

CHARFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 9th June 2009 commencing 7.30pm in the Sportsman's Lounge, Charfield Memorial Hall, Charfield

PRESENT

Parish Councillors: Mr M Rosher(Chairman),Mr R Hancock, Mr I Kershaw, Mr P Patterson, Mr M Cheskin, Mr F Carling

Clerk: Mrs S Bailey

Public:Mr J Russell (Memorial Hall), Mrs S O'Neill (Ward Councillor)

8450/09 Apologies for Absence noted & accepted from Mrs N Newns & Mr P Birt

8451/09 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda Mr F Carling noted that he was a member of S.Glos Senior Citizens Forum

8452/09 Approval of Minutes

It was proposed by Mr I Kershaw and seconded by Mr Patterson and **resolved** that minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 12th May 2009 are signed as a correct record.

8453/09 Public Participation no comments

8454/09 Clerks Report on MATTERS ARISING from Previous Minutes

The burger van street trading licence application at Tortworth has received two objections and will go to a hearing on 23rd June which Councillors may attend. A cheque for £60 rent arrears for the Pound has been received from Mr Cotterell. We understand the property is possibly sold. Comments from S.Glos Highways note that 20mph traffic calming measures in Manor Lane would be very technically difficult and very costly and would need streetlighting 24/7 which we have just asked to be switched off... The new litter bin is now installed at the corner of Little Bristol lane & Woodlands Rd. The bank mandate has now been completed and Nat West is updating signatories. A couple of litter pickers may still be missing – Mr M Rosher to double check. Mr M Rosher & Mr I Kershaw to liaise on installing sign to Woodlands Rd gate.

8455/09 Appointment of representatives to Safer Stronger Community Groups Mrs Y Lloyd and Mr M Cheskin both agreed to perform this role. A discussion followed on the poor attendance lack of advertising for these meetings and it was suggested to insert future dates in Chadra. After much deliberation the Safer Stronger Group priorities for the village were considered to be loud cars/music late at night in Woodlands Road, followed possibly by vandalism of Memorial Hall & play areas, youth intimidation of users in the car park & cars speeding on Wotton Rd.

8456/09 Possible temporary closure of Station Rd underpass to vehicles due to Wessex road closure The issues of safety and the timing of the Little Bristol Lane road closures were discussed and it was deemed not a significant enough hazard to warrant closure to traffic as pedestrians and traffic shared the space normally.

8457/09 Proposed burial ground at Churchend & planning application Councillors received and commented upon draft plans by architect Mr. T Jefferies. It was considered wise to keep the plans simple to begin with for planning application purposes as exact plot layout & details did not need to be considered at this stage, apart from roads, boundaries and access. The plan is acceptable; Mr Jefferies was thanked for his hard work. It was proposed by Mrs Y Lloyd and seconded by Mr M Cheskin and **resolved** to instruct the Clerk to advise Mr Jefferies to proceed with a detailed planning application.

8458/09 Dimming/switch off crossing signals outside school at night South Glos have responded that the lights are already dimmed during night time hours.

8459/09 Update from play area working group to draft toddler area design Research on train play items/themes was provided by the Clerk with advice from Digley Associates. Working group to research for new quotes. It was considered that the Clerk should make an application to the Severn Vale Area Forum Capital Grants Committee since they only meet once a year and we still have a funding shortfall of about £7 or 8000.

8460/09 Annual Play Inspection by Digley Associates The report was circulated to Councillors by e-mail and also put into the circulation file for comments at the next meeting. Generally a good report with no high or medium risk areas.

8461/09 Assistance to local youths Mr M Cheskin attended a youth meeting at the Hall to ascertain future activities. Outcomes and plans were positive but there are future funding concern, with financing only secured till mid July. They were advised to approach the Parish Council with funding/grant requests and we await developments.

8462/09 CPRE renewal It was proposed by Mrs Y Lloyd and seconded by Mr R Hancock and **resolved** to renew this annual subscription for £29.

Mr F Carling left the room at 8:10pm

8463/09 Grant request from South Glos Senior Citizens Forum A grant has just been paid to this Forum for £50 for this financial year. It was agreed to hold the application on file until the December budget meeting.

Mr F Carling returned to the room at 8:15pm

8464/09 Repainting of hexagonal shelter It was proposed by Mr I Kershaw and seconded by Mrs Y Lloyd and **resolved** to appoint Mr J Russell to carry out this work (sanding, undercoating, & gloss) for £295.

8465/09 Training day for new Councillors 20th October GAPTC Longford It was proposed by Mr R Hancock and seconded by Mr. F Carling and **resolved** that Mr M Cheskin attend this course costing £80.

8466/09 Clerk attendance at SLCC regional seminar Dec 3rd South Cerney It was proposed by Mr F Carling and seconded by Mr P Patterson and **resolved** to allow the Clerk to attend this event for £49.

8467/09 Review of Standing Orders and Financial regulations last updated 2003 After discussions regarding a few minor grammatical alterations, it was proposed to insert the following clause: If the meeting does not end by 10pm then the Chairman will ask Councillors whether they wish to continue or adjourn the meeting to another date. This review is to be adjourned until the next meeting.

8468/09 Condition of stable building's temporary roof, adjacent to Railway Tavern Mr M Cheskin has informally spoken with the pub tenant regarding the landlord's plans and the matter is in hand.

8469/09 Letter of recognition to Armed Forces serviceman in village Mr Brett Leahy, a parishioner, was seriously injured whilst serving in Afghanistan and has shown remarkable courage. It was agreed by all to send a letter of appreciation to this brave young individual. Clerk to draft.

8470/09 Correspondence – noted and copied to circulation file

Reply from Wessex Water re road closures

Letter from resident objecting to Hill House Farm application

8471/09 Items for Circulation. The following items circulated to Members including:

Grant thank you letters from Senior Citizens Forum, Brownies, Talking Newspaper, Alzheimers

S.Glos NHS annual report

Avon Somerset Police – Local Policing Plan

S.Glos annual report of Standards Committee

Severn Estuary Partnership brochures

Minutes of Parish Charter Working Group

Periodicals/newsletters (Deaf Assoc, Forest of Avon, CVS, ALCA, Local Environment News, CPRE)

Notices of meetings & decisions from South Glos Council

Digley Associates Annual Play inspection

8472/09 Planning Applications

PT09/0921/F Old Hall Farm Wotton Rd – erection of replacement storage building & double garage (retrosp.)

After due consideration Charfield Parish Council makes no objection to this application.

8473/09 Planning Decisions none

8474/09 Reports/Notices of Meetings

Ward Councillor report – very quiet generally; still no agreement on Section 106 and Cemex. A spate of vandalism recently along Wotton Rd one night due to youths from outside village. Lots of fake £20 notes in circulation recently.

Charfield Playing Field – Playground Inspection Report from Mr P Patterson & Mr R Hancock. ‘D’ link on junior swings may be worn slightly and the litter bins are damaged/vandalised.. Report copy to be forwarded to Mr J Russell for attention. The SMP climbing ramps new step arrived –Mr M Rosher to install and also to tighten two rock climbing handle nuts with special tool. Next inspection Mr M Cheskin & Mr Rosher.

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

The Safer Stronger Community Groups annual review meeting was attended by Mr P Patterson and Mr M Cheskin and it mostly discussed what went well, what went wrong and what improvements can be made. Approximaely 80 attendees. Local groups averaged 19 attendance although the Charfield group only has 4/5. Better publicity and marketing of meetings is needed (Chadra or website?) The Safer element of meetings which involve police actions are more popular than the Stronger community elements which are yet to develop. Generally a positive meeting.

8475/09 Accounts It was proposed by Mrs Y Lloyd and seconded by Mr P Patterson and **resolved** that the following are approved for payment:

Clerk salary & office expenses

Charfield Memorial Hall Mgmt Committee

Maintenance (litter) per week @ £20.00 14/05/09, 21/05/09, 28/05/09, 04/06/09

Use of room 12/05/09 meeting

Mr I Selkirk internal accounts audit

Mr J Russell sanding & teak oil to Poskett bench in play area

BT Quarterly office phone bill direct debit

CPRE annual subscription

GAPTC councillor one day training 23rd October

TOTAL £1017.93

8476/09 Items To Be Raised By Members for future agenda or minor points

The grass at Charfield Green is 2ft high – contracts have changed to Merlin – Clerk to chase contractors

The litter clean was successful – consider an autumn clean – maybe Saturday 26th September; Clerk to investigate skip

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

Ongoing Matters; Manor Lane Landscaping, File Storage of Deeds, Registration of The Pound, New Burial Ground, Streetlighting Reduction, toddler play area revamp

Chairman

7th July 2009