

CHARFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 22nd June 2010 commencing 7.30pm in the Memorial Hall, Charfield

PRESENT

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

Clerk: Mrs H Saunders.

Public: None.

8774/10 Apologies for Absence Noted and accepted from Mr I Cheskin, Mrs J Law, Mrs N Newns & WC Mrs S'O Neil.

8775/10 Declaration of Interest in Items on the Agenda Mr M Cheskin noted his personal & prejudicial interest as Cemex is a customer and refrained from comment or vote during the relevant planning application.

8776/10 Public Participation None.

8777/10 Planning Applications

PT10/1200/RVC/FMW – Wickwar Quarry, The Downs, Wickwar. Variation of conditions 16 & 17 attached to planning permission N8670 to allow for the operation of the plant required for production of coated roadstone only between 0330 and 2300, Mon – Fri (excl Bank Holidays) and 0330 and 1800 on Saturdays and for hours outside those specified on 60 occasions in a calendar year. After some discussion relating to fact the extension of quarry is further towards Charfield than Wickwar and if variation to these 2 conditions is allowed it could facilitate the quarry to work nearly 24:7 – which despite Cemex's expenditure and efforts towards noise reduction at the coating plant over the last couple of years– would still lead to more noise disturbance – if not from plant directly then from the extra vehicle movements that will be generated. This in turn will lead to more dust and pollution.

It was therefore proposed by Mr M Rosher seconded by Mr R Hancock and **resolved** by all (with exception of Mr M Cheskin who refrained from comment and didn't vote) that the council object to these plans on following grounds:- Allowing not only the extension of normal working hours as documented BUT the retention of '60 Occasions / Year' would place an extra burden on those residents that live in the vicinity of the quarry. They already experience noise, and dust pollution due to plant and vehicle movements and this would only be exacerbated – particularly in the summer months.

The council feels that the conditions currently in force balance the needs of Cemex's business with the needs of local residents.

The council would consider an extension to core hours – but ONLY if the '60 Occasions / Year' were given up AND a time limit condition was applied to the planning permissions.

This potential extension of hours reflects the efforts that Cemex have made at Wickwar Quarry to mitigate their effects on the local environment.

PT10/1326/F – 40 Wotton Road, Charfield. Erection of single storey extension and alteration to form pitched roof to facilitate conversion of existing garage. After due consideration it was **resolved** to make no objection to this application.

8778/10 Update on Burial Ground Project & Budget

Mr M Rosher and Clerk gave an update on project. To confirm – the TP1 form has been delivered to Tortworth Estate and is on the agenda to be signed / witnessed at next board meeting. In order to keep costs to a minimum, the 6 conditions really need to be addressed at same time – as each time you apply there is an £85 fee. As discussed at last meeting the conditions are being worked through systematically by architect, Mr M Rosher and Clerk. Cond 1 / 2 given and will be adhered to. Cond 3 – Grasscrete – nearly in a position to decide on supplier and this will enable report to be drawn up illustrating technical details and visuals for S Glos. Cond 4 – Mr M Rosher circulated the document he has worked on for Ecological Survey / Report at last meeting....he is at stage now to get it proof read and checked. Cond 5 – Landscapers have agreed to work on this with architect and understand its importance despite fact may not be landscaping in Phase 1 of development. Cond 6 – Peter Rowe has been asked to change wording of this condition – so it doesn't lead to ambiguity at a later date. Clerk requested copy of attached brief mentioned in planning decision document – so that archaeologists can be approached for quotes / availability (so as not to delay project once underway – and that condition can be satisfied accordingly).

No work can start on site until (a) land is officially ours – this will be beginning August 2010 and (b) all conditions have been satisfied and discharged accordingly by S Glos.

Therefore Clerk will work on these as a priority along with architect, landscapers, and chair / councillors. Quotes for the first stage of project have now been received. This first phase will enable us to become 'operational' as a Burial Ground.

The quotes were circulated and discussed. The grasscrete and its installation make up more than 60% of quotes. The plastic blocks are more reasonable than concrete – our budget isn't going to extend far enough for concrete – and all believe that the plastic ones will be just as hardwearing and look better. Ways to reduce costs were discussed. The more volunteers we can get the better – as this will reduce labour cost. Mr P Birt and Clerk to pursue. There is an outside chance that we could apply to CEMEX for a grant – this is more likely to enable us to move onto Phase 2 though – as application process is quite long and drawn out, in the meantime Clerk is going to pose question at Liaison meeting as to whether there could be some other form of support in terms of machinery / raw materials that would cut costs. A diary date to be set for a site meeting between CEMEX, architect, council ASAP.

Other costs that need to be taken into consideration separately from quotes received are: - S Glos fees, architect fees, archaeologist fees, gates, notice board, any licensing required – and maintenance (although once up and running this needs to be self funding). Clerk and Chair stressed that budget is very tight.

It was agreed to place on agenda for next council meeting (13th July 2010) that we resolve who gets contract for ground work / landscaping / grasscrete (with note to ensure all quotes contain reference to wheelchair access – if they don't already). This will then enable us to complete / submit reports to S Glos for planning conditions and get dates booked and a schedule of works in place.

In meantime Mr M Rosher asked that council still put thought into how they would like Burial Ground to look – and if able jot some ideas on blank plan of ground. He showed an example that he had worked on that was to scale with no. of plots for burial / cremations. Also – could all look into tariffs / charges at other Burial Grounds / Cemetery's...in order for business plan to be drawn up / and information to be publicised / advertised once work gets underway on site.

Action All & Clerk

8779/10 Approve Spend for Manor Lane Landscaping

It was proposed by Mr P Patterson and seconded by Mrs Y Lloyd and **resolved** by all that Manor Lane Landscaping be carried out. This is at a total cost of £652 - £452 is being met by a local sponsor – and cost to council will therefore be £200.

8780/10 Minor Items Raised

Mr M Rosher brought it to council's attention that an application had been received for a 'Green Recycling Plant' in a neighbouring parish. WC Mrs S'O Neill had mentioned it at last meeting – and since it being received she has had feedback from other parishes regarding their concern about this. Email read out and it was decided Clerk would investigate how we go about making comment – speak to Sue Bailey, Sue Wray...if we can't extend time to comment past next meeting (13/7) then may have to call a further planning meeting.

Following on from this – it will be put on future agenda to discuss planning process – as S Glos have reduced time for comment considerably and aren't being as flexible on moving this.

Query regarding whether there had been any comeback from letter to Highways Agency regarding M5 J14 Traffic Lights. None received yet. Clerk to chase.

Mention of meeting on 30th June regarding proposed diversion of footpath OCH8. It is advertised on Website. Clerk will put on notice board too. Confirmation that it is 12noon on site (meet by Appletrees).

Mr R Hancock confirmed he and Mr P Patterson are doing playground inspection on 3rd July (Clerk to send form electronically).

Any feedback re watering of grass / turf. Clerk has made contact with Wotton Fire Station – no response yet – will chase but investigate other options (ask Jane's Pond for suggestions).

Mention that there appears to be a lot of litter around – particularly down Little Bristol Lane area – and question about when next Litter Pick is planned for? Believe it is September – to be confirmed at next meeting.

Digleys are carrying out annual playground inspection on 23 July at 11am – Clerk to meet Dean Tierney the inspector – if anyone else is around – feel free to attend. Digleys will then come back at a later date to do inspection of toddler play area when complete.

Action All / Clerk

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

Ongoing Matters; File Storage of Deeds (action Mr M Rosher), New Burial Ground, Toddler Play Area Revamp

Chairman
13th July 2010