

CHARFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 8th December 2009 commencing 7.30pm in the Sportsman's Lounge, Charfield Memorial Hall, Charfield

PRESENT

Parish Councillors: Mr M Rosher(Chairman), Mr I Kershaw, Mr P Patterson, Mrs Y Lloyd, Mr M Cheskin, Mrs N Newns (from 7:45), Mr P Birt, Mr R Hancock(from 7:55) **Clerk:** Ms S Bailey **Public:** Mr J Russell

8592/09 Apologies for Absence noted & accepted from Mrs S O'Neill

8593/09 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda none

8594/09 Approval of Minutes

It was proposed by Mr P Patterson and seconded by Mr P Birt and **resolved** that minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 10th November 2009 are signed as a correct record.

8595/09 Public Participation none

8596/09 Clerks Report on MATTERS ARISING from Previous Minutes Appletrees is now being pursued by Planning Enforcement at South Glos Council. Card for Mr Carling available for all to sign. Play inspection rota has been forwarded to all for 2010.

8597/09 Proposed burial ground at Churchend & planning application The survey report from Absolute Archaeology has been forwarded to Councillors by e-mail and hard copy should arrive shortly. Nothing in it would prevent us proceeding with planning application. Contact made with architect Toby who is rather busy and has suggested we attempt a draft Design & Access Statement which Chairman has already begun- draft to be forwarded to all Councillors shortly. Aim is (subject to Toby's work load) to have a plan and accompanying documents available for perusal and approval by January Council meeting.
Action Cllr Rosher

8598/09 Feedback from streetlighting trial initiatives Mr Rosher outlined a conversation with resident of Underhill Rd Mr Webber who suggested turning back on some minor road lights whilst turning off some main road ones – in order not to lose the carbon offset. Councillors were sympathetic to the arguments put forward but South Glos may be restricted in what they are allowed to turn off on main roads due to safety issues. However this is very much a trial and the matter will be brought up at the next quarterly liaison meeting in January. Councillors asked that a trail end/review date is requested at the meeting eg July 2010? Maybe also a South Glos representative could talk to Public at the Annual Parish Meeting on 27th April.

8599/09 Play area working group / toddler area design The meeting scheduled with Jane's Pond for final play design ideas is this Thursday 10th December at Sportsmans Lounge 7pm.

8600/09 Youth funding request. Motion to vire £500 from Public Enquiries budget heading After long discussions at the last council meeting, this was agreed by all and in line with Standing Orders shall be adjourned until the next full council meeting. Mr Cheskin to contact Wickwar youth group to find out how their PC contributes. *Action Cllr Cheskin*

8601/09 S.Glos consultation on school term dates for YR 2011-12 No comments to be made – put in circulation file.

8602/09 S Glos request for views on open spaces availability in Charfield Parish Cllr Cheskin agreed to review this document and bring findings to next Council meeting. *Action Cllr Cheskin*

8603/09 S Glos request to monitor rough sleepers in Charfield for 1 week Clerk to respond - none in Charfield

8604/09 Spring Clean 2010 Clerk to respond to South Glos & register interest to participate on date of Saturday 20th March 2010. Also to confirm an autumn date of Saturday 25th September.

8605/09 Discussion on the merits of a Parish Plan Details were shown to Councillors and the benefits explained. Information has been in the circulation file for Councillors to read. Benefits could be seen although it is appreciated that an outside group needs to be forthcoming to take such a large project on board. Maybe it is an opportunity for Chadra. Clerk

to contact Jacqui Ward to check availability of her talking at the Annual Pariah Meeting with hopefully Chadra attending. Also article can be put into Chadra highlighting benefits to the village.

Action Chairman/Clerk

8606/09 New bank mandate Council resolved to add new signatory to bank mandate and remove Mr Carling. All signed new form & Mrs Law to provide Nat West with details.

Action Cllr Law

8607/09 Clerks attendance at SLCC branch meeting & AGM 15th Jan Minchinhampton cost £10 Attendance was proposed by Mr P Birt and seconded by Mr Y Lloyd and approved by all.

8608/09 Correspondence –

Little Bristol Lane – Traffic Calming Consultation – response by 17th January. Received too late for agenda item inclusion. To be put on agenda for January and also will be displayed on website. Various comments were discussed – to be assessed in more detail in January.

Childrens Playlink grant request – unfortunately as only one child in the parish benefits, regulations prevent the Parish Council donating to this cause.

8609/09 Items for Circulation. The following items circulated to Members including:

- Periodicals (Clerks Direct etc)
- Newsletters eg 4 Towns & Vale Link, Rural Parish Matters, Police, Age Concern, Deaf Assoc
- Community Award Nomination leaflet
- Glos Wildlife Welcome Pack
- Parish Charter annual meeting Minutes
- S Glos Environment Forum report

8610/09 Planning Applications

PT09/5830/PNA- Land at Upper Huntingford – prior notification of the intention to erect an agricultural building for the storage of fodder & machinery. Charfield Parish Council has no objection to this proposed development however the Council stresses strongly that this application should not lead to habitation in the future and reaffirms its commitment to no development outside the village envelope as defined in the local plan.

8611/09 Planning Decisions none

8612/09 Reports/Notices of Meetings

Ward Councillor report - none.

Charfield Playing Field – Playground Inspection Report from Mr P Patterson & Mr M Rosher. No change to previously noted wear and tear. It is noted that the area seems generally clean and tidy and a note of thanks should be given to the cleaner. Mr Kershaw has cut the hedge by the swings. Very little vandalism at the moment.

Next inspection Mrs N Newns & Mrs Y Lloyd.

Charfield Village Hall Management Committee. Latest report in circulation file.

Mr Patterson and Mr Cheskin attended the Infrastructure Planning Meeting from South Glos Council recently which proved interesting and have put documentation in the circulation file which explains the core strategy and the planning process.

8613/09 Accounts It was proposed by Mrs Y Lloyd and seconded by Mr P Patterson and **resolved** that the following are approved for payment:

- Clerk salary & office expenses
- Charfield Memorial Hall Mgmt Committee
- Maintenance (litter) per week @ £20.00
- 12/11/09, 19/11/09, 26/11/09, 03/12/09,
- Use of room 10/11/09 meeting
- Mr M Cheskin ALCA refreshments for meeting
- Absolute Archaeology – burial ground investigations
- HM Revenue Tax & NI payments 3 months to end Dec 09
- Mr J Russell Memorial Hall spare key set cut
- BT office phone direct debit

TOTAL £2949.77

8614/09 Items To Be Raised By Members for future agenda or minor points

Mr Hancock asked about the Safer Stronger Groups meeting recently regarding Woodlands Rd and the new list of priorities– Clerk to forward Minute details/ website address.

Mr Cheskin noted that Premium Bonds are not possible due to requirement to be an individual

Mr Birt noted the relaxed and jovial atmosphere at Council meetings!

This concluded the business of the meeting, which closed at approximately 8:55 pm.

Ongoing Matters; Manor Lane Landscaping, File Storage of Deeds (action Mr M Rosher)

Registration of The Pound, New Burial Ground,

Streetlighting Reduction, Toddler play area revamp

Chairman

12th January 2009