

CHARLETON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Thursday 17th November 2022 at 6.30pm

PRESENT: A. Lucas, R. Ashby, H. Baker, S. Page, A. Walker

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

OPEN FORUM – No members of the public attended.

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr. R. Foss

- Compton Road – the wall has been reduced in height. A further application for the existing wall is expected.
- The refuse/recycling is now being carried out by SHDC. There is an option to pay £49 for a brown bin collection from April to October. The box scheme is to be extended.
- The planning work with W. Devon has now stopped and Patrick Whymer is working for SHDC.
- If a house/bungalow has been purchased and is demolished the carbon footprint of a rebuild has to be justified.
- The Council Tax on second homes is to be doubled in 2024.

COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr. Julian Brazil

- Suggest a meeting with Ros Davies to discuss the proposed footpath. CC JB with details.
- The A379 is now open.
- A meeting with Highways has been arranged to consider whether a couple of the crossroads on the back lanes could be made safer following the tragic accident which occurred whilst the A379 was closed.
- A blocked drain at Daniels Lane could be remedied by a drain going down the A379 but this would involve a road closure similar to that just experienced.
- DCC is in dire financial straits and Council Tax will go up by 5% to try to rectify the situation.

POLICE REPORT – No report.

1. APOLOGIES – B. Rogers, J. Bignell

2. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS held on 1st September 2022

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 precept needs to be considered and confirmed at the January meeting.
- Since Andy Walker will be leaving the PC in April prior to the election, Members were urged to consider whether any Parishioners would be willing to join the PC in May when there will be 4 vacancies.

5. CHAIR'S REPORT –

I am very sorry to say that I received Jacqui Bignell's resignation the other day. Jacqui has been a member of the parish council on and off for a number of years now, recently as deputy chair. She has donated her time, efforts and enthusiasm to our parish willingly, and I am sure we all thank her very much for everything she has contributed, and we all wish her the very best for the future. She has confirmed to me that she will continue to hound us if the footpaths or the dog poo bins, or anything else she sees, need our attention.

The last week and a half have been much quieter on our main road, due to the road closure at Frogmore. Unfortunately, this has resulted in much more traffic attempting to bypass the closure using the lanes. As some may know, a very serious accident occurred last Tuesday between two cars, in the lanes over by Chillington, which resulted in an air ambulance airlifting a mother and baby to Bristol hospital and ambulances taking the others to Derriford hospital. Our thoughts are with those involved, it does serve as a reminder to us all to be wary on the lanes and the roads in general. Although the road closure was planned for 3 weeks, the workforce managed to complete the repairs and the road opened for traffic again yesterday, Wednesday lunch time. As a resident of East Charleton, whilst the road was closed, it was gloriously peaceful and wonderful to be able to walk safely to Frogmore, without worrying about traffic thundering past. However, the road is now open again and that should make the lanes quieter.

I and other residents of West Charleton attended a fantastic free talk on CPR and the use of a defibrillator, on Monday 7th November. The evening was organized I believe by Rex Brown and the Village Hall Committee, and it was led by Loic Doison from Coast-to-Coast Water Safety. Loic is a resident of West Charleton and gave his time and experience free of charge to guide us through how to deal with a patient who needs immediate help. It was a superb evening, many thanks to Loic, hopefully he will be available to give another session in the spring, when perhaps lighter evenings and better weather will tempt people out of their homes to attend.

Finally, it was lovely to hear the church bells ringing out last Tuesday evening, hopefully they will continue to do so.

6. FINANCIAL MATTERS

1. To approve payment of the following bank payments
 £80.00– I. Judge – Website hosting
 £306.88 - S. Winstanley – (Sept)
 £306.48 – S. Winstanley – (Oct)
 £900.00 - Greenspace (Inv. No.1668)
 £306.68 - S. Winstanley (Nov)
 Cash at bank £1,990.13 (including £4500 2nd Precept payment) **Approved**
2. To consider the precept for 2023 (Budget attached)
 Members considered the proposed budget and bearing in mind the current rate of inflation and constraints on DCC and SHDC decided to increase the Precept by approximately 5% i.e. a cost to each Parishioner of £1.15.
3. It was agreed that delegated powers to continue to make bank payments are confirmed for the Clerk and to respond to planning applications following consultation with Members.

7. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS (Recommended using delegated powers)

2899/22/HHO – 13 Charleton Way TQ7 2AN

Proposed extensions to front & rear elevations with associated drainage & external walls

Recommended approval

2818/22/HHO – Netherway TQ7 2AC

New detached garage

Recommended approval

14491/22/HHO -14 Charleton Way TQ7 2AN

Construction of balcony & replacement balustrading at front of property

Recommended approval

3334/22/HHO – Curlew Point, Curlew Drive, W. Charleton TQ7 2AA

Slipway/foreshore access & repairs to limekiln

Recommended approval

3444/22/HHO – Curlew Point, Curlew Drive, W. Charleton, TQ7 2AA

Alterations to dwelling

Recommended approval

3418/22/HHO – Dundridge, W.Charleton TQ7 2AB

New free standing PV panels in rear garden

Recommended approval

8. To adopt the principles of the Civility & Respect Project

Members unanimously agreed to adopt the principles of Civility & Respect.

9. To discuss the way forward for a footpath between E & W Charleton

The Chair will arrange a meeting with the P3 Officer and arrange a site visit.

10. CORRESPONDENCE – Email from Jacqui Bignell as above.

11. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS

Village Hall - The AGM will take place on 29th November and all are welcome. The VH is desperate for new committee members.

Church - The Chair has had contact with the Vicar who now lives in Charleton. He means to attend PC meetings but sends his regrets for this evening. He is hoping to put St. Mary's on a new footing.

Footpaths - For the time being the Chair will take over responsibility for reporting on the footpaths.

Village Maintenance - It was agreed that in the light of no other alternative, Greenspace be offered a contract to maintain the beds.

VAS All working well and just been moved.

Defibrillator checks – All updated with the ambulance service and new batteries installed. Thanks were expressed to Sarah Page for the considerable effort she has put in to making sure that the defibrillators were checked and new equipment purchased.

12. DATE OF NEXT MEETING: 5th January 2023 at 6.30pm in the Charleton Village Hall

.....Chair