

CHARLETON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 6th March 2025 at 6.00pm

PRESENT: O. Morgan, R. Ashby, B. Rogers, S. Rogers, J. Calvert

In attendance , Cllr. J. Brazil, Cllr. L. Lawford, Rev. M. Neave

OPEN FORUM – No members of the public attended

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – by Cllr. L. Lawford

- Garden waste collection is increasing to £65 or £68 if you pay after the end of March.
- There is to be a 2.99% council tax. The budget can be seen on line.
- The planning application for a dwelling at Springfield is going to committee in April.
- Parking – increases will come into force on the 1st April It is possible to apply on line for a residents permit which entitles you to an extra 30 minutes parking. It is possible to apply if you do not have a smart phone.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr. J. Brazil

- The HATOC meeting was on Wednesday and Highways have done nothing. It was emphasised that the footpath between East & West Charleton should become a priority and if necessary the piece of land blocking the footpath should be compulsorily purchased. It was generally agreed that the cost should be investigated. The Chair commented that this is the most positive news we have heard in a long time.

1. APOLOGIES – H. Baker

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS held on 9th January 2025.

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

4. CLERK'S REPORT – Due to the departure of S. Gorman there is now a second vacancy on the PC.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT

- It has been a quiet couple of months through the depths of winter. So, not a lot to report.
- However, the dark days did not stop the enthusiasm of the village flower bed/maintenance group. These volunteers were out in force removing weeds & debris from the entrance to Lyte Lane and what an improvement!
- The hedge trimming fairy has also visited the village and done a wonderful job on the Jubilee hedge opposite the old village shop and also the hedge on the entrance to Lyte Lane, making it look a lot smarter and improving visibility.
- Finally, there appears to have been a lot of coming and going at the Charleton Inn. Jack and Robbo have now moved on leaving us in the safe hands of Abbie, Carris and Amy among others. Please make a point of supporting our pub through these quieter months. It is a difficult tradeto be in and they like all pubs, need supporting in these challenging times.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

- 1. To approve the following bank payments
 - £40.00 – Information Commission
 - £40.00 – S. Winstanley (Microsoft 365)
 - £22.00 – Ian Judge (website)
 - £369.92 – S. Winstanley (Feb)
- 2. Cash at bank £22,787.47 (including £718 rebate for road cutting agreement) **Agreed**

7. To discuss replacing the Clerk’s laptop

It was agreed that the Clerk should go ahead and purchase a new laptop the cost of which would be shared with Halwell & Moreleigh PC.

8. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS – Recommended by delegated power

0215/25/HHO – Long Meadow Farm, Charleton TQ7 2AD
Partial demolition, rebuild, alteration & extension of property
Recommended support.

9. Update on the RSG – no report

10. CORRESPONDENCE – A request had been made that the Parish Council to endeavour to extend the footpath to Kingsbridge. To be included in the next agenda.

11. COUNCILLORS’ REPORTS –

To receive reports:

Village Hall – Nothing to report.

Church – Continuing to have a service on the 4th Sunday. In March that is on Mothering Sunday.

There will be services at Easter and evensong. One wedding is booked.

Friends Group – a committee is now formed and have had a couple of meetings and planning to have a flower festival at the May Bank Holiday. Hoping to get as many parishioners interested as possible. The much praised garden group have said they would be happy to get involved with the maintenance of the churchyard.

Plan to have another public meeting in the pub to move things on.

Village Maintenance – No report. Highways need to come and clean the sides of the road from outside the Village Hall up to Charleton Way in parts the yellow lines being obscured.

VAS Up and running.

Footpaths – No problems at the moment.

Defibrillator check - All Fine. The issue of responsibility for the maintenance of the Village Hall defib was discussed. It was clearly stated in the Minutes of 3.3.22 that whilst the PC would match fund the original cost ,the on going costs were the responsibility of the Village Hall.

**12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING– in Charleton Village Hall Meeting at 6.30pm will be in May 2025
Date to be confirmed**

Signed

Owen Morgan, Chair

