

CHARFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 11th December 2007 commencing 7.30pm in the Sportsman's Lounge, Charfield Memorial Hall, Charfield

PRESENT

Parish Councillors: Mr P Ashford (Chair), Mr P Birt, Mr R Hancock, Mrs Y Lloyd, Mrs N Newns Mr I Kershaw, Mrs C Parton

Clerk: Mrs.S.Bailey **Public:** Mr J Russell, Ms L J Gillespie (Gazette), Mr T. Hill (Memorial Hall)

8005/07 Apologies for Absence Mr F Carling, Mrs S. O'Neill

8006/07 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda None

8007/07 Approval of Minutes

It was proposed by Mr P Birt and seconded by Mr R Hancock and **resolved** that minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 13th November are signed as a correct record. It was proposed by Mrs C Parton and seconded by Mrs N Newns and **resolved** that minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 4th December are signed as a correct record.

8008/07 Public Participation Mr J Russell mentioned that posts around the mound slide were still disappearing – 12 in the past few weeks.

Mr T Hill thanked the Parish Council for continued grant support and assured the PC that other grants were applied also for but difficult to obtain. A discussion was held on further security measures and the benefit of security cameras in general. Mr T Hill will also follow up the possible return of the blood donor sessions at the Memorial Hall.

8009/07 Clerks Report on MATTERS ARISING from Previous Meetings Regarding the possible reduction in nighttime streetlighting, a draft policy by South Glos is due to be ratified by a committee in January.

8010/07 Report from Manor Lane Working Group SGlos Aggregate Levy funding has been approved for a bin and bench and a noticeboard, the latter has been ordered with the rest to be ordered in January.

8011/07 Update on burial ground investigations The quote from Structural Soils to perform Tier 2 Assessment has been amended to suit requirements of the Environment Agency and permission has been obtained from Robert Moreton to carry out the ground analysis at Churchend. It was proposed by Mrs C Parton and seconded by Mr I Kershaw and **resolved** to commission the Tier 2 Assessment by Structural Soils for a sum of £980 + vat.

8012/07 Falfield Junction improvements A38/B4509 Consultation Although Council could see that improvements were being made, it was still felt that the interaction between the two sets of lights (M5 & A38) was critical and that this would almost certainly lead to stacking back of traffic in many directions. Clerk to respond with views of Council.

8013/07 of Charfield Community Profile for South Glos Core Strategy by 31/1/08 Mr P Birt to proof read to check for accuracy and respond to clerk

8014/07 Fence replacement spending & repairs to play equipment in this financial year After much discussion concerning the unsuitability of the wooden posts around the mound it was proposed by Mr P Ashford that a quote be obtained for hooped metal fencing similar to existing which would circle the base of the mound and encompass the toddler play area- thus giving a slightly larger toddler area -which would aid compliance with larger safety fall requirements at Ofsted inspection and dispense with an unused muddy area. The separating fence between toddlers and mound is to remain in place until funds allow for fence replacement and upgrading of toddler play equipment.

8015/07 Clerk National Salary Award Scales (NALC/SLCC) applicable from 1 April 07 It was proposed by Mr P Ashford and seconded by Mrs C Parton and **resolved** that the increased scales be accepted pro rata and backdated to 1st April 2007 as per the Clerk's contract of employment.

8016/07 Correspondence none

8017/07 Items for Circulation. The following items circulated to Members including:

8018/07 Planning Applications

- PT07/3494/F 41 Woodlands Rd Erection of first floor side extension and single storey rear extension to provide additional living accommodation. After due consideration it was **resolved** to raise no objection.
- PT07/3536/F 9 Wotton rd Erection of 1no. dwelling, access and associated works. After due consideration it was **resolved** to object due to
- inadequate car parking and turning space for residents of new property especially when a car is parked there already.
 - inadequate car parking and turning space for residents of existing no.9 especially when a vehicle is already parked there.
- Also this makes for dangerous foot access to the rear property, and may lead to cars parking on the verge on the busy main road.
- overdevelopment of the site in terms of the size of the property, also we are not aware that a precedent has been set for three storey properties in this immediate vicinity
 - overbearing nature of the property in relation to the privacy enjoyed by neighbours as it overlooks many gardens and houses from the front.
 - detrimental to the streetscene.
- PT07/3568/F 11a Station Rd Erection of single storey front extension to provide additional living accommodation. After due consideration it was **resolved** to raise no objection.

8019/07 Planning Decisions – the following decisions were noted

- Permit – PT07/3118/F 58 Wotton Rd Erection of two storey front and rear extensions to provide garage and additional living accommodation
- Refusal – PT07/1462/F Junction at Wotton Rd Little Bristol Lane; Erection of 14 no flats with car parking, access, landscaping & associated works

8020/07 Reports/Notices of Meetings

No report available from Ward Councillor.

Charfield Playing Field - Playground Inspection Report from Mr P Ashford & Mr M Rosher A copy of the report to be supplied to Mr Russell for attention to any defects highlighted. Mr Russell to replace two missing guard fences by swing. SMP have been contacted about the loose nut connection on new multiplay equipment. Clerk to obtain quotes for replacement litter bins. Next inspection Mrs N Newns & Mrs Y Lloyd.
Charfield Village Hall Management Committee. Previous report in circulation file.

8021/07 Accounts It was proposed by Mrs C Parton and seconded by Mr I Kershaw and **resolved** that the following are approved for payment:

Clerk salary and office expenses

CHARFIELD MEMORIAL HALL MANAGEMENT COMMITTEE

Maintenance (litter) per week @ £20.00 15/11/07,22/11/07, 29/11/07, 06/11/07

Use of room 13/11/07 & 04/12/07 full meetings

BT office telephone Paid by direct debit

Mr R Hancock GAPTC Councillor Training Mr R Hancock & Mrs Y Lloyd 62 miles x 39.9p

Mr P Ashford Chairman's Allowance refreshments

Total £ 743.73

8022/07 Items To Be Raised By Members for future agenda or minor points

A new head has been appointed at the primary school and will start at Easter
Sept 08 intake applications at the school are rumoured to be 44, for 30 places – clerk to obtain confirmation.

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

Ongoing Matters

Manor Lane Landscaping

File Storage of Deeds & Registration of The Pound

Quarry planning applications & Little Bristol Lane flats

New Burial Ground

Chairman

8th January 2008