

## CHARLETON PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

**Thursday 6th November 2025 at 6.30pm**

**PRESENT: O. Morgan, B. Rogers, S. Rogers, J. Calvert, C. Rogers**

In attendance S. Winstanley, Clerk, Cllrs. L. Lawford, J. Brazil, Rev. Mark Neave

### **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - Cllr. L. Lawford**

1. Now representative on SHDC Safety Partnership which works together to locally diminish violence & abuse.
2. A new thermal imaging camera is available to Parish Councils to check heat loss from buildings.
3. Collection of sofas is available by SHDC for a fee of £25.
4. As a DC it has been agreed that the proposal for the Local Government review for 4,5,1 would be supported.
5. A press release has been issued regarding helping residents to have warm homes – targeting people who are in need.

### **COUNTY COUNCILLOR'S REPORT – Cllr. J. Brazil**

1. Regarding the permissive footpath – there are no plans to resurface the footpath. The Chair said that the PC did not want to spend funds on relining the pavement due to the poor surface.
2. There will be a HATOC meeting on Tuesday – hoping that there may be some more news on the footpath then. It is good news that Caroline Voaden MP wants to get involved.
3. Slapton Line Partnership – met last Friday and the meeting went well. An interactive map has been promised where comments can be made on the plan to improve the B roads which will be involved if the road is breached. If the breach is serious the road will be sacrificed – if it is minor it will be repaired. Ways of protecting the existing road will be looked at next meeting.
4. Local Government Re-organisation – the County publishes its proposal tomorrow which is three unitaries – Devon, Torbay and Plymouth.
5. In the New Year there will be a big road closure in Chillington in order to replace two big underground cables which will last from January until March.
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**OPEN FORUM** – No members of the public attended

#### **1. To consider co-opting Carina Rogers to the PC.**

It was unanimously agreed that Carina should be co-opted to the PC and she signed the Acceptance of Office.

#### **2. APOLOGIES** – R. Ashby, H. Baker

#### **3. MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS** held on 4th September 2025

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 –

- It appears after investigation, that the raised flower beds do not belong to the PC. They were installed by SHDC according to past Chair, Rex Brown. Cllr. Lawford is trying to find out if SHDC will repair.
- Andy Walker, who for so long has operated 'onecharleton' and updated the website, feels that he no longer able to do so due to other commitments. Many thanks go to Andy for his untiring work for the Charleton community. Newly elected parish councillor, Carine Rogers offered to update 'onecharleton'
- Email was sent to members regarding accessible benches being available but Members did not think there was a suitable position for one.
- Caroline Voaden MP has expressed an interest in trying to get a footpath between the villages.

## 6. CHAIR'S REPORT –

Well! Who flicked the switch? It seemed summer just ended abruptly and winter descended immediately. All the Canadian Geese and swallows have migrated off to warmer climes.

A number of Parishioners have approached me to complain about dog waste within out footpaths. Can I Please remind everyone to clean up after their dogs. I am sure that this behaviour is from a small group of individuals but it ruins it for the majority.

The Village pub, the Charleton, is hanging on barely by a thread. But I would like to thank Becca Calvert for her stirring work in keeping the pub open for drinks from Wednesday to Saturday.

Without her help I am sure the Pub would have closed, so we thank her greatly. Hopefully, Quality Inns will find a new replacement team for the Charleton so it can be open for everybody in the community once again.

Halloween arrived and not a single trick or treater visited my home. I remember with fond memories my Daughter and other children in the Village enjoying the festivities usually with a pensive parent lurking behind.

Where have all the children gone? Still, on the upside, I have got enough Haribo Starmix to last till Christmas. I hope everybody and my fellow Councillors have a wonderful Christmas and a Very Happy 2026.

## 7. FINANCIAL MATTERS

To approve payment of the following Bank Transfers:

£22.00 – I. Judge (website update)

£132.40 – HMRC

£377.68 – S. Winstanley (Sept)

£367.52 – S. Winstanley (Apr)

£280.00 – Greenspace Inv. 0207

£200.00 – CJL Rogers (Allotment rent)

£377.88 - S. Winstanley (Oct)

**Approved**

Cash at Bank - £28124.35 (including £6000 2<sup>nd</sup> Precept payment)

To consider the Precept for 26/27 – budget provided

Having considered the figures Members resolved to increase the Precept by 4% i.e. the rate of inflation to enable the PC to carry out an ever increasing burden of responsibility and to make further provision

for

the footpath. This equates to a one off payment from each Parishioner of some 90p.

## 8. PLANNING & PLANNING MATTERS : None

## 9. ROAD SAFETY GROUP – J. Calvert

Reported some potholes

## 10. CORRESPONDENCE – Email from Cllr. Lawford re. C. Voaden, C. Klee

## 10. COUNCILLORS' REPORTS –

To receive reports:

Village Hall – No report.

Church –

**Recent Events:**

Regular services of worship continue on the fourth Sunday evening of each month, at 6.00 pm during the summer months, and 4.00 pm during the winter.

5 July 2025 – wedding of Flora Klintworth and Toby Pitchers, at St Mary's.

17 August 2025 – Quinquennial Inspection of church buildings by Julie Boulty of Apse Architects, Exeter. Concern expressed over the stability of some of the boundary walls, which may or may not be the responsibility of the PCC.

29 September 2025 – Charleton Academy harvest service in St Mary's.

1 October 2025 – Visit by the Bishop of Exeter to Charleton Academy.

2 October 2025 – Funeral of Mrs Mary Hocken, at St Mary's.

3 November 2025 – Burial of ashes, Sir Jonathan Tod, at St Mary's.

**Forthcoming Events:**

Tuesday 18 November 2025, @ 7.00 pm – Wine tasting evening at the Charleton Inn. Tickets £20 (a few still available). Proceeds to the Friends of St Mary's.

6 or 13 December 2024 (date tbc) – Christmas Coffee Morning at St Mary's. Proceeds to the Friends of St Mary's.

17 December 2025, @ 6.00 pm – Carol Service at St Mary's . Proceeds to local charities.

20 December 2025, @ 5.30 pm – Carol singing in the Charleton Inn. Proceeds to the Friends of St Mary's.

**The Friends of St Mary's (FoSM):**

40+ now signed up as members of the group. Need a push to widen membership (in the New Year)

14 are giving regular donations to the group, amounting to around £4,000 p.a. (excluding Gift Aid).

11 donors have signed up to make their donations through the Parish Giving Scheme, which means that their Gift Aid is collected automatically.

Two further individuals have volunteered to join the FoSM committee – next committee meeting to be held on 20 November, with an Annual General Meeting to be arranged in January 2026.

Balance of FoSM Bank Account at 5 November 2025 was **£6440.29**. Anticipated balance at end of year (including estimated proceeds from wine tasting event, Christmas coffee morning and carols in the Charleton Inn) around **£7500**.

VAS - No report.

Footpaths – The gates at either end of the permitted footpath have still not been repaired. Clerk to report.

Dog fouling is a problem. Old trees on Footpath No. 3 need attention.

Defibrillator check - All Fine.

**11. DATE OF NEXT MEETING**– in Charleton Village Hall at 6.30pm will be on 8<sup>th</sup> January 2026

**Signed .....**

**Owen Morgan, Chair**