

Meeting Charlton Musgrove Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council Held Tuesday 21st November 2023 at 7:30pm in Charlton Musgrove Village Hall

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

Members of the Public in attendance: Five.

County Councillors: L Trimnell & T Power

Proper Officer in attendance: S Atherton.

Public Questions and Comments

None.

23/64 Apologies for Absence

All Councillors Present.

23/65 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

Councillor Bastable declared an interest in the planning application for Church Farm.

23/66 Minutes of the Meetings Held Tuesday 19th September 2023

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

23/67 Receive Reports from the Chairman and County Councillors

The Chairman attended the recent Police & Crime Commissioner meeting and briefed Councillors on the topic of rural policing. At the meeting, public animosity to the Police Force was discussed and how they are operating at a 50% staffing level. It was an interesting meeting.

Councillor Power had already submitted a report for Councillors from both Councillor Trimnell and him.

Councillor Trimnell encouraged Councillors to report potholes and blocked drains etc online. She talked about the LCN meetings and stated the next meeting will be at Wincanton Sports Ground on the 6th December 2023. Information for the meeting will follow.

23/68 Planning Applications

Councillors Bastable and Sutton attended a site meeting at Stokeford Farm to discuss the bunds. The Planning Officer has requested from the agent a landscaping plan to show how they intend to deal with the bunds, which will accompany the original application to save new plans being submitted. This will then be sent to Shepton Montague Parish Council and us.

23/0245/HOU Erection of a conservatory to the side of dwelling, Sunnycrest Ball, Common Lane. On a proposal from Councillor Sutton, seconded by Councillor Turk, Council voted unanimously to support the application.

22/03446/LBC Amended Plans, Bridle Farm, Common Lane. On a proposal from Councillor Turk, seconded by Councillor Sutton, Council voted unanimously that they have no comments to submit on the amended plans.

23/02251/FUL Redevelopment of redundant farmyard to provide 2 new dwellings, Church Farm, Rectory Lane. On a proposal from Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Sutton, Council voted unanimously to support the application.

23/69 Finance

- a. On a proposal from Councillor Sutton, seconded by Councillor Moore, Council unanimously voted to approve the latest bank reconciliations presented.
- b. On a proposal from Councillor Sutton, seconded by Councillor Moore, Council voted to approve all payments made since the meeting held on 19th September 2023.
- c. Council resolved to consider any funding requests as part of their precept planning.

23/70 Play/Recreation Area

The Chairman moved this item up the agenda.

The Chairman opened the meeting to the members of the public present. He thanked the two volunteers who have maintained the area with regular mowing. After a long discussion, Council voted to close the play/recreation area for 1 year and look at the situation in early spring. Councillors Izard and Turk abstained from voting.

23/71 Open Spaces

- a. As the area where the picnic table is sited is closing, the seat backs will not be fitted until the table is placed elsewhere. It will be left on site until spring next year.
- b. The Chairman asked all Councillors to report any issues online, especially the potholes and subsidence on Barrow Lane.
- c. Nothing to report.
- d. Council have not received a Police report for several months. The Chairman stated they no longer have time; it was mentioned at the meeting he attended. Councillor Sutton asked if we could obtain the results from the recent handheld speed camera.
- e. The Clerk is seeking further information for the land at Barrow Lane from the Land Registry. The Chairman will email the Clerk a map of the area. Council instructed the Clerk to contact the Estate Agent as the land tenants are selling their property. It needs to be clear that area is not part of the sale. The Clerk will also check the current lease.
- f. Bayford Parish Council has kindly sent information on their speed Indicator Device but did state it is prone to vandalism. This item will be discussed at the next meeting.
- g. After discussion, Council resolved to leave the village map in it's current location and look at creating a map within a village heritage project.
- h. Due to the weather and the damp site, the maintenance to be carried out on the St John's gate posts will commence when dry. It will remain on the action list.
- i. The tracker will not be replaced on the defibrillator as confirmed by the South West Ambulance Service. The three years since purchase will be up next year so funding will be allocated at the precept meeting.
- j. Awaiting confirmation of a start date for the Heatherwood path. The Clerk will contact the contractor for an update again.

23/72 Action List

Council noted the action list.

23/73 Precept

Council resolved to hold a meeting Tuesday 9th January 2024 to plan for the precept.

23/74 Somerset Services Devolution Opportunities

Council resolved to discuss this item at the planned precept meeting.

23/75 Community Review Project

Council asked the Clerk to read through all the information and possible funding and report back to Council.

23/76 Reports and Correspondence from the Clerk

The Clerk had previously sent all emails to Councillors. Rural Bulletins, changes to waste collections, press releases from SCC and a report from County Councillor Power.

23/77 2024 Meeting Dates

On a proposal from Councillor Izard, seconded by Councillor Turk, Council resolved to agree the meeting dates published on the agenda.

23/78 Items for the next agenda

Village Heritage Project
Recreation Area Report
Heatherwood.
Speed Indicator Devices

Council confirmed the next meeting as Tuesday 16th January 2023 at 7:30pm.

The meeting ended at 21:25 hrs.

Signed R.F. Bastable

Date 16/1/24

R Bastable – Chairman of Council