

CHARFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of a meeting held on Tuesday 9th October 2007 commencing 7.30pm in the Sportsman's Lounge, Charfield Memorial Hall, Charfield

PRESENT

Parish Councillors: Mr P Ashford (Chair), Mr I Kershaw, Mr P Birt, Mr M Rosher, Mr R Hancock, Mrs Y Lloyd, Mrs C Parton

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

7951/07 Apologies for Absence Mrs S O'Neill, Mrs N Newns, Mr F Carling

7952/07 Declarations of Interest in Items on the Agenda None

7953/07 Approval of Minutes

It was proposed by Mrs C Parton and seconded by Mr I Kershaw and **resolved** that minutes of meeting held on Tuesday 11th September are signed as a correct record.

7954/07 Public Participation none

7955/07 Clerks Report on MATTERS ARISING from Previous Meeting Nothing to report

7956/07 Report from Mr J Acton on progress of quarry planning applications Mr J Acton explained proceedings so far and the deferral of the two secondary applications until the S. Glos Development Committee meeting this week. Much controversy surrounds the Environmental Health Officer's assessment of the noise report. It was proposed by Mr P Ashford and seconded by Mrs C Parton and **resolved** that Mr J Acton continues to represent the Parish Council with regard to the quarry planning applications and also to circulate Mr J Acton's report to Dev West Councillors prior to their meeting in order that planning inconsistencies may be explained and highlighted.

7957/07 Proposal from Mr I Kershaw that Charfield Parish Council objects to the South Glos Draft Schools Consultation Plan 2007-2012 in respect of the proposed number of reception pupils at Charfield Primary School of 30 for Sept 2008, and requests that the number be raised to the previous figure of 40. After much discussion it was proposed by Mr I Kershaw and seconded by Mrs C Parton and **resolved** unanimously that the council objects to a 30 intake and continues to fight to raise this number.

7958/07 Report from Manor Lane Working Group Mrs C Parton explained the positive meeting with Stuart Bardsley (countryside officer for S.Glos) and that the project should be split into smaller ideas for funding and that bench and litter bin should also be considered. Working group to meet again to further these ideas. The problem of the willow overhanging the footpath and the dog bin was highlighted.

7959/07 Report from Parish Council website working group and proposal from Mr M Rosher that the website is hosted by UK2 offsite for an £80 (£40 p.a.) fee to improve access. Councillors were very pleased with website progress, and after an explanation of its development, it was proposed by Mr M Rosher and seconded by Mr P Birt and **resolved** to purchase the '.org' name and host with UK2 for a total of £80.

7960/07 Proposal from Mr M Rosher that the Parish Council discusses reduction in nighttime street lighting similar to the success in Cam A discussion ensued on light pollution and environmental issues – clerk to investigate with S.Glos

7961/07 Submission Draft Statement of Community Involvement by 19th October No comments

7962/07 SWRA consultation Additional Pitch Requirements for Gypsies & Travellers by 31st Oct No comments other than the Parish did have a traveller site at Appletrees which attracted a permanent resident and became the result of planning enforcement.

7963/07 2nd Quarter budget report circulated to members prior to meeting – it was proposed by Mr P Ashford and seconded by Mr C Parton and **resolved** to adopt this report.

7964/07 S Glos consultation on A38/B4509 Falfield Junction improvements After discussion it was agreed that the Clerk reply outlining the concerns of Councillors regarding the interaction between the M5 lights and that traffic will stack back to the M5 junction, and also that a roundabout would be a preferable option.

7965/07 Return of audited accounts from Mazars Councillors were pleased to see a clean bill of health with no issues raised.

7966/07 Attendance at ALCA AGM Saturday 13th October 10am in Yate It was proposed by Mr P Ashford and seconded by Mrs C Parton and **resolved** that Mr P Ashford attend and vote on behalf of the PC

7967/07 New Councillor training sessions Friday 30th November all day, Longford £60. It was proposed by Mr P Birt and seconded by Mr I Kershaw and **resolved** that Mr M Rosher, Mr R Hancock and Mrs Y Lloyd attend this session.

7968/07 Increase of one weekly hour for Clerk & continuation of Cilca training *This item was discussed at the end of the agenda excluding the Clerk and public* It was proposed by Mr P Ashford and seconded by Mr M Rosher and **resolved** with all in favour that the clerk's weekly hours be raised from 13 to 14 to accommodate website development and further Cilca training.

7969/07 Correspondence – none

7970/07 Items for Circulation. The following items circulated to Members including:

- SLCC AGM & accounts details
- Pensions info from Steve Web MP
- Various journals(Avon Wildlife Trust etc...)
- Notices of meetings & decisions from South Glos Council

7971/07 Planning Applications

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). After due consideration it was **resolved** to raise no objection.

PT07/2758/F 2 Woodlands Rd Erection of two storey side extension to form linked garage with bedroom and bathroom above. Erection of front porch. After due consideration it was **resolved** to raise no objection.

PT07/2868/O 2 Wotton Rd Erection of 1 no. dwelling (outline) with siting and access to be determined. All other matters reserved. After due consideration it was **resolved** to object on the following grounds:

- The boundary of the property is outside the site line of the existing property. This detracts from the openness of the view and the streetscene.
- The new property would be in front of the site line of other existing houses.
- Vehicle access is closer to the bend in the main road and poses danger to other users. Also more vehicles would be using a dangerous exit.
- The location of the spring on the plans is not accurately represented based on recollections and ground samples are needed. The spring is also a flooding risk.
- Lack of amenity space for the existing dwelling
- Lack of local school spaces for what is considered to be a family home

PT07/2835/F 7 Wotton Rd Erection of 1 no. detached dwelling with integral garage and associated works. Erection of 1 no. detached garage. After due consideration it was **resolved** to object on the following grounds:

- the proposed access would be detrimental to the safety and free flow of vehicles and pedestrians on Wotton Road.
- the proposed access between two houses would be detrimental to the residential amenities of their occupiers.
- the problems of piecemeal and uncoordinated designs of developments in the long rear gardens of this and nearby dwellings.
- there is no evidence of tests to show that the ground conditions are satisfactory for soakaway drainage of the property.
- The dwelling proposed is too large for the site and cannot be adequately maintained due to overproximity to site boundary
- Narrow drive access for emergency vehicles
- Lack of local school places for what would be considered a family home
- Conditions would need to be imposed restricting any usage of Poolfield Farm Lane

PT07/2787/F Snaefel The Drive Erection of 1 no. detached bungalow with associated works. After due consideration it was **resolved** to object on the following grounds:

- Cramped overdevelopment of the site
- History of site flooding due allegedly to nearby house construction
- Lack of amenity space
- Plans state it is single storey but it is obviously two storey
- Poor access conditions onto road
- Lack of local school spaces for what is considered a family home
- Development is detrimental to the streetscene

7972/07 Planning Decisions – the following permissions were noted

PT07/2285/F 58 Wotton Rd Erection of two storey front and rear extensions to provide garage and additional living accommodation (resubmission of PT07/1362/F)

PT07/2370/F Tree Tops Charfield Hill Erection of detached double garage

PT07/2426/F 8 Durham Rd Extensions to existing front and rear dormer windows to form additional living accommodation

PT07/2546/F Hill House Farm Station Rd. Application Withdrawn

7973/07 Reports/Notices of Meetings – the following were received:

No report available from Ward Councillor.

Charfield Playing Field - Playground Inspection Report from Mrs C Parton & Mrs Y Lloyd.

A copy of the report to be supplied to Mr Russell for attention to any defects. Next inspection Mr R Hancock and Mr P Birt. The J Poskett bench report/photo appeared in Gazette – clerk to obtain copy for website. Clerk to report the poor state of Longs View play area maintained by S.Glos

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

Safer Stronger Community Groups first meeting – Mrs Y Lloyd reported that the initial meeting was very general and that the next meeting would be at Leyhill this Thursday.

7974/07 Accounts It was proposed by Mr P Birt and seconded by Mr R Hancock and **resolved** that the following are approved for payment:

Clerks salary and office expenses

Memorial Hall & Management Committee

Maintenance (litter) & use of room

MAZARS External Audit Fee

South Glos dog bin emptying 1st April to 30th Sept 2 bins

Manor Garden Maintenance Manor Lane landscaping works as per quote

British Legion Wreath Poppy Day

7975/07 Items To Be Raised By Members for future agenda or minor points

Mrs C Parton highlighted concerns at the erection of a 6ft fence at 110 Manor Lane – clerk reported already to Planning.

No 7 Old Manor Close new fence is outside boundary – clerk to write another letter

Mr I Kershaw noted Central Networks holes in Little Bristol lane for a month with no activity – clerk to investigate

Mr P Birt noted the Manor Lane shop car park pothole problems and letters to the shop owners were suggested.

This concluded the business of the meeting, which closed at approximately 10:15pm.

Ongoing Matters

Manor Lane Landscaping

File Storage of Deeds & Registration of The Pound

New Burial Ground

Website development

Chairman

13th November 2007