

CHARFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 10th June 2008 commencing 7.30pm in the Sportsman's Lounge, Charfield Memorial Hall, Charfield

PRESENT

Parish Councillors: Mr M Rosher (Chairman), Mrs C Parton, Mr F Carling, , Mr I Kershaw, Mrs N Newns, Mr P Birt, Mr R Hancock

Clerk: Mrs S Bailey **Public:** Mr J Russell (Memorial Hall), Mr J Acton, Mrs J O'Connor Beach

8146/08 Apologies for Absence Mrs Y Lloyd, Mr P Ashford

8147/08 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda none

8148/08 Approval of Minutes

It was proposed by Mr I Kershaw and seconded by Mrs C Parton and **resolved** that minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 13th May are signed as a correct record.

8149/08 Public Participation Mrs J O'Connor Beach highlighted residents concerns about the flats development at Little Bristol Lane and was amazed to hear that the developer had never consulted the Parish Council over their plans.

8150/08 Clerks Report on MATTERS ARISING from Previous Minutes The 2nd Place Website of the Year Certificate was shown to Councillors and will be put on the front page of the website. The Clerk continues to pursue the route of getting a letter to Mr Fewes regarding possible allotment land.

8151/08 Appointment of representatives to:

Charfield Memorial Hall & Playing Field Management Committee; still vacant defer till July

South Gloucestershire Area Forum; Mrs S O'Neil has indicated willingness to report back from this committee.

8152/08 Quarry planning applications A draft letter by Mr J Acton was circulated to Councillors with agendas giving a resume of coating plant application discussions at the May meeting. Although it is appreciated that some Churchend residents are against compromise, Councillors consider it necessary to compromise somewhat, otherwise the Parish Council's views are likely to be disregarded totally. It was proposed by Mr F Carling and seconded by Mrs C Parton and resolved that the Clerk would send it to the Planning Department at South Glos, even though the coating plant application may not go to Dev West Committee at the end of June as thought, in order that the Parish Council's view would be on the record. Thanks were conveyed to Mr J Acton for his continued strenuous efforts on this subject.

8153/08 Findings of Play Area Working Group (CPC PAWG) A site plan with measurements & equipment spec. needs to be produced before fundraising can begin. Clerk has received response from ALCA that fundraising activities are allowed if set up as a committee.

8154/08 Update on burial ground investigations Scrub clearance dates by Leyhill prisoners – 5 more days at end of June are planned. Clerk investigated the use of a shredder/chipper on site for the undergrowth clearance but South Glos do not provide one and commercially it is very expensive (about £450). Clerk to ask Manor Garden Maintenance for a quote to dispose of scrub ecologically. Land transfer documents have been returned to Solicitors. The Environment Agency have suggested filling in the well and provided an extensive document which gives extensive and possibly costly guidelines – put into circulation. It is suggested that the Clerk obtains a quote to mesh cover with drilled holes and cover with a wooden lid so that the danger of youths climbing in is removed. Mr M Rosher explained the cemetery training attended by himself and the Clerk recently which highlighted the problems that cemeteries around the country are now having due to dangerous headstones – this reinforces the need for serious thought as to whether headstones should be allowed in the proposed burial ground or consider stones etc flush in the ground. It was approved that Mr M Rosher and the Clerk attend further cemetery training provided by SLCC & ICCM at Taunton at the end of September.

8155/08 Manor Lane noticeboard/map The Clerk and Mr M Rosher visited Signet Signs with proposals for the revision of the draft map following a meeting with Chadra, where options were thoroughly discussed. Revised draft should be available for the next meeting. Regarding planting of Manor Lane corner, working group will arrange a meeting to discuss ideas.

8156/08 Memorial Hall grant It was proposed by Mrs C Parton and seconded by Mrs N Newns and **resolved** that the Memorial Hall grant shall again this year be via a donation of works and not a direct financial grant - as this is more efficient financially and within HMR guidelines.

8157/08 S.Glos Core Strategy Issues & Options Consultation by 13th June No comments from Councillors other than minor technical inaccuracies were noted.

8158/08 SGlos Fly Tipping Strategy Consultation by 8th August – put into circulation file

8159/08 Little Bristol Lane appeal against flats planning permission refusal Chadra were thanked for their extensive publicity. Mr I Kershaw prepared a draft response which was circulated to Councillors with agendas. After much discussion it was proposed by Mrs C Parton and seconded by Mrs N Newns and **resolved** to forward the Parish Council's continued objection to the development and the request to dismiss the appeal to the Planning Inspectorate after being suitably annotated by the Clerk. The response letter will be available on the website.

8160/08 Manor Lane fence appeal against planning permission refusal. After much discussion regarding boundary developments in the area, it was proposed by Mrs C Parton and seconded by Mr R Hancock and **resolved** to continue with the previous Parish Council's objection and send a letter to the Planning Inspectorate to request that the appeal be dismissed.

8161/08 NALC recommended mileage scales effective 1st April 08 from 55.8 to 58.7p per mile. It was proposed by Mr P Birt and seconded by Mrs C Parton and **resolved** to adopt these rates.

8162/08 Nighttime streetlighting reduction. After discussion of the merits of a selective system of reducing night time streetlighting it was decided that the Clerk ascertains the current position within South Glos as to their policy which was being developed at the end of 2007.

8163/08 Renewal of CPRE subscription for £28 per annum It was proposed by Mrs C Parton and seconded by Mr P Birt and **resolved** to continue with this subscription. Mrs C Parton may attend the CPRE AGM at Berkeley Castle on 3rd July.

8164/08 Correspondence noted and put into circulation where necessary

ALCA training various courses & dates to note

ICCM/SLCC Cemetery Course Taunton Tuesday 30th Sept 9-4.30 £85

CPRE AGM Berkeley Castle 3rd July 7pm

SGlos letter B4509 Charfield Hill Lay-by improvement scheme

SGlos letter advising of changes to arrangements for investigation of complaints against councillors

8165/08 Items for Circulation. The following items circulated to Members including:

ALCA Newsletter & various

SGlos letter confirming Falfield J14 road improvements to commence late June

Fields in Trust annual review (Nat Playing Fields Ass)

Forest of Avon annual review

SGlos introductory e-mail from Parking Services

Minutes from Parish Charter Working Group

Notices of meetings & decisions from South Glos Council

8166/08 Planning Applications none

8167/08 Planning Decisions were noted

Permit – PT08/0653/F 17 Hawthorn Close conversion of existing garage and erection of single storey side extension to provide additional living accommodation

Permit – PT08/0391/F 7 Wotton Rd erection of detached dwelling with associated works

Permit – PT08/0850/CLE Cosy Farm certificate of lawfulness for continued occupation of dwelling house

Permit – PT08/0991/F 29 Little Bristol Lane erection of two storey side and rear extension to provide additional living accommodation

Permit – PT08/1166/F 14 Katherine Close Erection of rear and side conservatory

Permit – PT08/1172/F 4 Underhill Rd erection of rear conservatory

Appeals- see above for discussions and decisions of PT07/3354/F 110 Manor Lane erection of 1.8m high fence and PT07/1462/F Junction Wotton Rd Little Bristol Lane, erection of 14 no flats with car parking access landscaping and associated works

8168/08 Reports/Notices of Meetings

No report from Ward Councillor

Charfield Playing Field –Playground Inspection Report from Mr M Rosher & Mrs C Parton. Next report Mrs N Newns & Mrs Y Lloyd. A copy to be forwarded to Mr J Russell for attention.

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

8169/08 Accounts It was proposed by Mrs C Parton and seconded by Mr P Birt and **resolved** that the following are approved for payment:

Clerk salary and office expenses

Memorial Hall Committee

Maintenance (litter)per week @ £20.00 01/05/08, 08/05/08,15/05/08, 22/05/08,29/5/08

Use of room 06/05/08 & 13/5/08 full meetings

Iain Selkirk – internal accounts audit

Tailor Made Office Supplies Printer toner cartridge

BT office phone bill

Mr M Rosher cemetery training mileage

Information Commissioner for Data Protection Act renewal registration

CPRE annual subscription

TOTAL

£1038.19

8170/08 Items To Be Raised By Members for future agenda or minor points

Councillors complained about barking dogs and the nuisance caused in the village.

It was noted that the plot of land behind 7 Wotton Rd is now up for auction after planning permission obtained.

Grass cutting by S.Glos seems to be haphazardly organized with little apparent system

The Play Area Working Group needs to discuss fundraising soon since it is a long process.

This concluded the business of the meeting, which closed at approximately 9:00 pm.

Ongoing Matters

Manor Lane Landscaping

Quarry planning applications & Little Bristol Lane flats

File Storage of Deeds & Registration of The Pound

New Burial Ground

Chairman

8th July 2008