

CHARFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 10th March 2009 commencing 7.30pm in the Sportsman's Lounge, Charfield Memorial Hall, Charfield

PRESENT

Parish Councillors: Mr M Rosher(Chairman),Mr R Hancock, Mrs N Newns, Mrs Y Lloyd, Mr P Birt, Mr I Kershaw

Clerk: Mrs S Bailey **Public:** Mr T Hill (Memorial Hall), Mr T Patterson

8377/09 Apologies for Absence noted & accepted from Mr F Carling, Mrs S O'Neill

8378/09 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda none

8379/09 Approval of Minutes

It was proposed by Mrs Y Lloyd and seconded by Mr R Hancock and **resolved** that minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 10th February 2009 are signed as a correct record.

8380/09 Public Participation

Mr T Hill attended to see if there were any questions to be asked of the Memorial Hall Committee. Mr P Patterson introduced himself as a new Charfield resident who wished to become involved in the community.

8381/09 Clerks Report on MATTERS ARISING from Previous Minutes The quarry planning application has been passed by Development Control West Committee at South Glos Council with none of the Parish Council recent requests being taken into account. Official notification is yet to be received.

8381/09 Appointment of Vice-Chair Mr I Kershaw agreed to be vice chair for 8 weeks until Annual Council Meeting.

8382/09 Update on proposed burial ground The Council has been in contact with an experienced architect from Falfield who has experience in community projects; a draft design is awaited. Mr M Rosher has drafted some 'burial ground regulations' which need to be assessed by the burial working group.

8383/09 Spring Clean A rota was completed for the weekend of 25th & 26th April. Clerk to write to local schools and brownies/scouts. Chadra have kindly agreed to pay for a banner to advertise the litter pick weekend. It was proposed by Mrs N Newns and seconded by Mr P Birt and **resolved** to order the banner from Sema4Grahics for a total of £87 + vat. We have 10 loaned litter pickers and 10 of our own; bags and gloves have been delivered.

8384/09 Storage of records Process of scanning and saving the old documents digitally before putting them into storage is ongoing and may take some time. Possibility then of making them available on the website.

8385/09 Co-option of candidates Council is free to co-opt with the electoral notice period expiring & no election request. Posters have been put up around the village and on website, Gazette requested to insert details. One candidate so far.

8386/09 Chadra proposal for new dog bin and litter bin. Council discussed Chadra response to requirement for a dog bin on corner of Station Road by underpass – await Chadra response on costings. Position of a litter bin on corner of Woodlands Road/Little Bristol Lane was also discussed – Clerk to await Chadra response again on costs and suggest site.

8387/09 Streetlighting trial with South Glos Council Consultation with Parish on Streetlighting to be combined with Annual Parish Meeting and will be held on Thursday March 19th in main hall. Councillors studied maps with proposed switched off lamps. Gazette enquiries may generate some local interest.

8388/09 Increase in anti-social behaviour Woodland Road and around village. Mr R Hancock highlighted the problems with youths in cars loitering, leaving litter & playing loud music at antisocial hours outside 114 & 167 Woodlands Rd which is intimidating residents. Police have been requested to intervene. Clerk to follow up with letter to Sgt Osborne to ascertain progress. Maybe reporting the crimes/situations more often and obtaining crime reference numbers would prompt a targeted police response. Youths with obnoxious behaviour now loiter outside Memorial Hall when users are locking up leading unsafe feelings locking up on one's own.

8389/09 Junction of Manor Lane/Underhill Road The history of how this junction came to have a strange right of priority was explained by Mr P Birt. Priority appears to favour both Manor Lane sides, yet is actually given to Underhill Rd

users and frequently causes problems. Mr Birt's wife was involved in a minor collision here recently. Possible solutions of a mini roundabout or changed priorities or no markings at all were discussed. Clerk to investigate whether a Highways rep. from South Glos would be willing to meet on site to discuss making junction safer.

8390/09 South Glos Homelessness Strategy Consultation response by 30th April Not perceived to be a problem in Charfield and no comments submitted.

Meeting was adjourned for 1 minute for an interruption

8391/09 Clerk attendance- training Filton 23rd April on use of new Power of Wellbeing £40 It was proposed by Mrs N Newns and seconded by Mr R Hancock and **resolved** to approve Clerk's attendance at this training. Clerk explained the use of new power and the criteria which must be met before it can be used. 80% of Councillors also need training and it was agreed to appoint new Councillors first and then ascertain the most cost efficient method of mass training everyone.

8392/09 Correspondence - none

8393/09 Items for Circulation. The following items circulated to Members including:

- ALCA newsletters, Periodicals (Deaf Association, Clerks & Council s Direct etc)
- Eon notification letter of Oldbury land nomination for nuclear power site
- S.Glos Environment Forum report
- S.Glos Fourth Annual Monitoring Report
- Notices of meetings & decisions from South Glos Council

8394/09 Planning Applications none

8395/09 Planning Decisions

PERMIT PT08/2763/F 53 Underhill Rd Erection of single storey rear extension to form kitchen, hall & WC linking to existing garage. Erection of two storey side extension to provide garage with additional bedroom & WC over

8396/09 Reports/Notices of Meetings

Ward Councillor report – Clerk highlighted conversation today with Mrs S O'Neill who advised that £13,582 has been given to Charfield to be spent on a community project arising from residue funds when council housing was transferred to merlin. Various projects were discussed and it was unanimously agreed by Councillors that the toddler area play replacement project would benefit the most from this cash injection. Clerk to advise Mrs S O'Neill of Parish Council's preference and forward costings and quotes. Working Group needs to meet as soon as possible to finalize plans. Charfield Playing Field – Playground Inspection Report from Mr M Rosher & Mrs N Newns. Report copy to be forwarded to Mr J Russell for any attention. Next inspection Mr P Birt. Charfield Village Hall Management Committee. Latest reports in circulation file. Mr T Hill advised that Bill who did the cleaning/ litter pick/toilet opening is very ill. 'Mrs Ramsey' has been hired to clean and hopefully litter pick in play area. Clerk has been asked by South Glos for someone to open/shut w.c's in car park -Clerk to introduce Mrs Ramsey's name. No other reports.

8397/09 Accounts It was proposed by Mr P Birt 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 12/02/09, 19/02/09, 26/02/09, 05/03/09
- Use of room 10/02/09 meeting
- South Glos Council Bus shelter repairs £615 +vat £92.25
- Came & Co Parish Council Annual Insurance Renewal Cheque dated 1/4/09
- HM Revenue final NI & Tax payments for FY08/09
- J Russell – play area repairs

TOTAL £2623.45

8398/09 Items To Be Raised By Members for future agenda or minor points

Mr P Birt highlighted a triangle of land near shops – need to find out who owns it and ask them to tidy it up

This concluded the business of the meeting, which closed at approximately 9:10 pm.

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

Chairman

14th April 2009