

Charlton Musgrove Parish Council
Minutes of the meeting of the Parish Council held in the Village Hall,
Charlton Musgrove, on Wednesday 24th January 2018 (7.30pm – 10.05)

Present

In attendance: Robin Bastable, Barrie Izard, Annette Sutton, Richard Lund, Martin Haskett, Ruth Kimber
District Councillor: Anna Groskop
Parish Clerk: Sheran Ring
Visitors: Ezra Groskin / Mr & Mrs Roberts Somerlea Farm

Agenda item 4.1 was brought forward to the start of the meeting. Ezra Groskin displayed posters around the hall for members of the public to view then proceeded to give a detailed presentation regarding future ideas and plans for the Somerlea site. Followed by Open Time: Approximately 35 members of the public were present (7.30 – 8.50 pm)

83. Apologies for absence (Agenda Item 1) – None received - Cllr Turk was absent

84. Minutes of the last meeting (Agenda Item 2)

The Council approved minutes of the meeting held on 29th November 2017

85. Declaration of interest (Agenda Item 3) – M Haskett – non prejudicial interest - carries out hedge cutting for Mr & Mrs Hand and Somerlea Farm

86. Planning applications (Agenda Item 4)

1) Somerlea Presentation: See attached “bullet point” summary of concerns raised

2) Planning Applications to be considered:

Application No: 17/04676/FUL

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Began

Location: Brickhouse Farm, Brickhouse Farm Lane, Charlton Musgrove

Proposal: Formation of enclosed entrance porch, construction of swimming pool, conversion of attached carports to form ancillary dressing area. Demolition of existing agricultural barn replacement on same footprint with similar building for use as stabling, workshops and storage and the provision of a single storey building to form two-bay garage and a two bay carport including change of use of land from agricultural to mixed use. **Recommend: Approval (following a site visit on Monday 29th January)**

Councillors are concerned regarding light pollution. If possible, the skylights should have louvres and possibly blinds at the glass wall end to reduce the impact of artificial light in a sensitive area.

Proposed by: B Izard Seconded by: A Sutton Agreed by: 2 abstained by: 2

3) Report on decisions by SSDC on planning applications already considered:

Application No: 17/04214/FUL

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Fabyan Daw

Location: Coneygore, Marsh Lane, Pen Selwood, Wincanton,

Proposal: Demolition of conservatory, erection of single storey extension and erection of extension to existing terrace **Approved**

4) Planning matters received after the agenda was issued:

i. Application No: 17/04924/LBC

Applicant: Mr & Mrs Hand

Location: Shalford Farm, Shalford Lane, Charlton Musgrove

Proposal: Internal and external alterations and the conversion of part of agricultural barn to 1 no. dwelling

Recommend: Approval Proposed by: A Sutton Seconded by: R Kimber Unanimous Decision

ii. Application No: 17/04347/FUL

Applicant: Mr Martin Haskett

Location: Oak Barn, Charlton Musgrove, Somerset BA9 8HD

Proposal: change of use of first floor from domestic to offices (use Class B1) for use by existing Agricultural business plus formation of dormer windows. **Approved**

iii. Gifted land at Charlton Musgrove: Documents to be filed. Clerk to request copies of restrictive covenants

87. Financial matters (Agenda Item 5)

- 1) **Cheques raised:** -Cheque No: 100497 - £94.20 – SSDC
- 2) **Precept:** The 2018/19 Precept form was approved and signed
- 3) **PAYE Forms:** Forms from Payman Ltd were approved and signed
- 4) **Financial Matters arising after the Agenda was issued:**
Cheque No. 100498 for £150.00 payable to CMMH was raised as a donation for a new dish washer

88. CMMH Dishwasher (Agenda Item 6): Councillors agreed a donation of £150 to CMMH towards a new dishwasher and to enable the Trustees to access further grants. A cheque was handed to Sue Parroy at the meeting

89. Correspondence and publications received (Agenda Item 7) Electoral boundary consultation – Clerk to submit concerns : Charlton Musgrove Parish Council strongly disagree with the proposed changes. If Charlton Musgrove was amalgamated with Wincanton, it would not be represented as a rural Parish. It would be better represented leaving things as they are with one representative for Tower Ward and two representatives for the urban area of Wincanton.

90. Date of the next meeting (Agenda Item 11) **Wednesday 21st March 2018**

*Sheran Ring, Charlton Musgrove Parish Clerk
(charltonmusgroveclerk@gmail.com)*

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Chairman

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Date

Brief Summary of Somerlea presentation

Presentation stated:

- Non-profit foundation / No financial interest
- Strong educational bias
- 30 Sculptures max. For display purposes not for sale
- 12 parking spaces with overflow parking available if necessary
- Full time curator, someone always onsite. Gates will be locked at night
- Not open all year - Closed in winter
- Land would be classed as Category D1 Agricultural, non-dwelling, mixed use. No intention of further residential planning sought
- Public access to public footpaths at all times

General concerns / questions raised:

- **Bats / Owls / low hedges:** Existing Owl box to remain in situ, provision for bats already covered in previous planning. Advised to cut hedges right back as they hadn't been done for a while. They will now be grown and maintained at a better height.
- **Traffic disruption / Parking/ Memorial Hall car parks:** Cannot be compared to other sculpture parks as there is no public transport to Charlton Musgrove so all visitors will arrive by car therefore traffic will increase and 12 parking spaces will not be enough. Where would coaches park if children are visiting from schools? Memorial car park in use all week, concerns that visitors would use it, Car park in view of opposite dwelling: Do not envisage any more than 10 cars at a time, although an overflow area will be available. Children would not visit. It is a resource they can make use of without visiting. There will be no facilities on site, toilets or refreshments, so cannot cater for large numbers. Specific events may take place once or twice a year. Possibility of screening the parking area to protect view
- **Under-estimating amount of visitors, how would they cope if large numbers arrive, what strategies would they have in place:** unlikely to happen, starting small, over-flow car park if more than 12 cars arrived, not open all year, could consider "by invite only"
- **Was previous planning application including moving of entrance approved for public or domestic use? Planning by creep:** Approval of entrance being moved was for safety reasons, the Malt Barn will be residential, no further residential development planned.
- **Will Mr & Mrs Roberts live there, why Charlton Musgrove? Will the park simply be for storage of artwork?:** will not be main residence as Mr & Mrs Roberts live in London, they love it here and will visit at weekends and holidays. Not storage? Items kept in a warehouse

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- **Condition of Land, losing agricultural land, permanent structures if placed on concrete bases, Land at Somerlea is some of the wettest in the village, would they consider not using all the fields, Light pollution:** Sculptures don't have to be placed on concrete, they can be put on sleepers. Lighting will not be used. Mown pathways only not gravel but will not be open during winter so hopefully will not be a problem. Consider having animals grazing and still cut for hay. They would consider reducing acreage used.
- **Large animals and making hay would be dangerous and difficult around expensive sculptures:** Acknowledged
- **Footpaths border fields at North end that are used for cattle, visitors with dogs not a good mix with cattle:** Acknowledged
- **How many numbers do they really expect? How will the park be promoted:** Opening will be announced but there will be no big PR campaign, news on website
- **Can anyone park up and use public footpaths and view all sculptures:** of course on the public footpaths but some sculptures will be in private area by the house and these will be viewed at specific events
- **Personal collection for tax reasons?:** Disgraceful and sad

Presentation boards and "comment" slips were available at the village hall for one week after the presentation