

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 22nd September 2022
at 7.30 pm in the Old Schoolroom, Charlton**

PRESENT Cllr Richard Sims (in the Chair)
Cllr Richard Bentley
Cllr Emily Hall-Roberts
Cllr Helen Hill
Cllr Wendy Sharpe

In attendance: Roger Gurney, Clerk to the Parish Council

ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC FORUM
(No residents were in attendance.)

Those present stood for one minute to remember Mrs Freddie Jack, who died on 20th September 2022, and had been a member of Charlton Parish Council from 1959 until 2019.

131/22 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Cllr Roger Davies, County Cllr Elizabeth Eyre and District Cllr Tony Rowley

132/22 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

133/22 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR ELIZABETH EYRE

County Cllr Elizabeth Eyre was unable to attend, but her report, updating many items in Charlton, was circulated to councillors before the meeting. The Strand is to be closed during the last week in October: this will be included on the website during October. The damage to the footway on The Strand is still being pursued with WCC by a local resident.

134/22 REPORT FROM DISTRICT COUNCILLOR TONY ROWLEY

Cllr Tony Rowley has given his apologies and there was no report.

135/22 20s PLENTY FOR WORCESTERSHIRE

Cllr Richard Sims reported some 27 responses have been received with a majority indicating a preference for the 20-mph limit being imposed in the village. The closing date for comments is 23rd September and a full report including the comments made will be available for discussion at the next meeting.

136/22 UPDATE ON THE SWDPR

It is expected that the Draft Plan for the period up to 2041 will be issued on 23rd September.

137/22 UPDATE ON THE WCC MINERALS PLAN

The decision on when the Development Plan Document (DPD) which will identify the "favoured areas" is issued is still awaited, possibly a 6-month delay. It is not known whether any sites in Charlton are included

138/22 COMMUNITY LEGACY GRANT/OLD SCHOOLROOM

The work has now been completed and the 'snagging' meeting is to be arranged shortly. It is necessary that a surveyor's report is available before payment can be made and Cllr Emily Hall-Roberts commented that she was satisfied with the work. Cllr Roger Davies and Cllr Richard Sims are due to meet Tracey Perkins from WDC on 4th October to inspect the work. The Open Day is planned for Saturday 15th October.

It was suggested that a token of the Parish Council's thanks be given to the lead trustee, but the Clerk reminded members that the Parish Council is not lawfully able to make these to individuals. It was agreed that a message of thanks be sent upon completion of the project.

139/22 TICKET TO RIDE

Some discussions have been held with representatives of the 'Five Alive' parishes regarding the possibility of setting up a Community minibus without their own transport to Evesham or Pershore. Feedback was generally positive. Meetings with Pershore Volunteer Centre and Worcester Wheels are to be arranged. Information has been obtained from Norton-Juxta-Kempsey PC, including usage and costings. Funding will be an issue as it would be necessary to source some funding. It was considered that a survey ought to be undertaken to gauge the level of interest and likely usage by Village residents.

140/22 REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

(1) Parish Paths Warden. Adrian Peake's report on the state of footpaths in the Parish was circulated before the meeting. The report highlighted the work done and the problems noted. His next walk of the footpaths is planned at the end of November.

(2) Crophorne and Charlton Village Hall. There was no report. Cllr Richard Sims had received an email from the interim Chairman requesting a financial contribution towards the costs of refurbishing/replacing some of the play equipment at The Sheppey. Cllr Richard Sims advised that he was waiting for details of the proposed repairs from the interim Chairman. It was agreed to defer this to the next meeting, when further details of the likely contribution have been obtained.

(3) Workman Trust/Old Schoolroom. The current position was reported in minute no.138/22 above

(4) PACT. There have been no recent meetings and currently there is no Secretary. Suggestions for a new secretary were requested, but none were forthcoming.

141/22 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14th JULY 2022

The draft minutes were circulated prior to the meeting. It was proposed by Cllr Richard Sims, seconded by Cllr Helen Hill, and resolved, that the Minutes be signed as a true record.

142/22 REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE HELD ON 25th AUGUST 2022

The report of the Planning Committee meeting held on 25th August 2022, which had been circulated with the agenda, were noted.

143/22 FINANCE**1. Receipts and Payments Account: 01.06.22 – 31.08.22**

This was circulated with the agenda and was accepted.

147/22 HIGHWAY MATTERS

A reply from Fladbury PC is awaited regarding the current problem at Mill Bank. It is reported above that a village resident is chasing WCC regarding the damaged footway in The Strand.

The new VAS sign is now working.

148/22 UPDATING OF PATHS IN THE PARISH

It was agreed that this item be deferred. The Clerk was asked to acquire detailed maps from WCC.

149 /22 FLOODING ISSUES

There was no report.

150/22 THE GREEN

(1) Parking on the Green. The Clerk was asked to draft a letter for consideration, which would then be sent to residents living on The Green.

(2) New benches. The Clerk reported that the family of the late Jean Munn have agreed that they will fund a new bench on the Green in her memory. Cllr Wendy Sharpe will ascertain the current position regarding a seat for the late Helen Fowler.

It was suggested that Brian Arrowsmith be asked if he could undertake the sanding and re-staining of the existing benches.

(3) Trees on The Green. It was agreed that this be included on the next agenda

151/22 REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

(1) Broadband. There are still problems with the installation in the parish and an apology for the continued delay has been made by the Rural Engagement Manager at Openreach who says that the upgrading will be completed by August 2023.

(2) Evesham-Pershore Cycle Route. There has been no progress.

(3) Asset of Community Value. This is currently with District Cllr Tony Rowley, who is discussing it with officers at WDC.

(4) Lengthsman worksheet. The worksheet for July was circulated with the agenda and was noted.

152/22 CALC

The regular Updates are circulated to members when received. 'Civility' has been referred to in the latest Update and the Clerk will check the Standing Orders.

153/22 CORRESPONDENCE

(1) Local Government Boundary Commission – Final recommendations for Wychavon

154/22 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council will be held on Thursday 10th November 2023.

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Chairman

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10th November 2022