

CHARFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 1st December 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, Mr M Cheskin, Mrs N Newns, Mr P Birt, Mrs J Law **Clerk:** Ms S Bailey **Public:** none

8586/09 Apologies for Absence noted & accepted from Mrs S O'Neill, Mr I Kershaw, Mrs Y Lloyd

8587/09 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda Mrs Law declared a personal interest in Scouting activities and did not participate in the decision of this grant allocation.

8588/09 Public Participation

PT09/5839/F 20 Hawthorn Close Erection of single storey side extension to form kitchen and utility area. The plans were discussed on the overhead projector and also viewed in paper form. This is a resubmission of an approved application from 2004 which expired. After due consideration, the Parish Council **resolved** to make no objection to this application.

8589/09 Grant Requests for 2010 The following grant requests were considered by Council. It was proposed by Mr P Birt and seconded by Mr M Rosher and **resolved** to make the following awards:

Memorial Hall Management Committee – grant of £2000 towards upgrading of Sportsman's Lounge changing room facilities and the kitchen area, both after recent health and safety inspections.

South Glos Citizens Advice Bureau – grant of £150 towards the ongoing cost of the bureau's advice service.

Charfield Cricket Club – grant of £300 towards upgrading pitch ground equipment.

First Woodend Scout Group – grant of £150 towards scouting equipment to be used on trips.

The total grant awards thus total £3100. It was also **resolved** to keep a grant contingency amount of £650 available for any future grant requests, bringing the total possible grant allocation amount to £3750.

8590/09 2010/2011 Yr Budget and Precept Much discussion centred on the financial situation for the coming year and a detailed budget analysis was prepared and decided at the meeting. A copy of the budget decisions is attached to these Minutes. On the basis of this, it was proposed by Mr P Birt and seconded by Mr M Rosher and **resolved** to make a Precept request of £24,000 which represents a rise of 4.3%.

8591/09 Items To Be Raised By Members for future agenda or minor points

Mr Cheskin followed up a complaint from a resident who had fallen after walking home late evening, but could not ascertain the fall was a direct result of lack of streetlamp.

Mr Rosher outlined his conversation with a resident (Mr Webber) who wished some streetlamps to be turned back on. This will be discussed on the next agenda.

The Clerk is to arrange a card to thank Mr Carling for his contributions over the years as Councillor.

The Clerk outlined a conversation with Reehana the youth worker who was worried that continuity would be lost when the Tuesday evening youth activities are canceled due to Sportsman's lounge not being available. The Parish Council therefore offered to use the Memorial Hall main hall for these winter meetings to see if it helped youth group activities. Clerk to arrange keys, advise Councillors and liaise with Hall Committee.

This concluded the business of the meeting, which closed at approximately 8:45 pm.

Chairman

12th January 2009