

CHARFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 8th January 2008 commencing 7.30pm in the Sportsman's Lounge, Charfield Memorial Hall, Charfield

PRESENT

Parish Councillors: Mr P Ashford (Chair), Mr R Hancock, Mrs Y Lloyd, Mrs N Newns, Mrs C Parton, Mr F Carling, Mr M Rosher

Clerk: Mrs S Bailey **Public:** Mr J Russell, Ms L J Gillespie (Gazette)

8023/08 Apologies for Absence Mrs S. O'Neill, Mr I Kershaw, Mr P Birt

8024/08 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda None

8025/08 Approval of Minutes

It was proposed by Mrs C Parton and seconded by Mrs N Newns and **resolved** that minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 11th December are signed as a correct record

8026/08 Public Participation Mr J Russell mentioned vandalism and a window being broken at the Memorial Hall.

8027/08 Clerks Report on MATTERS ARISING from Previous Minutes The S.Glos funding for Manor Lane has now been banked and the bin, bench and noticeboard are on order for January delivery. A letter will be sent to Chadra to thank them of their offer to pay for noticeboard but declining due to grant received. Litter bin quotes for the play area are still being obtained. Still no reply from Streetcare regarding opens space management adjacent to Appletrees.

8028/08 Update on burial ground investigations Structural Soils performed a Tier 2 Assessment before Christmas and clerk is awaiting report before distributing it to Councillors and the Environment Agency. The next step following a successful report would be to transfer land ownership.

8029/08 Quarry planning applications Although the Clerk and Council have not been officially notified of developments, it appears that Cemex are appealing against recent decisions by S.Glos. S.Glos has withdrawn the Breach of Conditions Notice and served in its place an Enforcement Notice to ensure compliance within permitted hours. Cemex is expected to appeal against this also. Once the Planning Inspectorate has registered all appeals and a timetable set, parish councils and resident groups can form a planned response. It is great pity that Churchend residents wish to be represented by this Parish Council, yet omit to include the Parish Council in its correspondence with relevant parties.

8030/08 Play area fence replacement The quote for metal hooped fencing around the toddler play area is beyond the Council's budget. A working group site meeting will be held on Saturday 12th January 10am to discuss alternatives.

8031/08 Little Bristol Lane traffic survey It was proposed by Mr P Ashford and seconded by Mrs C Parton and **resolved** to commission a traffic count on Little Bristol Lane for a cost of £125 for a week's radar unit mounted on a post. This will enable the Parish Council to have accurate traffic information to counteract an expected appeal by the builders of the proposed flats development on the corner of Little Bristol Lane.

8032/08 Grant requests from S.Glos Citizens Advice Bureau & Charfield Cricket Club Despite application letters being sent out, two grant request have been received after the deadline and therefore Councillors must consider the small grant contingency reserve. It was proposed by Mr P Ashford and seconded by Mrs Y Lloyd and **resolved** to award a grant of £50 towards the costs of the South Glos Citizens Advice Bureau. It was proposed by Mrs Y Lloyd and seconded by Mrs C Parton and **resolved** to award a grant of £50 to Charfield Cricket Club towards cost of a net practice facility coach.

8033/08 Clerk's attendance at weekend Cilca/NALC training course in Tiverton 1st March with bursary It was proposed by Mr P Ashford and seconded by Mrs N Newns and **resolved** to allow the clerk to attend this training provided a 75% bursary grant is obtained for the training cost. Mileage also approved.

8034/08 Correspondence the following was noted and put in circulation where necessary

S.Glos recruitment of Councillors to Standards Committee notice
Training for Councillors from S.Glos – various dates/courses
Community Action Drop in Day Thursday 17th Jan 10-1pm
S.Glos Budget Consultation Meeting 10th January Bradley Stoke 7pm
S.Glos new Tree Preservation Orders on two oak trees 43 & 45 Woodlands rd

8035/08 Items for Circulation. The following items circulated to Members including:

Bus timetable changes in Charfield
Various journals(The Clerk, Fieldwork etc...)
Notices of meetings & decisions from South Glos Council
S.Glos Waste Strategy Consultation – to be discussed on February agenda
ALCA newsletter

8036/08 Planning Applications

PT07/3525/F 5 Wotton rd – erection of two storey rear extension and single storey rear extension to provide additional living accommodation. After due consideration it was **resolved** to raise no objection.

PT07/3606/F Snaefel The Drive Erection of 1 no detached bungalow with associated works. After due consideration it was **resolved** to object to this development on the following grounds

- Cramped overdevelopment of the site with an even bigger footprint than the previous application
- History of site flooding due allegedly to nearby house construction
- Lack of amenity space for this dwelling and also the new dwelling will be intrusive on the existing property and affect its privacy
- Poor access conditions onto road and even less parking/turning area than the previous application
- Lack of local school spaces for what is considered a family home
- Development is detrimental to the streetscene

PT08/0019/F Charfield Tennis Club Little Bristol Lane – erection of 4metre high fence to facilitate construction of tennis court. After due consideration it was **resolved** to support this application.

8037/08 Planning Decisions – the following decisions were noted

Permit - PT07/3403/F 16 & 18 Manor Lane Replacement of flat garage roof with pitched roof to provide storage area

Permit – PT07/3103/F Avondale 7 New St – erection of two storey side extension to form additional living accommodation

Breach letter regarding 35 Woodlands Road from S.Glos

Refusal – PT07/3354/F 110 Manor Lane – erection of 1.8metre high fence. Reason = out of keeping with traditional character of development in the locality.

Refusal – PT07/2912/F Pear Tree Inn erection of 1 no. smoking shelter and erection of raised timber decking area to front elevation. Reason = close proximity to 4 Wotton Rd will impact upon its residential amenities

Refusal of Certificate of Lawfulness - PT07/3417/CLE Cosy Farm Swinhay Lane Application for continued occupation of dwelling house

Certificate of Lawfulness - PT07/3415/CLE The Cottage New St Application for continued occupation of dwelling house

Permit - PT07/3507/F 45 Manor Lane Erection of two storey front extension to provide family room with additional bedroom above. No windows to be inserted in side elevation of extension

8038/08 Reports/Notices of Meetings

No report available from Ward Councillor.

Charfield Playing Field - Playground Inspection Report from Mrs N Newns & Mrs Y Lloyd. A copy of the report to be supplied to Mr Russell for attention to any defects highlighted. Loose nut on SMP multiplay equipment now repaired.

Clerk to obtain quotes for new swing seats. Next inspection Mr M Rosher & Mrs N Newns.

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

Safer & Stronger Community Groups – Mrs Y Lloyd noted that a community co-ordinator from S.Glos had been in touch trying to raise groups profile and she was helping him by answering questions.

8039/08 Accounts It was proposed by Mr P Ashford and seconded by Mrs C Parton and **resolved** that the following are approved for payment:

Clerk salary and office expenses

Charfield Memorial Hall Management Committee

Maintenance (litter)

13/12/07,20/12/07, 27/12/07, 03/12/07

Use of room 11/12/07 full meeting

Tailor Made Office Supplies

Envelopes & Printer Drum

GAPTC Courses on Councillor Training Mr R Hancock & Mrs Y Lloyd 30th Nov 07

Total £ 854.94

8040/08 Items To Be Raised By Members for future agenda or minor points

Mr R Hancock noted that the gate at the end of Woodlands Rd has been mostly repaired but a crucial fixing is missing and may lead to breakage again – clerk to chase Streetcare/S.Glos

Mr M Rosher noted that Councillors may need to consider making more personal contact details available in view of what is available on other websites regarding direct councillor contact.

Mr P Ashford noted that the roadworks at New St are of significant size necessitating in the road closure/diversions.

Finally, intruders appear to be back in Charfield and are targeting the elderly.

This concluded the business of the meeting, which closed at approximately 9:25 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

12th February 2008