

# CHARFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 13<sup>th</sup> November 2007 commencing 7.30pm in the Sportsman's Lounge, Charfield Memorial Hall, Charfield

## PRESENT

**Parish Councillors:** Mr P Ashford (Chair), Mr P Birt, Mr M Rosher, Mr R Hancock, Mrs Y Lloyd, Mrs N Newns  
**Clerk:** Mrs.S.Bailey      **Public:** Mr J Russell, Ms L J Gillespie (Gazette), Mr J Acton

**7976/07 Apologies for Absence** Mr F Carling, Mr I Kershaw, Mrs C Parton

**7977/07 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda** None

## **7978/07 Approval of Minutes**

It was proposed by Mr P Birt and seconded by Mr M Rosher and **resolved** that minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 9<sup>th</sup> October are signed as a correct record.

**7979/07 Public Participation** none

**7980/07 Clerks Report on MATTERS ARISING from Previous Meeting** S.Glos have a committee which is investigating the reduction in nighttime lighting and a draft consultation will be issued shortly. The PC website is now fully functioning with the .org.uk suffix; the .co.uk will run concurrently until early 2008. No.7 Old Manor Close owner has agreed to reinstate their fence to the correct position inside their boundary.

## **7981/07 Report from Mr J Acton on quarry planning applications**

Mr J Acton explained events surrounding the recent refusal of applications to extend quarry operating hours by the Dev West Committee because change would be detrimental to amenity. Subsequently a breach of operating conditions has been served on the roadstone coating plant by S.Glos. – non-compliance is a criminal offence with possible fines resulting. Concerning lack of response to previous points and questions, at the Liason Group Tony Rowley promised to reply to all the unanswered questions via S.Glos. Mr Acton has emphasised the Preferred Area in the Minerals and Waste Local Plan and the PC 's involvement in that lengthy procedure – Mr Rowley appeared unaware of this but agreed to look at the area in more detail. The final quarry expansion application will not be ready for submission to Committee until January. The Chair thanked Mr J Acton for his huge effort in dealing with the applications and Mr Acton agreed to represent the PC until the third expansion application reaches decision.

**7982/07 Date for December 2007 budget meeting** decided for Tuesday 4<sup>th</sup> December

**7983/07 Proposal by Mr P Ashford to adopt the Model Code of Conduct Order 2007 Paragraph 12(2)** which gives Councillors the same rights as the public to speak in cases of prejudicial interest. This was seconded by Mrs N Newns and **resolved** to adopt without any amendments

**7984/07 Report from Manor Lane Working Group** & agreement to approve Mrs C Parton attendance at SGlos map design meeting at Kingswood for mileage. The site is to be split into 3 areas to apply for SGlos Aggregate Levy funding; bin and bench; noticeboard, and planting/soft landscaping. The bench and bin colours were decided (black) and it was proposed by Mr P Ashford and seconded by Mr s N Newns and **resolved** that the funding applications to be sent by clerk to apply for these works.

**7985/07 Update on burial ground investigations** A quote from Structural Soils to perform Tier 2 Assessment has been received – clerk to forward to the Environment Agency for confirmation that this fits Tier 2 requirements.

**7986/07 S Glos Strategy for People Over 50** comments by 20<sup>th</sup> December – put in circulation file

**7987/07 Environment Agency Little Avon Catchment Abstraction** Management Strategy Consultation Doc - comments by 31<sup>st</sup> Jan; put in circulation file

**7988/07 SGlos Highways on proposed vehicle activated sign at Heath End.** After discussion it was agreed to thank the agency for consulting the PC but we have no comments on the proposal.

**7990/07 Correspondence** The following were noted and circulated in the folder where necessary

Safer Stronger Communities block of Local Area Agreements event Wed 21<sup>st</sup> Nov Mangostfield 9-12.30  
Avon Wildlife Trust AGM Sunday 25 Nov QEH Theatre Bristol 2:15pm - ticket only  
Temporary Rd Closure New St 26<sup>th</sup> Nov for 15 weeks due to Highway retaining wall works  
From Stroud DC – Cotswold Canals Brimscombe Area Action Plan options public involvement by 12<sup>th</sup> Dec  
S Glos Reply letter to Draft School Organisation Plan  
Report available on website (or special request) of S.Glos consultation Local Development Framework draft sustainability scoping report - comments by 24<sup>th</sup> Dec  
ALCA 2008 fee notification £518.86

**7991/07 Items for Circulation.** The following items circulated to Members including:

ALCA newsletter  
Safer South Glos 2007 summary leaflets  
Various journals( Deaf Assoc, CPRE, CVS S.Glos, Senior Citizens Forum, Playing Fields Assoc, etc...)  
Parish Charter Review Group minutes from September & AGM 2006  
Notices of meetings & decisions from South Glos Council

**7992/07 Planning Applications**

PT07/3118/F 58 Wotton Rd Erection of 2 storey front and rear extensions to provide garage and additional living accommodation amendment to PT07/2285/F. After due consideration it was **resolved** to raise no objection.  
PT07/2912/F Pear Tree Inn 6 Wotton rd Erection of 1 no. Smoking shelter and erection of raised timber decking area to front elevation (part retrospective)(revised proposals). After due consideration it was **resolved** to raise no objection.  
PT07/3103/F Avondale 7 New St Erection of two storey side extension to form additional living accommodation. After due consideration it was **resolved** to raise no objection.  
PT07/3239/F Park Farm Wotton Rd Erection of 1 no. Agricultural building and single storey extension to Unit F. Raising of roofline to units D & E to provide stables. Change of use of land from agriculture to keeping of horses, as defined in the Town & Country planning (Use Classes ) Order 1987 (as amended). After due consideration it was **resolved** to raise no objection.

**7993/07 Planning Decisions** – the following decisions were noted

Withdrawn application - PT07/2787/F Snaefel The Drive Erection of 1 no. detached bungalow with associated works  
Withdrawn application - PT07/2546/F Hill House Farm Station Rd Conversion of existing barn to provide indoor riding arena and construction of stables and menage to facilitate change of use of land from agriculture to keeping of horses.  
Alleged Breach – The Crest Charfield Hill Engineering operation to erect horse arena  
Alleged Breach – 110 Manor Lane Erection of 1.8m high fencing adjacent to highway, pd rights removed  
Householder has filed a new planning application which will be available in next few days.  
Refusal – PT07/2758/F 2 Woodlands Rd Erection of first floor side extension to form linked garage with bedroom and bathroom above. Erection of front porch.  
Sites Inspection Sub Committee visit - PT07/1462/F Junction Wotton Rd/Little Bristol Lane Erection of 14 flats with car parking, access, landscaping and associated works. Subsequently this application was refused at the Dev West Committee and Mr P Birt explained events and reasons leading to this refusal. It would be useful to enquire about the possibility of a traffic survey at this junction to have facts available should a developer appeal.  
Permit – PT07/2349/F 45 Woodlands Rd Erection of two storey and first floor side extension and single storey rear extension to provide additional living accommodation. Alterations to existing roofline.  
Permit – PT07/2868/O 2 Wotton Rd Erection of 1 no. Dwelling (outline) with siting and access to be determined. All other matters reserved.  
Refusal – PT07/0577/RVC Wickwar Quarry - variation of condition 16 for crushing hours  
Refusal – PT07/0578/RVC Wickwar Quarry - variation of condition 17 for coating hours  
Refusal – PT07/2835/F 7 Wotton Rd Erection of 1 no. Detached dwelling with integral garage and associated works. Erection of 1 no. detached garage

**7994/07 Reports/Notices of Meetings**

No report available from Ward Councillor.

Charfield Playing Field - Playground Inspection Report from Mr R Hancock and Mr P Birt. A copy of the report to be supplied to Mr Russell for attention to any defects highlighted. Next inspection Mr P Ashford & Mr M Rosher. Charfield Village Hall Management Committee. Previous report in circulation file. Safer Stronger Community Groups- Mrs Y Lloyd reported that the second meeting at Leyhill went well and the next meeting is at Charfield on 21<sup>st</sup> November whereby any village problems can be highlighted. Next meeting 27<sup>th</sup> February

**7995/07 Accounts** It was proposed by Mr P Birt and seconded by Mr M Rosher and **resolved** that the following are approved for payment:

Clerk salary and office expenses

Memorial Hall & Management Committee Maintenance (litter) per week @ £20.00

11/10/07,18/10/07, 25/10/07, 01/11/07,08/11/07 Use of room 09/10/07 full meeting

GAPTC Councillor Training Mr R Hancock

Tailor Made Office Supplies

Brother toner cartridge for printer

Mrs C Parton

Mileage to noticeboard map meeting at S Glos Kingswood Offices 2/11/07

Mr J Russell – play equipment repairs, change gate play area, fixing top of slide, fixing fence toddler area, filling multiplay seats & hooped top fence, & forking bark & spreading

**TOTAL**

**7996/07 Items To Be Raised By Members for future agenda or minor points**

Appletrees; ownership of adjacent land. Following informal enquiries, Clerk to contact SGlos Open Spaces for a list of space which they manage in Charfield and also to follow up on the land registration begun by SGlos in 2001 in order to definitively confirm ownership

Mrs N Newns asked whether it would be a welcome thought to have coffee/tea at meetings.

*This concluded the business of the meeting, which closed at approximately 9:28 pm.*

Ongoing Matters

*Manor Lane Landscaping*

*Quarry planning applications*

*File Storage of Deeds & Registration of The Pound*

*New Burial Ground*

Chairman

11<sup>th</sup> December 2007