

CHARLETON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 5th October 2017 at 6.30pm

OPEN FORUM – Two members of the public attended.

- The opinion was expressed that 'One Council' is the worst possible proposal for SHDC.

PRESENT: **B. Rogers, J. Bignell, C. Cross, S. Page,**

In attendance: S. Winstanley, Cllr. Brazil

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr. R. Foss – No report

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr. J. Brazil

- Meg Booth has become the Head of Highways. She seems to be very efficient.
- School funding – whereas the funding is slightly better than before, Devon is still a long way behind the national average.
- One Council – South Hams tax payers are being asked to bail out West Devon – but no money is being spent to improve services in the South Hams.

POLICE REPORT – PC Jane Gerrard – no report

1. ELECTION OF CHAIR – Ben Rogers was nominated and seconded. There being no other nominations, B. Rogers was elected Chair and signed the acceptance of office.

2. APOLOGIES – Cllr. R. Foss, R. Sanders

3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS held on 7th September 2017

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

4. 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

5. CLERK'S REPORT –

- An email had been received from the Highways Officer saying that the gullies had been or would shortly be cleared out. Members feel that more needs to be done and a quote will be sought.
- It will be necessary to consider the Precept next month.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

11. To approve payment of the following cheques:

157 - £227.33 - S. Winstanley (Oct)

158 – £160.00 – Greenspace (Sept & Oct) **Resolved**

2. Current finances - £18,280.82 (including £4,000 second Precept payment)

7. CHAIR'S REPORT – B. Rogers

- The flower beds have been weeded and spraying has been carried out.
- Efforts have been made to find additional councillors.
- A hedge at E. Charleton needs to be cut back – Chair will speak to landowner.

8. To discuss the Parish Council's response to the proposal for 'One Council'

It was agreed that the Parish Council should respond objecting strongly to the proposal.

Clerk will draft a response for Members to approve, immediately.

9. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS –

To be considered: 2640/17/HHO – Orchard House TQ7 2AR
Proposed new shed
Following discussion it was **resolved** to recommend support
3126/17/HHO - Church Barn, Duncombe Cross, TQ7 2D
Enlargement of glazed doors.
Following discussion it was **resolved** to recommend support

10. CORRESPONDENCE – None

11. COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS

Village Hall – B. Rogers – No report
Church - S. Page – The Silvington Concert will raise funds and E. Portlemouth are making a donation due to Charleton church members helping at their event.
There will be no funerals or burials whilst the vicar is away.
A quote for felling trees in danger of falling on tombstones is being sought.
Pews are to be re-arranged to increase the area for social events.
There was a request for the grass to be strimmed from the gates of the church up the hill as far as the gates to the new churchyard.
There was a request to have a bank removed – R. Sanders will be asked to examine and report back.
Footpaths – C. Cross – No problems. All in good condition.
Events - B. Rogers – No report.
Defibrillator checks – A volunteer is needed to check the E. Charleton defibrillation and send off the report.
J. Bignell volunteered.
The dog bin on the Marsh footpath is broken.

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

SignedChair

ACTION POINTS

Clerk **To order a new dog bin**
 To contact Brookings re. gully sucking
 To contact Highways re. slabs broken on Bowcombe to Duncombe X lane.