

Meeting Charlton Musgrove Parish Council

Draft Minutes of the Meeting of the Full Council Held Tuesday 18th March 2025 at 7:30pm in Charlton Musgrove Village Hall

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

Members of the Public in attendance: None

Somerset Councillor: Cllr Power

Proper Officer in attendance: Miss L. Gilby

Public Questions and Comments

None.

24/108 Apologies for Absence

None

24/109 Declarations of Interest and Requests for Dispensations

None.

24/110 Minutes of the Meeting Held Tuesday 21st January 2025

Amended, Approved and signed. **Proposed** - Cllr Rochford, **Seconded** - Cllr Moore, **all in favour**.

Approved and signed to redact the Clerks personal mobile number from the minutes of the meeting

21st January 2025. **Proposed** – Cllr Moore, **Seconded** – Cllr Sutton, **all in favour**

24/111 Receive Reports from the Chairman, Somerset Councillors and Staffing Committee.

The Chairman had nothing to report.

Cllr Powers discussed the 7½ % council tax increase stating he had voted against it as smaller, more rural parishes wouldn't see much change despite the increase.

Wiltshire Council is intent on charging for Sunday and overnight parking, Cllrs are working against this as they feel it would impact the counties town centres, with Cllr Power expressly mentioning Wincanton.

Cllr Power informed the Parish Council that he had reported all the planning enforcements he had been informed of since 2019, but if there were any others, please inform him. There was a short discussion on one or two that may have been missed.

The Staffing Committee asked if all the Councillors were getting the village What's On email as the clerk is forwarding to all. Not everyone gets the email, so the Clerk was instructed to keep sending.

24/112 Planning Applications

Proposal: Oak frame extension and internal alterations, replacement windows and external doors. Location: Gardeners Cottage Roundhill Charlton Musgrove Wincanton Somerset BA9 8HH Applicant: Mr Rob Moore Application Type: Householder Application Number: 25/00118/HOU **Proposed** Cllr Moore **Seconded** Cllr Izard **No Objection, All in favour**

Proposal: Oak frame extension and internal alterations, replacement windows and external doors. Location: Gardeners Cottage Roundhill Charlton Musgrove Wincanton Somerset BA9 8HH Applicant: Mr Rob Moore Application Type: Listed Building Consent Application

Number: 25/00119/LBC **Proposed** Cllr Moore **Seconded** Cllr Izard **No Objections, All in favour.**

Proposal: Application to remove 4m of hedgerow to facilitate upcoming works by Wessex Water to replace existing water main. Location: Land At Staverdale Farm Charlton Musgrove Wincanton Somerset BA9 8HN Applicant: Mr Joe Wright Application Type: Hedgerows Application Number: 25/00192/HDG **Already Approved**

To receive any planning decisions from Somerset Council.

NOTIFICATION OF APPEAL DECISION

TOWN & COUNTRY PLANNING ACT 1990 - SECTION 78

APPEAL IN RESPECT OF APPLICATION DECISION REFERENCE: 24/00353/HOU

PLANNING INSPECTORATE APPEAL REFERENCE - APP/E3335/D/24/3344586

APPEAL STARTING DATE - 23 July 2024

APPEAL BY - Mr & Mrs Graham Swift & Sarah Beeny

APPEAL TYPE: Written Representation

Proposal: Extension and alteration of the existing farmhouse comprising a single storey timber clad extension (retrospective), the replacement of kitchen windows with French Doors and new window on eastern elevation, in addition to the construction of a first-floor balcony.

Location: Stokeford Farm Stoney Stoke Wincanton Somerset BA9 8HR

With reference to the above I have been informed by the Planning Inspectorate that the appeal is **Dismissed**.

Discussion from the Councillors, application was dismissed due to bats. Councillors were concerned there was no reference to the fact the house shouldn't be there. Cllr Power was asked what the situation is reference to the demolishing of the house, he said he would ask the question and report back

24/113 Finance

- a. Latest bank reconciliation. None to show as there had been a problem. The clerk is in discussion with the bank to correct the problem
- b. To review and resolve upon Delegated Authority (£500) payments made since the meeting held on 21st January 2025: (Appendix 1). None presented
- c. To resolve to accept the selection of an auditor. Three names were put forward and once contact details have been found, they will be contacted. **Proposed** Cllr Sutton **Seconded** Cllr Moore **All in favour**

24/114 Open Spaces

- a. Shalford Lane – There is a fallen tree in the hedge at the end of the Village Hall car park, which is poking out into the lane, Cllr Sutton will take a chainsaw to it. There is a deep pothole at the end of the same car park, Cllr Power said he would report it, Cllr Moore reminded the council that potholes can be reported by anyone on the Council website. The clerk was instructed to contact Highways and ask them to come and look at the ditches that have been dug out on the lane between Higher Shalford Farm and Shalford Farm and to ask if they have any ideas how to improve the ditches to help with the flooding. Cllr Izard questioned if the debris that had been dug out should be left on the verge with the possibility of it being washed back into the ditch or onto the road. Rectory Lane ditches also need digging out, Cllr Bastable asked if Cllr Turk could pinpoint the owners so he could go and talk to them. There was discussion about blocked drains, these can be reported on the Wiltshire County Councils website

- b. The Clerk had contacted Highways about SID. Highways had come back to say they would like an onsite meeting. Cllr Izard is to provide the Clerk with dates so a meeting can be arranged.
- c. Three Counties have agreed to the hedge cutting and will do so at the end of March. They have quoted £80.00 per mow for the cemetery, up from £70.00 last year. Also discussed was the price for cutting the hedge, to be limited to £100. The council agreed to go ahead with this. **Proposed Cllr Moore Seconded Cllr Turk All in favour.**
Scattering of ashes with no designated family plot. It was questioned where the designated ashes scattering plot is, Cllr Sutton recommended something that wouldn't make mowing the cemetery harder. Cllr Bastable suggested the councillors look for something suitable by the next meeting and to discuss in that time by email. Cllr Moore will then update the Cemetery information.
- d. No Police report
- e. The clerk updated the Councillors on the registration of the piece of land at Barrow Lane, having found any relevant paperwork. There is a trail of invoices and agreements back to 1981. The Clerk was instructed to search for anything digital concerning that piece of land.
- f. Cllr Izard requested the Clerk to forward to all councillors any information in reference to The Land Registry
- g. Cllr Izard has walked the footpath WN21/13: It was reported to the parish council that it had been locked. Cllr Izard has subsequently walked the footpath and found no padlocked gate or obstruction.
- h. The Chair asked if the ash tree has had the dead branch removed, no one had noticed so it will need to be checked. The rest of the work will be done at the contactors convenience.
- i. It was decided that planting whips now would be too late, so the hedge planting would be put off until the Autumn. A decision needs to be made on the cut brushwood – remove it / set fire to it / leave it as a habitat for wildlife. Cllr Bastable will find a padlock and chain for the gate.
The hedge will need trimming back – could 3 volunteers do the work or ask 3 Counties to quote. Cllr Sutton said she would keep an eye on it.

24/115 Church Improvements

Nothing to report as Cllr Kimber not in attendance. To go onto July agenda.

24/116 Request for funding from The Lost Lady Society (LLS)

The Councillors were all in agreement that this was a very Yeovil centred project and would do very little for the Parish, so they voted to not provide funding **Proposed Cllr Moore, Seconded - Cllr Sutton. Unanimous vote. All in favour.**

24/117 Action List

No update.

24/118 Annual Review

The clerk was instructed to email NALC and ask if there has been any changes to the Model Standing Orders of 2018 which the Parish documents are based on. To be resolved on next agenda.

24/119 Training Support for Village Volunteers

This is for 'Working by the Roadside' training. Decision taken to wait until the meeting with the Highways personal about SID and ask who they would recommend for the training.

24/120 Community Review Project

No update – Clerk was asked to remove from agenda, but leave on the Action List

24/121 Reports and Correspondence from the Clerk

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

24/122 Items for the next agenda

Cemetery land and ash scattering plot

Speed Indicator Device

Land at Barrow Lane

Recreation Area – response to owners' letter and movement of bench

Annual Review – to resolve on any changes in response to NALC

Land next to Memorial Hall – what to do with cut brushwood

Highways

Council confirmed the next meeting as Tuesday 20th May 2025.

The meeting ended at 21:12

Signed

Date

R Bastable – Chairman of Council