

CHARFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 9th December 2008 commencing 7.15pm in the Sportsman's Lounge, Charfield Memorial Hall, Charfield

PRESENT

Parish Councillors: Mr M Rosher (Chairman), Mr I Kershaw, Mr P Birt, Mr R Hancock (from 7:50pm), Mr P Ashford, Mrs N Newns, Mrs Y Lloyd **Clerk:** Mrs S Bailey **Public:** Mr J Russell

8299/08 Apologies for Absence noted & accepted from Mrs S O'Neill, Mr F Carling, Mrs C Parton

8300/08 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda Mr I Kershaw has Scout involvement

8301/08 Approval of Minutes

It was proposed by Mr P Ashford and seconded by Mrs N Newns and **resolved** that minutes of meetings held on Tuesday 11th November and 2nd December signed as a correct record after minor amendments.

8302/08 Public Participation none

8303/08 Clerks Report on MATTERS ARISING from Previous Minutes Although bus shelter repairs are almost done (seats not yet installed), it was thought that the paint is not dark green as requested but more of a blue/turquoise. Also the frame at the bottom has not been painted next to the mud. The windows have also not been cleaned very well – Clerk to complain to contractor. SMP's contractor has carried out good repairs to play equipment wet pour. Quarry noise measuring equipment has been set up at the White House Churchend for one week. Chadra copy date is 12th January and too early to invite applications for Councillor post to replace Mrs C Parton who will resign in February. Old Charfield Hill bollards are now in situ. Wessex Water works have been delayed until at least January. Fewes allotment land enquiry is not receiving any response from land agent. Model Publication Scheme details are available to view on website.

8304/08 Grant Applications for Next Financial Year. It was proposed by Mr I Kershaw and seconded by Mrs Y Lloyd and **resolved** that the following grant applications are given:

Charfield Memorial Hall Management Committee

£2000 - towards replacing heating & lighting in the main hall. The Council applauds the improvements to the Memorial Hall so far and the strong efforts of the management team, but notes to the Hall Committee that there are good sources of funding available for such items as renewable energy and heating / water systems. The Parish Council has given a significant amount of funding to the Memorial Hall over the past few years and also strongly notes that the exterior aspect of security is still a concern to the Parish Council; very little has been done in this area and it still needs to be addressed. A condition of this grant is that the scope of works and the invoice is presented to Council before work is authorised, and before the invoice is paid, and that this grant must be for the specified purpose only. Due to other funding commitments the Parish Council regrets that it is unable this year to approve the full request of £3000.

Cotswold Vale Talking Newspaper £40 - towards future recordings

The Alzheimers Society - £50 towards local carer activities

Charfield Tennis Club – no grant to be given this year due to inconclusive discussions regarding a football wall.

Charfield Cricket Club - £100 to be given towards cricket equipment

South Glos Senior Citizens - £50 towards newsletter production costs

1st Woodend Scout Group - £150 towards upgrading HQ & toilet facilities. *(Mr I Kershaw did not partake in the Scout discussion or vote)*

The grant total is thus £2390 and a contingency grant reserve of £410 brings **total grant allocation to £2800.**

8305/08 Provisional Budget for 2009-2010 After lengthy and due consideration of all budget headings, it was proposed by Mr I Kershaw and seconded by Mrs Y Lloyd and **resolved** by all that the next Precept be raised by 15% from £20,000 to £23,000. This is mainly to accommodate the commitment to a new burial ground and other long term projects such as replacement play equipment. Although Councillors are mindful of the current recession, an explanatory note should be put in Chadra that this spending will produce tangible benefits for the Parish in the future.

(The Meeting was adjourned for a 10 minute break)

8305/08 Manor Lane Landscaping Quotations received so far for improved grass cutting are not realistic and it is thought better for the moment to stay with South Glos as the main cutting contractor and employ another to do a top-up cut when

necessary; monitor the situation. Shrubbery planting to be considered early 2009. Mr M Rosher has agreed to replace Perspex in the noticeboard.

8306/08 Consultation replies to design of proposed burial ground Churchend Only ten replies were received despite over 900 hand deliveries through doors and also the consultation meeting was poorly attended. Of those, all were greatly in favour and requested a burial ground sympathetic to the countryside environment. It is assumed that the village is in happy with what the Parish Council are doing – no adverse comments have been received. All replies to be circulated amongst Councillors. Clerk to contact one parishioner who has offered to draw up plans.

8307/08 Repair works to toddler play area & hexagonal shelter It was proposed by Mr P Ashford and seconded by Mr P Birt and **resolved** to engage Mr J Russell to carry out climbing ramp works to the toddler tower for £120 and hexagonal shelter softwood seat repairs for £50

8308/08 Key holder Sign for Woodlands Rd /Hawthorn Close Mr P Ashford is in the process of procuring a sign. Mr I Kershaw & Mr M Rosher to help attach to gate with a riveter tool.

8309/08 Appletrees An extra wooden building has been erected recently. Planning enforcement has been notified. Clerk to continue to chase but little success due to various staff changes at South Glos/Planning Enforcement.

8310/08 Site of railway works at Little Bristol Lane corner A large metal storage container on hardstanding has been erected despite the works having finished. Amey contractors deny it is theirs and Clerk is chasing Network Rail to see what it is.

8311/08 Consultation on Gypsy & Traveller Development Plan ends Jan 29th Document has been circulated amongst Councillors. Although Council has no comment at this time, the Parish Council needs to be vigilant regarding sites which travellers may likely occupy, as rural areas seem to be targeted as desirable.

8312/08 Consultation for Changes to the Model Code of Conduct by 24th December Documents were circulated amongst Councillors - no comments.

8313/08 Consultation on school term & holiday dates for school YR2010-11 by 19th Dec No time for circulation amongst Councillors prior to closing date. No comments given. Put into circulation file for information.

8314/08 Correspondence no correspondence

8315/08 Items for Circulation. The following items circulated to Members including:
Periodicals (Deaf Assoc. Rural & Parish matters, etc)
Notices of meetings & decisions from South Glos Council
Bristol Health Services Plan review details

8316/08 Planning Applications

PT08/3107/F - Cosy Farm, Swinhay Lane-Change of use of land and buildings to provide additional residential accommodation and garage. After due consideration, it was **resolved** to object to this proposed development on the following grounds; the site is outside of the residential development envelope of the village, and in line with previously imposed conditions the site should remain a non-residential site; there are many concerns regarding over-development of this site and furthermore the narrow lane outside would give rise to adverse effects on traffic.

8317/08 Planning Decisions none

8318/08 Reports/Notices of Meetings

Ward Councillor report – none available

Charfield Playing Field – Playground Inspection Report from Mr P Birt. Report copy to be forwarded to Mr J Russell for any attention. The gate to the footpath/road from the multiplay equipment keeps getting ripped off by vandals and it is considered dangerous to have an opening onto the road near this equipment. Mr J Russell to provide a quote to fence off the exit instead of a gate – the wider gate a few metres along can be easily used instead as an exit. There is a depressin in the

ground in between the skateboard ramp and this gate – Mr P Birt may have a contact who can provide a quote to infill possibly with tarmac. Next inspection Mr I Kershaw & Mr R Hancock.

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

Mrs Y Lloyd gave a brief report from the Safer Stronger Communities Group meeting on 2nd December in the Memorial Hall. It appears that the part time PC covering Charfield and other wider areas is on sick leave for 6 weeks. It was agreed that the Clerk write a letter to Staple Hill reiterating the points raised over two years ago before the police beats were changed which raised concerns at the demise of local policing.

8319/08 Accounts It was proposed by Mr P Ashford and seconded by Mrs Y Lloyd and **resolved** that the following are approved for payment:

Clerk salary & office expenses

Charfield Memorial Hall Mgmt Committee

Maintenance (litter)per week @ £20.00

13/11/08, 20/11/08, 27/11/08, 04/12/08,

Use of room 11/11/08 & 19/11/08 meetings

Manor Garden Maintenance

Fit wire mesh guard & wooden cover on disused well at proposed burial ground

Mr M Rosher green A4 paper for burial mailshot

TOTAL

£970.09

8320/08 Items To Be Raised By Members for future agenda or minor points

It is requested that the Clerk double check the Standing Orders regarding public speaking time and if no limit is imposed then an item should discuss this on the next agenda.

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

Ongoing Matters

Manor Lane Landscaping

Quarry planning applications

File Storage of Deeds & Registration of The Pound

New Burial Ground

Chairman

13th January 2009