

## Meeting Charlton Musgrove Parish Council

**Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council Held Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024 at 7:30pm in Charlton Musgrove Village Hall**

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

**Members of the Public in attendance:** None

**Somerset Councillors:** Councillor Power

**Proper Officer in attendance:** S Atherton

### **Public Questions and Comments**

None.

### **24/62 Apologies for Absence**

Councillor Turk.

### **24/63 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

None.

### **24/64 Minutes of the Meetings Held Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024 and 6<sup>th</sup> August 2024**

16<sup>th</sup> July 2024. On a proposal from Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Izard, the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

6<sup>th</sup> August 2024. On a proposal from Councillor Sutton, seconded by Councillor Rochford, the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### **24/65 Receive Reports from the Chairman and Somerset Councillors**

The Chairman talked about the topping of the grass at the Recreation Area, he has secured someone to complete it.

Councillor Power talked about Somerset County Planning Department; several employees are leaving. He advised Council to keep reporting observations on possible breaches.

### **24/66 Planning Applications**

24/01703/S73A S73 application for the removal of agricultural occupancy condition, condition 2 of planning permission APP/R3325/A/03/1133503-03/00321/FUL (Change of use of land, conversion of barn to agricultural contractors depot and associated dwelling and the extension of workshop building). Oak Barn, Charlton Musgrove, Somerset BA9 8HD. On a proposal from Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Sutton, Council voted unanimously to support the application.

24/00896/FUL Change of use of agricultural land to garden land (extension of curtilage to new dwelling) and construction of tree house, boat house and greenhouse (retrospective application). Stokeford Farm, Barrow Water Lane, Stoney Stoke Wincanton BA9 8HR. On a proposal from Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Sutton, Council voted unanimously to not support the application. Council remains concerned about the loss of agricultural land. The curtilage is a lot larger than the original application and is not justified for the scale of the development.

Council instructed the Clerk to chase the Planning Department for responses to previous enquiries as to possible breaches in the Parish and to send copies to Councillor Power to investigate further.

#### **24/67 Finance**

- a. On a proposal from Councillor Sutton, seconded by Councillor Moore, Council unanimously voted to approve the latest bank reconciliation.
- b. On a proposal from Councillor Sutton, seconded by Councillor Izard, Council voted to approve all payments made since the meeting held on 16<sup>th</sup> July 2024.

#### **24/68 Open Spaces**

- a. The Village Hall committee are happy to accommodate the picnic table in the hall's grounds. Slabs will be fitted next year for the table to sit. In the meantime, Council agreed for the table to be stored in the Chairmans barn.
- b. Councillor Sutton talked about the damage to the finger post by the racecourse. She had spoken to the company it was purchased from who advised the cost to repair would be between £40 to £100 and the sign may crack during repair. On a proposal from Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Rochford, Council resolved to leave the sign in its current condition.
- c. Council resolved that the Clerk would contact Highways again regarding the installation of the Speed Indicator Devices. Councillor Moore suggested the Clerk should review emails monthly to hasten responses. Council agreed.
- d. On a proposal from Councillor Bastable, seconded by Councillor Izard, Council voted unanimously to increase the Cemetery fees by 10% and to amend the wording as suggested by the Cemetery Committee.
- e. Council has not received a Police report for quite some time.
- f. Nothing to report.
- g. The Clerk has contacted the Land Registry to register the land at Barrow Lane but without proof of ownership it is proving difficult. Councillors agreed to search the archives for any evidence.
- h. Councillor Izard talked about the rights of way in the village and the proposed modifications that are lodged. He will look at the modifications to the rights of way and any walking obstructions and report back at the next meeting.
- i. Council noted the tree survey and agreed to carry out the actions suggested. Councillor Moore suggested adding the survey to the diary for completion.
- j. Council discussed the fencing/hedges created by the new footpath at the hall's boundary. Councillor Izard has been conversing with the contractors and will draft a response for the Clerk to submit on behalf of the Council. Once a response has been received, Council will confirm a contractor to carry out the works needed on the Parish land.
- k. Council responded to the Somerset Council request to submit any locations of litter bins in the Parish.

#### **24/69 Community Review Project**

Nothing to report at this stage.

#### **24/70 St John's Church Improvements**

Council agreed to place this item on the next agenda.

#### **24/71 Remembrance Day**

Councillor Izard was nominated to place the wreath on Remembrance Day. Council agreed to recycle a previous wreath and to donate the cost of a new wreath to the Poppy Appeal.

**24/72 Somerset Association of Local Councils**

Council voted unanimously not to renew membership.

**24/73 Action List**

Council noted the action list, no changes were made.

**24/74 Reports and Correspondence from the Clerk**

The Clerk had forwarded all Council emails to Councillors prior to the meeting.  
Council discussed

**24/75 Items for the next agenda**

St John's Church Improvements  
Rights of Way  
Training Support for Village Volunteers

Council confirmed the next meeting as Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024.  
The meeting ended at 21:05.

Signed RF Bastable

Date 17/11/2024

R Bastable – Chairman of Council