

# CHARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

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**Minutes of the Extraordinary Meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday, 26<sup>th</sup> July 2021, at 7.00 pm in the Sports Pavilion, Station Road, Fladbury.**

**PRESENT** Cllr Roger Davies (Chairman)  
Cllr Emily Hall-Roberts  
Cllr Helen Hill  
Cllr Richard Sims

In attendance: Roger Gurney, Clerk to the Parish Council

## ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC FORUM

*(No member of the public was in attendance.)*

### **92/21 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE**

These were received from Cllr Sally Martin and District Cllr Tony Rowley..

### **93/21 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST**

None.

### **94/21 CONSIDERATION OF PLANNING APPLICATION 21/01481 AGRICULTURAL BUILDING, HIGHFIELD, HASEOR LANE, CHARLTON**

It was agreed that 'No objection' be raised.

### **95/21 FUTURE OF THE CHURCH IN CHARLTON**

Concern has been raised in the village about the lack of services in Charlton Church and this is accentuated with the views being expressed by senior clergy on the Church of England to reduce the number of clergy and services particularly in rural areas. It was agreed that a letter be sent to Dr John Inge, Bishop of Worcester, setting out the concerns and seeking clarification of the views of the Diocese of Worcester. Cllr Richard Sims agreed to write this letter.

### **96/21 ASSET OF COMMUNITY VALUE APPLICATION**

The Clerk reminded the meeting that this application relating to the Gardeners Arms PH was submitted to Wychavon earlier this year. The owners have raised concerns about the application and these will be considered by the legal officers before being considered by the Localism and Community Funding Advisory Panel.

### **97/21 PURCHASE OF SECOND VAS SIGN**

Cllr Richard Sims reported that the application for funding for this sign from the Police and Crime Commissioner has been submitted to the local Police Superintendent for approval, before being forwarded to the Commissioner.

### **98/21 FINANCE**

#### **Accounts for Payment**

It was proposed by Cllr Helen Hill, seconded by Cllr Emily Hall-Roberts, and agreed, that the following accounts be paid:

Worcestershire CC (for highway work)	<b>£1,550.00</b>
Brian Arrowsmith (for June)	<b>£144.00</b>

**99/21 APPLICATION FOR THE HIRE OF THE GREEN**

The Clerk reported that the application to hire the Green on 7<sup>th</sup> August 2021 has been withdrawn.

The Parish Council has been asked whether the PC insurance policy would cover any events being held on The Green. Enquiries of our present insurers has confirmed that the insurance policy will only cover events organized and run by the Parish Council. The PC has subsequently been asked whether the Parish Council would take on 'ownership' of village events, such as the Village Fayre, on behalf of the village, so that the Parish Council insurance covers these. After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk responds, explaining that events are likely to involve a lot of planning and organizing, and that if councils were to organize these, they would have to be involved in all the details from the start. Members and officers would find it difficult to cope with this, in addition to their existing duties and as a result it was agreed that the Parish Council is unable to take responsibility for the Village Fayre or any other events proposed by third parties. It is normal practice and important that the organisers of any formal events being held on a Council property, including The Green, to arrange their own insurance to protect against any claims.

**100/21 UPDATE OF OTHER ISSUES****1. Planning application for the extension to the Old Schoolroom.**

The Chairman reported that the Planning Officer at Wychavon had suggested the setting back of the gable, which would reduce the size of the extended kitchen. It was suggested and agreed that the decision to accept this amendment rests with the trustees, and the Parish Council would support their decision.

**2. Road Closure.**

The Clerk has received notice that Canada Bank will be closed for 3 days from 9<sup>th</sup> August 2021. This has been published on the Village website

**3. Street lighting upgrade.**

The Clerk reported that Prysmian have quoted £471.25 each plus VAT for the upgrading of two columns in The Bight and Ryden Lane. As these have an overhead supply Western Power will also be involved,

**101/21 DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

The Clerk has been informed that the Old Schoolroom is available for the next scheduled meeting on Thursday, 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021.

The meeting closed at 8.00 pm.

.....R L Davies.....  
Chairman 9<sup>th</sup> September 2021