARDEN SCHEME

- The Highway Management Fund has been applied for street cleaning and ploughing, gully sucking, drain cleaning, weed killing, verge cutting. Queries have been received and it was agreed 30 hours of work had been carried out by R. Sanders (Road Warden) in the first two months of this year plus signage and associated equipment was needed.

9. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS: None

10. CORRESPONDENCE: Emails from Highways re. Road Maintenance Fund and Neighbourhood Highways Officer re. VAS and roundabout. Dissatisfaction was expressed at the response re. the suggestion of a roundabout on the A371.

11. COUNCILLOR’S REPORTS –

- Village Hall – B. Rogers - No report.
- Footpaths – C. Cross – Footpaths fine.
- Events - B. Rogers – Fete meeting on Monday 3rd April (AGM main hall 7pm)
- Church - S. Page – Sad death of David Collings – a supporter of the Church.
A rota of volunteers has been drawn up.
The churchyard is becoming full and consideration was given to additional space.
- Defibrillator checks – J. Gordon & R. Sanders – all well

12 DATE OF NEXT MEETING in Charleton Village Hall – 6th April 2017 at 6.30pm

Signed
Chair

ACTION POINTS

- Clerk** To contact Highways re. VAS and roundabout
- J. Bignell** To advertise for a Tree Warden on onecharleton again
- Members** To arrange defibrillator training

