

CHARFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 18th August 2009 commencing 7.30pm in the Sportsman's Lounge, Charfield Memorial Hall, Charfield

PRESENT

Parish Councillors: Mr M Rosher(Chairman),Mr R Hancock, ,Mr P Patterson, Mrs Y Lloyd, Mr P Birt

Clerk: Mrs S Bailey **Public:** 2 members of public

8505/09 Apologies for Absence noted & accepted from Mr I Kershaw, Mr M Cheskin, Mr F Carling, Mrs N Newns,

8506/09 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda none

8507/09 Public Participation Two members of the public from Springside spoke about their planning application below. Outline permission has already been granted and full/detailed design is now required. They happily answered questions about the plot and the new building design, explaining their building philosophies. The spring is already in a piped culvert. The house will be built on piling to allow minimal ground disturbance. Footpath access will be maintained at all times. Councillors thanked them for attending the meeting and explaining various points.

8508/09 Planning Applications

PT09/1400/F - Springside Wotton Rd, erection of 1no detached dwelling and associated works. Construction of new access. The Council objected to this application when it was at the outline planning application stage and maintains its outline & previous objections on all grounds. However the Council appreciates that this new application deals with the details of the design and after much discussion cannot see any reason to object to the actual design. It was therefore **resolved** not to object to this application. The Council still feels that the house is squashed into this plot and it is not a good example of garden development.

Action Clerk Planning response

8509/09 Update on proposed burial ground The Chairman updated Members on developments over the past 6 weeks. After a meeting with the South Glos Council Planning Officer and assessing the requirements of a number of internal departments for information – an extended Phase 1 Habitat Survey was commissioned from Avon Wildlife Trust. This was carried out last week and an e-mail report has been mailed to Members. Its findings are notably vague and some further surveys are considered beneficial namely a reptile and a bird survey. The quote for the reptile survey alone is £1900. Elsewhere, Cllr Cheskin has spoken also to the archaeology officer who has given details of what an archaeological report should contain and quotes have been obtained for this which range from £900 upwards for a quick desktop assessment to over £3000 for trial pits.....

Councillors are alarmed at the possible spiralling costs of providing this basic community facility and feel that the whole project may be in jeopardy due to excessive & expensive requests for information from South Glos Council's various departments. It was decided therefore to hold a site meeting with as many Councillors as possible, and each officer from South Glos Council who is requesting an expensive report in order to show that the whole project is at crisis point may not happen as the Parish Council will run out of budget just providing paperwork. Clerk to provide a plan/matrix of the situation and co-ordinate a meeting. Chairman to provide a short summary of view of Council.

Councillors noted that the grass had grown quite high in the proposed burial field – it was not known who had mown it last time – Clerk to contact Mr Robert Moreton and ask if it was him – and investigate the possibility of repeating it.

Action Clerk

Action Chairman

8510/09 Items To Be Raised By Members for future agenda or minor points

Junior swing shackles/D coupling appear to be breaking/too short – Cllr Hancock has temporarily repaired the situation; Cllr Birt to research longer D bolts.

Action Cllr Birt

Streetlighting – some lights were still on at 2pm in the Woodlands Rd area – Clerk to investigate turning off times.

Woodlands Rd antisocial behaviour –situation has much improved since SSCG meeting; maybe due to various factors.

Autumn litter pick - Clerk to acquire banner to be authorised at September meeting 'Autumn Litter Pick, Saturday (date space), www.charfieldparishcouncil.org.uk'

Action Clerk

The hexagonal shelter quote has been obtained within authorised limit, and work should commence soon for plying infill.

Meeting closed at 8:45pm

Chairman

8th September 2009