

Charlton Musgrove Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Full Council Parish Meeting Held Tuesday 15th November 2022 at 7:30pm in Charlton Musgrove Village Hall

Members Present: Councillors R Bastable (Chairman), A Sutton (Vice-Chairman), B Izard, D Rochford, S Turk, R Kimber and S Moore.

Members of the Public in attendance: Two

District and County Councillors: Councillor R Bastable and Councillor L Trimmell

Proper Officer in attendance: S Atherton

Public Questions and Comments

None.

22/43 Apologies for Absence

None.

22/44 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

None

22/45 Minutes of the Meetings Held Tuesday 27th September 2022

On a proposal from Councillor Sutton, seconded by Councillor Moore, the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman. Councillor Kimber abstained from voting.

22/46 Receive Reports from the Parish, District and County Council Reports

Councillor Bastable informed Council the licence agreement for the land at Barrow Lane had been signed by the Licensee. Council agreed Councillor Bastable would contact Cooper & Tanner to value the land. The SSDC full council meeting was cancelled as everything is being passed to Somerset County Council.

Councillor Trimmell informed Council the LCN consultation had closed with nearly 600 responses and the boundaries will be decided in January. She also talked about the SCC budget, the Ofsted inspection and the closure of Dropping Lane in Bruton.

22/47 Planning Applications

22/02717/HOU – Erection of a covered garden area building (retrospective application), Willow Brook Farm, Barrow Lane. On a proposal from Councillor Kimber, seconded by Councillor Moore, Council voted to support the application. Councillor Bastable abstained from voting.

22/48 Finance

The Clerk informed Council that due an incorrect input, the all banks reconciliation in September was out by £5. This was corrected in the October reconciliation. On a proposal from Councillor Sutton, seconded by Councillor Moore, Council unanimously voted to approve the latest bank reconciliation and all payments presented.

22/49 Open Spaces

- a. Council agreed the cost of £642 to purchase a bench, to be sited at St John's Church. After discussion, it was agreed to purchase a Parish Council plaque to be fixed to the bench. Councillor Sutton volunteered to paint the oil drum to be placed next to the bench.
- b. Councillor Izard had contacted the manufacturer of the Parish notice board regarding the leak. They suggested purchasing a rubber strip to seal the opening. Councillor Izard will source a strip.
- c. The funds raised for the purchase of a picnic table will be held until the play area is ready for an installation.
- d. The Clerk read out the closure notice for Dropping Lane. Councillor Kimber mentioned the left behind and awkward positioning of signage by Highways. Council Trimnell stated she would investigate and notify the Clerk who to contact to complain. Council discussed the Highway issues in the Parish and the accidents on the sharp bend. The Transport Management report has been sent to Highways. The Clerk is waiting for an email to meet with the Highways representative.
- e. The Clerk could not open an email from the Street Scene representative and as emailed several times with no response, regarding the dog waste bins. The Chairman will contact the Director to discuss.
- f. Nothing to report on the Cemetery.
- g. Council received the Police Report – no occurrences. The Chairman is meeting with the Police Crime Commissioner as a SSSDC Councillor. Councillor Sutton asked if he would raise concerns on behalf of the Council about rural crime and dog worrying.
- h. Councillor Bastable talked about the recent removal of trees in the Parish. He had contacted the SSSDC Tree Officer and will meet him at the site on Friday.

22/50 Play Area Consultation

The Chairman thanked all Councillors for attending the consultation. After discussion, it was agreed to keep the play area closed until the ground has been repaired and to service the lawn mower. Proposed by Councillor Sutton, Seconded by Councillor Moore, vote unanimous. The play area and proposed bench will be reviewed in March 2023.

22/51 Action List

Council will receive the current action list with the draft minutes.
Painting the oil drum will be added.

22/52 Precept

After discussion, Council agreed to hold an additional meeting 7pm Tuesday 10th January 2023 to discuss expenditure and reserves and to set the precept for 2023.

22/53 Reports and Correspondence from the Clerk

The Clerk read out the emails received and confirmed the purchase of the wreath. Due to having several wreaths from previous years, Council agreed not to purchase one next year but to make a contribution to the Poppy appeal. Council agreed for Councillor Izard to look at placing links on the Council website directing residents to sites that help during the current crisis.

22/54 Meeting Dates for 2023

On a proposal from Councillor Turk, seconded by Councillor Moore, Council agreed the meeting dates for 2023.

22/55 Clerk Review

On a proposal from Councillor Izzard, seconded by Councillor Sutton, Council resolved to exclude the public from the meeting to discuss the Clerk's Review. Councillor Moore briefed Council on the review and no recommendations were made.

22/56 Items for the next agenda

Website Access
Land at Barrow Lane - Value
Picnic Table

The meeting ended at 21:15

Signed



R Bastable – Chairman of Council

Date

10/21/2023