

# CHARFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> October 2009 commencing 7.30pm in the Sportsman's Lounge, Charfield Memorial Hall, Charfield

## **PRESENT**

**Parish Councillors:** Mr M Rosher(Chairman),Mr R Hancock(from 8:10), Mr I Kershaw, Mr P Patterson, Mrs Y Lloyd, Mr M Cheskin, Mrs N Newns, Mr P Birt      **Clerk:** Ms S Bailey      **Public:** four

**8538/09 Apologies for Absence** noted & accepted from Mrs S O'Neill

**8539/09 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda** none

## **8540/09 Approval of Minutes**

It was proposed by Mr P Patterson and seconded by Mr M Cheskin and **resolved** that minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2009 are signed as a correct record.

## **8541/09 Public Participation**

Ms Ruth Lyon from Oldbury Power Station presented the Parish Council with a cheque for £1000 and took a photos. Margaret Lamb the area manager for youth provision South Glos Council attended with Reehana Sayeed, youth outreach worker and Andrew Bryce, youth spokesperson - they outlined youth activities in Charfield and answered Councillors' questions regarding its future. Approx 25-30 youths attend the youth bus in the car park and this is not big enough – inside accommodation is urgently requested for the colder winter months. Councillors were supportive but suggested they contact the Memorial Hall Committee which has also been supportive in the past. Funding possibilities were raised; although the provision of youth workers was secure, they requested approximately £1000 for the year to enable workshops and other activities to further encourage youth development.

**8542/09 Clerks Report on MATTERS ARISING from Previous Minutes** none

**8543/09 Kickwall / tennis court wall** A response was received from the Tennis Club that they were more favourably disposed towards the idea of a wall and wished to discuss some grant funding. However no one was available to speak from the tennis Club and it was decided to postpone any discussion until the next meeting in the hope that more could be learned about the plans from a representative.  
*Action Clerk respond to Tennis club*

**8544/09 Proposed burial ground at Churchend & planning application** An update was given by the Clerk on the results of the desktop study by Absolute Archaeology which was distributed to Councillors by e-mail and also put into circulation file. It is clear from conversations with South Glos Council that planning permission would be impossible without a proper archaeological evaluation. After much discussion regarding the quotation and the budget position, it was therefore proposed by Mrs N Newns and seconded by Mrs Y Lloyd and **resolved** to approve spending up to £2500 on further archaeological trenching works.  
*Action Clerk instruct trenches*

**8545/09 Feedback from streetlighting trial initiatives** Various technical problems (and ensuing complaints) have emerged lately regarding wrong switch off and relighting times due to South Glos' suppliers of equipment. This should be rectified very shortly. In the meantime Councillors asked that a S.Glos press release be put out to enlighten the public as to the nature of the problems. Also requested that Andrew Porter attend the next PC meeting if possible to update?  
*Action Clerk to liaise with South Glos lighting*

**8546/09 Play area working group / toddler area design** The Chairman gave an update on the recent meeting with Michael Follett (South Glos Play Advisor). His views were new and refreshing and he managed to be very convincing in his preference for a more naturalistic type of play environment eg without any fencing or railings, using sand, more planting , wooden structures, tunnelling into the Mound,etc and also showed pictures of similar projects eg Jubilee Green at Bradley Stoke. Such projects needed designing specifically and marrying up with any items of play equipment since the major manufacturers did not tend to do natural landscape design due to fewer sales of their product. After much discussion, it seemed preferable to have a mixture of a naturalistic design whilst still incorporating some play equipment with a train theme. A few names of natural designers were given and the Clerk offered to obtain more information about pricing for designs and their thoughts.  
*Action Clerk to obtain info/meet natural designers*

Regarding the weekly youth activities and the chat with the outreach workers outlined above, Council requested that the Clerk contact the Memorial Hall to show support for the youth activities in their quest for inside accommodation during the winter months. Further funding can be considered at the budget meeting and discussed further next month.

**8547/09 Landscaping of Manor Lane corner & elec substation fencing** Councillors noted the fencing renewal works carried out by Central Networks. The Clerk advised that the resident from Manor Lane had declined to provide a quote for grass maintenance as agreed at the last meeting. The Clerk has been in contact with South Glos Council who apologised for the poor maintenance of the grass on Manor Lane corner this year and offered to cancel the charge for this season. Planting of this area is to be put on the agenda for January.

**8548/09 Liaisons with planning application appellants** After much discussion on the merits and disadvantages of approaching planning application appellants before it was discussed by Council, it was agreed that the Parish Council did not want to set a precedent with these visits and also that individual Councillor views may differ. Difficult situations could arise very easily due to the contentious nature of some plans and individuals involved – visits could be made on a personal basis but not representing the Council.

**8549/09 Membership of Glos Wildlife Trust** Following on from discussions last month, the Clerk presented information obtained from Glos Wildlife Trust which was put into the circulation file. It was proposed by Mr Y Lloyd and seconded by Mr R Hancock and **resolved** to approve membership at £25 per annum.

**8550/09 Candidates for Councillor vacancy** It was agreed to co-opt as soon as possible. Vacancy will be mentioned soon in Chadra. Clerk to put article in Gazette, display posters around village and arrange for info on website. *Action Clerk*

**8551/09 Future Remembrance Day parades** Following comments from a parishioner, the overseeing of future operations was discussed by Councillors. Traditionally the British Legion has organised events however they now only operate from Wotton and the timings of operations on the day has been sporadic. The Revd Viv Kerner has offered to liaise with relevant parties this year and give the event some control. After much discussion it was decided that the Council should not take a formal role in organising this event annually but will continue to lay a wreath and support the church in its role.

**8552/09 ALCA subscription of £437.59 for next year & ALCA hosting refreshments 22<sup>nd</sup> October** It was proposed by Mr P Patterson and seconded by Mr Y Lloyd and **resolved** to continue ALCA membership. Mr M Cheskin offered to obtain refreshments at cost for this meeting and it was proposed by Mr M Rosher and seconded by Mr P Birt and **resolved** to approve refreshments cost up to £25. *Action Mr M Cheskin refreshments*

**8553/09 Payment of UK2 internet service provider (£115) & discuss future payment method** It was proposed by Mr P A Patterson and seconded by Mr R Hancock and **resolved** to approve the UK2 payment of £115. Due to logistics of Mr M Rosher managing the internet site from his own computer it was agreed that reimbursing after the event was the simplest method of paying for these charges since very little notice is given by the provider.

**8554/09 2<sup>nd</sup> Quarter budget Statement** After no questions arose, it was proposed by Mrs Y Lloyd and seconded by Mr I Kershaw and **resolved** to approve this budget report which was sent with agendas.

**8555/09 Clerks attendance at SLCC /GAPTC Networking event on 7th Dec Gloucester cost £12** It was proposed by Mr M Cheskin and seconded by Mr N News and **resolved** to approve this attendance.

*The Clerk left the room during the following discussion*

**8556/09 NALC agreement Clerk salary awards for 2009/10 backdated SCP 21** (+12p per hr) It was proposed by Mr P Birt and seconded by Mr Y Lloyd and **resolved** to approve this payment to the Clerk.

*The Clerk returned to the room*

**8557/09 Correspondence –**

Four Towns & Vale Link Mtg Wed 18<sup>th</sup> Nov 7:30pm Patchway / & request for Trustee members  
Parish Charter Working Group Minutes & next mtg Wed 11<sup>th</sup> Nov 6:30pm Yate  
Potential Waste sites in Glos consultation online info

**8558/09 Items for Circulation.** The following items circulated to Members including:

Periodicals ( The Clerk, etc)  
Newsletters eg ALCA, Deaf Assoc., CVS, etc  
Community Policing Awards Nominations requested for 2009

**8559/09 Planning Applications**

PT09/5079/CLE - Cosy Farm Swinhay Lane. Alteration to previously advised works/operational building work to the external envelope of the part of the western section of the long range of buildings – *time expired for new comments although objection lodged after previous PC meeting*

**8560/09 Planning Decisions** – the following permissions were noted

PT09/1400/F Springside Wotton Rd – erection of 1 detached dwelling and associated works & construction of new access.  
PT09/5092/F 11 Horsford Rd Erection of rear conservatory

**8561/09 Reports/Notices of Meetings**

Ward Councillor report - none.

Charfield Playing Field – Playground Inspection Report from Mrs Y Lloyd & Mr R Hancock. One bolt remains stiff on the senior swings – Clerk to request Mr J Russell to loosen. *Clerk request Mr J Russell*

Small pieces of glass are round the skateboard area – request that cleaner use broom to sweep up. *Action Clerk*

Next inspection Mr M Cheskin & Mr I Kershaw.

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

Mr M Cheskin attended an interesting S.Glos Council Transport Committee meeting discussing rail improvements. More track will improve Yate access but not really affect Charfield.

**8562/09 Accounts** It was proposed by Mr M Cheskin and seconded by Mr R Hancock and **resolved** that the following are approved for payment:

Clerk salary & office expenses

Charfield Memorial Hall Mgmt Committee

Maintenance (litter) per week @ £20.00

10/09/09, 17/09/09, 24/09/09, 31/09/09, 08/10/09

Use of room 08/09/09 meeting

Community Action – annual subscription

Sema4Graphics –litter pick banner

Tailor Made Office Supplies printer toner & A4 paper

UK2 Internet service provider- annual sub- via Mr M Rosher

Absolute Archaeology – burial investigations

Mr J Russell painting hexagonal shelter

TOTAL                    £2,018.95

**8563/09 Items To Be Raised By Members for future agenda or minor points**

The kitchen cupboard is now operational – just milk needs to be brought in at each meeting-rotasystem?

Mr M Cheskin suggested the possibility of meeting days being changed to Mondays

Reminder: Safer Stronger Group Meeting at Cromhall Thursday 29<sup>th</sup> Oct–still issues outstanding for Woodlands Rd

*This concluded the business of the meeting, which closed at approximately 9:50 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

10<sup>th</sup> November 2009