

## Meeting Charlton Musgrove Parish Council

**Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council Held Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024 at 7:30pm in Charlton Musgrove Village Hall**

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

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

**Somerset Councillors:** Councillor Power and Councillor Trimnell

**Proper Officer in attendance:** S Atherton

### Public Questions and Comments

None.

### 24/76 Apologies for Absence

None.

### 24/77 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

None.

### 24/78 Minutes of the Meetings Held Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024

17<sup>th</sup> September 2024. On a proposal from Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Rochford, the minutes were approved and signed by the Chairman.

### 24/79 Receive Reports from the Chairman and Somerset Councillors

Councillor Power talked about Somerset County Planning Department, recent applications and delegated powers. Councillors questioned enforcement of previous applications, namely the bunds after a site meeting at Stokeford Farm. Councillor Power will investigate. He also asked councillors to continue to report potholes on line or to Lucy and himself.

The Chairman spoke about his visit to the Bayford Parish Council meeting to receive a report from the Police & Crime Commissioner. Residents can now receive crime statistics for the Parish online at Police UK. He said all cases of sheep worrying should be reported by calling 101.

### 24/80 Planning Applications

None received.

### 24/81 Finance

- a. On a proposal from Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Turk, Council unanimously voted to approve the latest bank reconciliation.
- b. On a proposal from Councillor Moore, seconded by Councillor Iazard, Council voted to approve all payments made since the meeting held on 17<sup>th</sup> September 2024.

### 24/82 Open Spaces

- a. At present, the land at the recreation ground is too wet to remove the picnic table. It will be removed and stored when the ground is dryer.
- b. No Highway issues to report. Council talked about the mess left behind on Village roads by agricultural contractors. Councillor Kimber explained how difficult it is to scrape the roads. After discussion it was agreed to thank the local farmers for the effort given to clear the roads. Councillors also discussed the ditches at Shalford Lane and water sitting on the road. The Chairman will speak

to a local contractor. Councillors agreed to report mud on the roads to Somerset Council.

- c. Council resolved that the Clerk would contact Highways again regarding the installation of the Speed Indicator Devices and to contact local Clerks regarding their experience of installing and completing the required information for Highways.
- d. Council discussed the maintenance of the hedge at the cemetery and instructed the Clerk to obtain a quote from the contractor who currently carries out the grass cutting.
- e. Council can now obtain the Police Report online. The Clerk will bring the information to future meetings.
- f. Councillors are arranging a date to look through all Council archives held at the Hall for any information on the land at Barrow Lane.
- g. Whilst looking through the archives, Councillors will also search for information on the patch of land owned by the Council.
- h. Councillor Izard will look at all the rights of way in the Parish and produce a report, ~~for the next meeting.~~ RFB.

#### **24/83 Recreation Area Options**

After discussion and with no further comments from residents, on a proposal from Councillor Sutton, seconded by Councillor Moore, Council resolved to close the recreation area for good. Councillors Izard and Turk abstained from voting. The Chairman will contact the Estate Manager to confirm what action needs to be taken to hand the land back to the owner.

#### **24/84 Somerlea Noise Complaint**

Council discussed the noise complaints received after an event took place at Somerlea. The property has now closed to Airbnb customers. Council agreed to place an article in the local newsletter informing residents who to make noise complaints to in the future.

#### **24/85 Clerk Recruitment**

Council confirmed the Personnel Committee has delegated powers and will carry out the recruitment and selection of a new Clerk. The current Clerk's final date of employment will be the 31<sup>st</sup> December 2024. Councillors agreed to advertise at local businesses and the library in Wincanton.

#### **24/86 Church Improvements**

Councillor Kimber briefed Council on the current plans for the Church. After discussion, Council agreed to discuss again at the next meeting.

#### **24/87 Action List**

Council noted the action list, no changes were made.

#### **24/88 Precept**

Council agreed a separate Parish Council meeting should be held to discuss in full the precept request for 2025/2026. It will be held Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025.

#### **24/89 Training Support for Village Volunteers**

Council instructed the Clerk to contact Crestmoor for training prices.

#### **24/90 Community Review Project**

To be placed on the next agenda.

**24/91 Reports and Correspondence from the Clerk**

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

**24/92 2025 Meeting Dates**

Council confirmed the 2025 meeting dates as follows:

21st January 2025

18th March 2025

20th May 2025 (Annual Parish Meeting followed by the Annual Parish Council Meeting)

15th July 2025

16th September 2025

18th November 2025

**24/93 Items for the next agenda**

St John's Church Improvements

Rights of Way

Training Support for Village Volunteers

Community Review Project

Tree Survey Costs

Council confirmed the next meeting as Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025.

The meeting ended at 21:00.

Signed RF Bastable

Date 21/1/25

R Bastable – Chairman of Council