

**Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 11th March 2010,
at 7.30 pm, in the Old School Room, Charlton**

PRESENT Cllr S M Eggleston (in the Chair)
Cllr Mrs D M Barlow
Cllr Mrs B W Jack,
Cllr Mrs F Wilkinson
Cllr M P Wood

In attendance: Clive Bostle, Footpath Warden
District Councillor Tom McDonald
Roger Gurney, Clerk to the Parish Council

ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC FORUM

(Four members of the public were present. One member (Mrs Cook) reported that street light no.3 is now working – but is on all the time, whereas street light no. 4 is still not working).

21/10 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received and accepted from Cllr Browne.

22/10 SHEPPEY PLAY SCHEME

The Chairman invited Mrs Jane Segar to speak about this project. She explained that the equipment which is planned to be provided is aimed at the 10+ age group. She referred to figures from WDC which indicated that 23% of the population of Charlton and Crophorne is under the age of 18. A survey has been undertaken with children to find out what items they would wish to see on The Sheppey. It is hoped to encourage more use of the underused skateboard facility, possibly with lighting, and for a shelter to be provided.. She commented that a group of children had made a grant application and that the scheme will be presented at an open meeting on 18th March in Crophorne. Members expressed concern that Charlton children are discouraged by having to go up the hill to The Sheppey. It was agreed that this be discussed at the next meeting. The Chairman thanked Mrs Segar for attending and explaining the scheme.

23/10 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

None.

24/10 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 14th JANUARY 2010

The draft Minutes had been circulated previously. It was RESOLVED that the Minutes be signed as a true record.

25/10 PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

1. Footpath Warden. Clive Bostle was invited to speak. He has discussed the preparation of a Parish Footpath Map for Charlton with WCC, copies of which would be available for walkers using public footpaths in the Parish; only 5 such maps are currently being considered this year, so there is a good chance that these will be produced. He will discuss further details with Cllr Browne. The possibility of large display map is also being considered by WCC.

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29/10 FLOOD ALLEVIATION

(1) Flood Working Group

There has been no recent meeting of the Group and there was no report.

(2) Meeting of the RFDC at Environment Agency, 20th January 2010

The Rural Flood Defence Committee has included the work at Charlton in the 2011/2012 budget. If there is slippage of another scheme it may be that the Charlton scheme could be brought forward.

(3) Local Fund Raising

The Clerk has not received any information.

30/10 HIGHWAY MATTERS

It was noted that some drainage clearance work has been done and that several potholes have been repaired. The Clerk was to ask the lengthsman to undertake the clearance of moss from footways within the village.

31/10 BUS SHELTER

The Clerk is to obtain details from WCC.

32/10 DEMARCATION OF THE GREEN/PRIVATE DRIVEWAY

A briefing note from Cllr Browne was enclosed with the agenda. It was noted that, following the removal of the marker stones, there is recent evidence of vehicles being driven on to The Green. Cllr Eggleston and Cllr Mrs Jack agreed to meet the residents and to discuss current problems and possible action.

33/10 PARISH COUNCIL NEWSLETTER

Cllr Mrs Barlow said she and the Chairman had discussed how this could be produced and should it include flood committee items? It was agreed that this matter be further discussed if it is to be distributed prior to the Parish Meeting.

34/10 ARRANGEMENTS FOR PARISH MEETING, 15TH APRIL 2010

The Clerk had spoken to the Chairman and arrangements and invitations are in hand.

35/10 PLANNING COMMITTEE

The report of the Planning Committee meeting held on 14th January 2010, which was enclosed with the agenda, was noted.

36/10 FUTURE OF THE TELEPHONE KIOSK

Wychavon DC has taken over the ownership of the kiosk from BT, but there is concern that it retains the appearance of a working kiosk, including the signage. The Clerk was asked to find out Wychavon DC's intentions for the kiosk.

37/10 ITEMS FROM CALC

In the Chairman's absence there was no report.

38/10 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

The following correspondence was noted:

1. WDC – copy correspondence, maintenance of watercourses, Haselor & Boston Lane

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2. WCC - Worcester Transport Strategy

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3. WCC - Waste Core Strategy

4. WCC – Community Greenspace Team Annual Report

5. WDC – Parish Games

39/10 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA

1. Sheppey Playscheme at Cropthorne

2. Cemetery hedge

3. Painting of the lychgate

4. Updating of the bylaws

40/10 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The Parish Meeting is arranged for Thursday, 15th April 2010

The Annual Parish Council Meeting is arranged for Thursday, 13th May 2010

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