CHARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of the Meeting of the Parish Council held on Thursday, 12th September 2013, at 7.30 pm, in the Old School Room, Charlton

PRESENT Cllr R L Davies (Chairman) Cllr B B Browne
Cllr E G Grazier
Cllr Mrs B W Jack
Cllr M P Wood

In attendance: County Cllr Mrs Liz Eyre (for minute 99/13) Cllr Tom McDonald (until minute no. 100/13) Roger Gurney, Clerk to the Parish Council

ADJOURNMENT FOR PUBLIC FORUM

(One member of the public was in attendance, but no issues were raised)

94/13 APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

These were received from Cllr Eggleston.

95/13 DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST None.

96/13 PARISH COUNCIL VACANCY

The Clerk reported that there has been no response to the advertisement for co-option. A further notice for co-option will be displayed during October, so that the matter can be considered at the November meeting.

97/13 APPOINTMENT OF PARISH REPRESENTATIVES

1)**Cropthorne and Charlton Village Hall Committee.** Mrs Powell did not wish to continue to represent the Parish Council on the Village Hall Committee and the appointment was left in abeyance.

2)**Workman Trust.** The Chairman reported that Mrs Powell did not wish to continue. Emily Hall-Roberts agreed to represent the Parish Council on the Trust and the Clerk will notify Yvonne Macarthur of this.

98/13 MINUTES OF THE MEETING HELD ON 11th JULY 2013

The draft minutes were circulated with the agenda. It was agreed that the following amendments be made:

Minute 77/13(8), line 2, delete `little' and insert `some'

Minute 77/13(8), line 3, add `More campaigning may be needed in the future.' Subject to these amendments it was proposed by Cllr Mrs Jack, seconded by Cllr Browne, and resolved, that the Minutes be signed as a true record.

99/13 COUNTY AND DISTRICT COUNCILLORS REPORTS

District Councillor Tom McDonald's monthly report has been put on the Parish Council web site. He referred to the decision by WDC to allow parish councils to speak for 3 minutes at the Planning Committee in their own right. The decision to stop sending paper copies of plans to parish councils has been deferred until next year. He reported

that £15,000 for flood relief from WDC has not been taken up, including £5,000 for Charlton. The Chairman understands that the EA will discuss this with WDC, as work on the brook course downstream from the Gardeners Arms needs to be done. Cllr McDonald is now on the flooding group of the LGA. He reminded the Council of the New Homes Bonus meeting on 25th September and for monies held under Section 106 needs to be used. He has asked for the chicken shed application in Boston Lane to be decided by the WDC Planning Committee, unless the recommendation is for refusal. **County Cllr Liz Eyre** informed the Parish Council that life is currently challenging at WCC in view of the further necessary financial cuts. She reported on the on-going highway concerns, namely the road between the Cemetery bridge and Jubilee Bridge, The Bight and Ryden Lane. .

100/13 FOOTPATH WARDEN

Clive Bostle has sent his apology. He has spoken to Cllr Browne, who reported that only 3 residents had accompanied him on the Annual Walk on 24th August, which went as far as Netherton Mr Bostle will continue to carry out maintenance after he has moved house.

101/13 CLERK'S PAY INCREASE

The Clerk reported that there has been and agreed 1% or so increase of pay for Clerks, backdated to 1' April 2013.

102/13 FINANCE

1.Receipts and Payments Account: 03.06.13 – 02.08.13

This was circulated with the agenda and was accepted.

2.Accounts for Payment

It was proposed by Cllr Grazier, seconded by Cllr Browne, and agreed, that

1)the following accounts be paid:

R D Gurney	net salary, 01.08.13 – 30.09.13 (+ back pay)	**£509.76**
HMRC		**£170.80**
Staples UK Ltd – (July/August)		£ **20.40**
Steve Gwilliam (August)	**£176.00** New Farm Grounds Maintenance (August) £405.00 + £81.00 VAT	**£486.00**
R Hirons		**£130.00**

(2) the payments made 10.08.13 be confirmed:

New Farm Grounds Maintenance (July)	£280.00 + £56.00 VAT	**£336.00**
Steve Gwilliam (July)		**£176.00**
St Peters Nurseries Ltd	£333.33 + £66.66 VAT	**£399.99**

103/13 FLOOD ALLEVIATION

Cllr Davies reported that the EA has asked for a meeting with the Flood Committee regarding work that is needed downstream of the Gardeners Arms. It is hoped that there would be another public meeting with the EA in November. The Council was reminded that WDC still has £5,000 in hand for flood alleviation work; all previous work has been funded by the EA. Cllr Davies will speak to the EA and WDC to see if this money can be used for the work behind The Strand properties.

104/13 PROVISION OF MEMORIAL SEAT ON THE GREEN

This has been installed and has been favourably received in the village. The Clerk will contact Mr Barrett regarding a plaque for the rear of the seat.

105/13 CHARLTON CEMETERY

Cllr Browne and the Clerk have met at the Cemetery to assess the means of laying out the extension, including the plots for the cremated remains. There are now some 100 `children's' spaces and 21 adult spaces, which are scattered around the Cemetery. 72 spaces can be available on the new ground. Cllr Browne has spoken to Richard Hill, the undertaker in Pershore, regarding the required size of burial plots.

It is considered that the Yew trees in the Cemetery may soon be in need of attention and Cllr Grazier agreed to obtain an estimate of the work.

The layout of the extension was deferred for consideration by the Cemetery WG.

106/13 NEW HOMES BONUS

The latest details of the Bonus available to the Parish Council were circulated with the agenda: £ 1,590 is currently available. Detailed consideration was deferred to a subsequent meeting.

107/13 HIGHWAY AND FOOTWAY MATTERS

County Cllr Liz Eyre had given an update on the on-going highway matters earlier in the meeting. The Council was aware of the imminent closure of Evesham bridge and the proposed diversions.

108/13 PARISH PLAN

There was no report.

109/13 PROGRESS REPORTS FOR INFORMATION

1.**Lengthsman.** Steve Gwilliam was not in attendance and his worksheet for August was circulated with the agenda. Steve Gwilliam has told the Clerk that he would undertake the cleaning of the lychgate several times during the year and he is aware of the current problems on Ryden lane and Canada Bank.

2.**Cropthorne and Charlton Village Hall.** There was no report.

3.**Workman Trust/Old School Room.** There was no report.

4.**Dog fouling on The Green.** It was agreed that this item be held in abeyance.

5.**Charlton Church. A** further public meeting is to be arranged.

6.**Deeds for the Cemetery and Village Green.** The Clerk has still to follow this matter up.

7.**Telephone kiosk.** This matter is in abeyance until April 2014.

8.**Land opposite the Cemetery.** The main problem is by the Severn Trent pumping station across the Brook. Cllr Davies will ask the EA to see if they will get STW to attend to this, before the other side can be attended to.

110/13 REPORT OF THE PLANNING COMMITTEE

The Notes of the Planning Committee meeting held on 13''' August 2013 were circulated with the agenda. As that meeting was inquorate the comments made on the planning applications were confirmed.

110/13 ITEMS FROM CALC

Cllr Browne reported that the meeting in September had concentrated on the current budgetary and precepting procedures for 2014/2015. It was agreed that the Clerk prepares a draft budget for the November meeting.

111/13 CORRESPONDENCE FOR INFORMATION

The following correspondence was noted:

1.WDC — Register of Interests training, 2°**d** or 7th October 2013
2.Festival Housing strategic plan 2013/2018
3.Newsline — Summer 2013

112/13 ITEMS FOR INFORMATION/INCLUSION ON NEXT AGENDA Broadband update
Draft budget.

113/13 DATE OF NEXT MEETING

The next meeting of the Parish Council is on Thursday 14'**h** November 2013, at 7.30 pm.

14th November 2013