

CHARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 10th November 2005, at 7.30 pm in the Old School Room, Charlton

PRESENT Cllr B B Browne (Chairman)
Cllr S M Eggleston
Cllr E G Grazier
Cllr Mrs B W Jack (until Item 15, Minute no. 135/05)
Cllr Mrs C C Ooi (until Item 20, Minute no. 140/05)

In attendance: R D Gurney, Clerk to the Parish Council

121/05 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Cllr Wood and accepted. County Cllr Mrs Eyre also sent an apology.

122/05 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

123/05 PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

The Clerk reported that no applications had been received and the vacancy will be re-advertised for any applications to be considered at the next meeting.

124/05 APPOINTMENT OF PARISH COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVE ON THE WORKMAN TRUST

The Chairman reported that Mrs Sims had now resigned as the Parish Council representative on the Workman Trust. No nominations for a replacement representative have been received and the matter is to be brought to the next meeting.

125/05 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 15th SEPTEMBER 2005

It was proposed by Cllr Mrs Jack, seconded by Cllr Eggleston, and **RESOLVED** that these be signed as a true record.

126/05 PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

1. Planning complaint: Farm shop, Evesham/Pershore road. The Clerk reported that the Planning Enforcement Officer had not been able to follow up this complaint, as the available information was not sufficiently specific. It was agreed that this be left on the table.

2. Overhanging trees, Canada Bank. The Clerk has still not had a reply from the landowner and the matter will now be passed to the HPU.

3. Gardeners Arms PH. This has now re-opened.

4. Grants. The Clerk reported that he has received letters of thanks from the Scout group and the Neighbourhood Watch Association.

5. Refurbishment project, Cropthorne and Charlton Village Hall. The Clerk reported that he has not received any of the information requested.

6. Street light no. 7, Ryden Lane. The Clerk stated that no information has been received from Pirelli regarding the safety aspect. The Clerk will also approach CALC to find out what rights a landowner may have regarding long established street lights on their property.

7. Replacement litter bin, The Green. The Clerk reported that WDC agreed in September to provide a replacement bin on the Green, at a cost of £118.00 plus £35 fitting. The Clerk will chase this.

8. Repairs to public notice board. The Clerk reported that he had, as yet, been unable to find a repairer for the board, but he would continue to pursue. (see Minute no. 128/05).

9. Fladbury crossroads. The Chairman reported that he had attended a meeting on 24th October at Fladbury, which was chaired by County Cllr Liz Eyre. Two main issues were discussed: the problem with tractor and trailer traffic through the area and the need for a speed restriction near the school. The former matter could not be resolved with speed restrictions. A meeting is to be held with Sims and Wood to discuss the problems with the large agricultural vehicles.

ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC FORUM

(No members of the public were present).

127/05 REPORT FROM COUNTY COUNCILLOR

Neither County Cllr Mrs Eyre nor Cllr Meikle were in attendance and there were no reports.

128/05 DISTRIBUTION OF VILLAGE CLEAN-UP BURSARY

The Clerk informed the meeting that, with the commitment to the replacement litter bin on the Green there is still some £250 available for distribution. It was proposed by Cllr Browne, seconded by Cllr Eggleston, and agreed that, instead of repairing the public notice board, a new one is purchased. The Clerk was asked to find details and to report back to the next meeting.

129/05 FINANCE

1. Receipts and Payments Account: 02.09.05 - 03.10.05

This was circulated with the agenda and was accepted.

2. Accounts for Payment

It was RESOLVED that the following accounts be paid:

Limebridge Rural Services Ltd			
	September	£386.00 + £67.55 VAT	£453.55
	October	£464.00 + £81.20 VAT	£545.20
R D Gurney	salary, 01.10.05 - 30.11.05		£435.84
	expenses (01.07.05 - 31.10.05)		£ 31.73
Staples UK Ltd	- photocopying, stamps, stationery		
	£27.89 + £4.89 VAT (4 invoices)		£ 32.78
Elaine Hawley	(for Parish Plan)		£ 41.54

130/05 TO RECEIVE THE MID YEAR BUDGET SUMMARY

This was circulated with the agenda and was agreed and accepted.

131/05 DRAFT BUDGET FOR 2006/2007

This draft was circulated with the agenda. The Clerk pointed out that the majority of the items are commitments, eg grass cutting, insurance, with grants being the only large item with flexibility. The Clerk indicated that the end of year balances also tended to be on the cautious side. The Clerk reported that the Precept is not required by WDC until after the

the next meeting and it was agreed that the budget and precept be agreed at the next meeting.

132/05 UPDATE ON PARISH LENGTHSMAN SCHEME

The Clerk reported that he has received correspondence confirming the County Council's agreement to the Parish Council appointing a lengthsman. The Clerk will meet the HPU to agree the practicalities, prior to the post being advertised.

133/05 LAND ADJ MERRY BROOK

The Clerk reported that the Land Registry has confirmed that the land between "Brooklands" and the brook course has not been registered. The Clerk was asked to discuss the matter with the Land Registry regarding the procedure to submit a claim for a caution against first registration.

134/05 PARISH PLAN PROGRESS

Cllr Eggleston reported that there have been several meetings of the Parish Plans Group and the first opportunity for the parish residents to comment on the contents of the Plan is on Saturday 12th November 2005 in the Old School Room. Residents will be able to talk to members of the Group and will be invited to make comment. All households in the parish will have received details and invitations have been sent to Parish Councillors or "outsiders" who are involved in Charlton.

135/05 PARISH CHARTER

A copy of the Charter prepared jointly by CALC, WCC and some district councils (not WDC) was circulated with the agenda. The Chairman explained that Wychavon DC was not a party to the CALC Charter and had produced its own version without any discussion with P&TCs. It was felt that the two need to be assessed together and this item was deferred to the next meeting.

136/05 TO PROVIDE COMPOSTING AND GARDEN WASTE "DISPOSAL" FACILITIES WITHIN CHARLTON

Cllr Eggleston's report was circulated with the agenda. After some discussion it was agreed that a Parish Council Working Party be set up to investigate. Cllrs Eggleston and Grazier agreed to be members and would endeavour to report to the next meeting.

137/05 MEMBER'S ALLOWANCES

A letter from WDC explaining the new procedure for members who wish to claim allowances was circulated with the agenda. The Chairman explained that, in the past, a PC had the power to reimburse its Members for expenses. However, since new Regulations in 2003 reimbursing of Members can only be done if the District Council gives its agreement. It was felt that, although this is not currently a problem for Parish Councillors, the authority of the Remuneration Panel should be obtained. It was proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Cllr Mrs Jack, and agreed that Charlton PC wishes to accept Members' allowances as in the letter from WDC and that the Clerk applies to the Independent Remuneration Panel for authorisation, which then must be advertised.

138/05 ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE FREE QPS GUIDANCE BRIEFING

The Chairman reported that he has arranged for this to be held on Thursday, 9th February

2006 in the Old School, Room.

139/05 REPORT OF PLANNING COMMITTEE

The report of the Planning Committee dated 27th October 2005, which had been circulated with the agenda, was noted.

140/05 CALC MATTERS

The Chairman reported that the AGM had been held and the main issue had been with subscriptions and how to accommodate the larger authorities. The new Chairman of NALC had attended.

141/05 CORRESPONDENCE FOR DECISION

1. WCC: Second Local Transport Plan Strategic Environmental Assessment - No action

142/05 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

The list of correspondence as listed below was noted.

1. WDC: Local Plan Review Inspector's Report
2. WDC: Statement of Community Involvement
3. Community First AGM
4. WCC: Requirements for decorative lighting from street lights
5. Central Networks: to win Christmas lights for the Parish
6. WDC: Comments on Police Force Restructuring
7. WDC: Accessible Historic Environment SPG draft
8. WCC: Waste Core Strategy Preferred options
9. Newslines
10. LG Review
11. Clerks and Council magazine
12. Free composting clinics

143/05 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/INCLUSION ON THE NEXT AGENDA

1. Budget/Precept
2. Affordable Housing

144/05 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

This is confirmed for Thursday, 12th January 2006.

12th January 2006