

# Meeting Charlton Musgrove Parish Council

**Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council Held Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> January 2025 at 7:30pm in Charlton Musgrove Village Hall**

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

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

**Somerset Councillor:** Cllr Trimnell

**Proper Officer in attendance:** L. Gilby, S. Atherton (Supporting Clerk)

## **Public Questions and Comments**

None.

### **24/94 Apologies for Absence**

Councillor Turk

Councillor Power

### **24/95 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations**

None.

### **24/96 Minutes of the Meetings Held Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024 and Tuesday 14<sup>th</sup> January 2025**

19<sup>th</sup> November 2024. Amended, approved and signed. Proposed - Cllr Moore, seconded - Cllr IZARD, all in favour.

14<sup>th</sup> January 2025. Approved and signed. Proposed - Cllr Moore, seconded - Cllr IZARD, all in favour.

### **24/97 Receive Reports from the Chairman and Somerset Councillors**

The Chairman briefly spoke about the precept meeting but had nothing else to report. Suggested moving forward an item on the agenda – the Police report. Proposed - Cllr Sutton, seconded - Cllr Rochford, all in favour.

Cllr Trimnell gave Cllr Powers apologies. She talked about the Somerset Boundaries All Party review group for new boundaries. This has not been submitted as they have asked for extra time. While there may be some changes locally, there should be no real change for CMPC.

Adult Social Services are hosting 6 webinars to help people to negotiate social services. Cllrs agreed this would be good to post on the CMPC Facebook page. Cllr Bastable said we had been contacted by a resident about the dog bins being emptied. Cllr Trimnell said nothing should have changed regarding this. Dog bins are Somerset Councils responsibility, they are first port of call for residents.

PCSO Amanda Ware is new to our area, Wincanton Rural East. She believes that visibility to the locals is of utmost importance. She likes to be seen around on foot and will visit schools, give crime prevention advice and support community speed watch and neighbourhood watch.

The Staffing Committee reported that sadly our clerk Sam Atherton had resigned in October. She has helped recruit and replace a new clerk. The new clerk, Lisa Gilby was welcomed. January has been a handover month with this meeting being Sams last and Lisas' first one. Cllr Bastable thanked the staffing committee.

#### **24/98 Planning Applications**

None received.

#### **24/99 Finance**

- a. Latest bank reconciliation. Proposed - Cllr Sutton, seconded - Cllr Izard, all in favour.
- b. Reissuing the list of payments made since the meeting on 19<sup>th</sup> November 2024: Appendix 1) Proposed - Cllr Sutton, seconded - Cllr Moore, all in favour

#### **24/100 Open Spaces**

- a. At present, the land at the recreation ground is still too wet to remove the picnic table. It will stay until the Spring and then be removed and stored when the ground is dryer.
- b. No Highway issues to report. Council discussed the potholes on Rectory Lane and how quickly Highways responded. The PCSO suggested a phone App called Fix My Street as being a good way to report potholes.
- c. Council resolved that the Clerk would contact Highways again regarding the siting and installation of the Speed Indicator Devices.
- d. Cllr Bastable informed the council that one of the plaques in the cemetery was sinking, a family member wants to raise it up at no extra cost to the council. Council discussed the maintenance of the hedge at the cemetery and instructed the Clerk to ask 3 Counties to go ahead and cut it annually. Council instructed the Clerk to ask 3 Counties to provide a quote for cutting the cemetery grass, per cut. Proposed - Cllr Moore, Seconded - Cllr Sutton, Council voted unanimously.
- e. Council voted to move this to earlier in the meeting.
- f. Councillors discussed the registration of land with registry issues.
- g. Council gave instruction to the Clerk to find the contract that refers to this piece of land, as it has come to their attention that the rent has not been paid. Council also discussed the need to appoint a solicitor and to provide evidence of ownership.
- h. Council discussed the continuing closure of a footpath bridge temporarily closed in 2012. The Clerk was instructed to write to RoW to ask when the repairs will be done.
- i. Council discussed accepting the quote for the Ash tree work with the dead wood to be removed asap, the rest of the work being done at the tree surgeons' convenience. Proposed – Cllr Moore, seconded - Cllr Rochford, all in favour. The Clerk was instructed to contact the tree surgeon.
- j. The council were given an overview of the Village Hall repairs by Cllr Rochford. The hall is not classed as a community asset so the council can't give an annual grant, Cllr Moore will find more information about this. The council suggested bringing the Memorial Hall committee into a future meeting to discuss further. Cllr Bastable said the council would like to support but were financially restricted this year. To be discussed later in the year

#### **24/101 Church Improvements**

Due to minimal volunteers, no further forward than last year. To go onto July agenda.

#### **24/102 Action List**

Council noted the action list, no changes made but St. Johns gate still not done.

#### **24/103 Precept**

Proposed - Cllr Moore, Seconded - Cllr Izard. Unanimous vote. Council noted that they are not happy about it going up.

#### **24/104 Training Support for Village Volunteers**

There is due to be an annual training session for the Defibrillator. Cllr Izard suggested running this on a Saturday morning alongside a coffee morning. He will liaise with the trainer and put forward some dates. Proposed by Cllr Moore, Seconded by Cllr Rochford. All in favour.

**24/105 Community Review Project**

No update. Put on agenda for July.

**24/106 Reports and Correspondence from the Clerk**

The Clerk had forwarded all Council emails to Councillors prior to the meeting. Cllr Kimber asked the Clerk to reply to a letter from a resident dated 11<sup>th</sup> Dec 2024

**24/107 Items for the next agenda**

- Discuss Cemetery costs
- Discuss Parish Council support for Memorial Hall
- Discuss upkeep of Parish Land next to Memorial Hall

Council confirmed the next meeting as Tuesday 18<sup>th</sup> March 2025.

The meeting ended at 21:27

Signed .....

Date .....

R Bastable – Chairman of Council