## **CHARSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL**

## Minutes of Meeting Held on Tuesday, 21st July 2020

Present: Councillors Pedgrift (Chair), Moor (Vice Chair), Murray and Pam Hembra (Parish Clerk)

		Action		
1.	Apologies and Approval of Absence			
	Councillor Laird			
2.	Declarations of Interest			
	Councillor Pedgrift			
3.	Approval of Minutes of the Meeting held on 21st January, 31st March and 19th May 2020			
	Minutes were approved and signed by Councillor Pedgrift			
4.	Progress Reports for Information or Matters Arising			
	<ul> <li>A letter had been set to SCC re Potsford Farm – Clerk to chase up</li> <li>Road and pavement in St Peter's Close – has been reported several times and was repaired twice</li> </ul>	Clerk		
5.	Points from the public – A chance for the public to raise matters of interest relevant  A letter had been received from Quiet Lanes Suffolk asking for expressions of interest from parishes. The Chair had previously enquired for Davey Lane and was told a minimum of £4,000 would be needed for signage. It was decided not to register.			
6.	Reports			
6.1	County Council  - Due to Coronavirus no reports have been received. Councillor Robin Vickery had resigned.			
6.2	Due to Coronavirus no reports have been received.			
6.3	Recreation Ground  Due to the shut down there has been an increase in youth parties and vandalism on the Recreation Ground, including noise at night. The police have agreed to include this area on their night patrol when possible.  The tennis courts, basketball courts, children and adult play equipment had reopened under Covid 19 Regulations.			

6.4	Village Hall Has re-opened for bars on Sunday afternoons in the garden, but the Village Hall has not yet been opened as yet.						
7.	Speeding/SIDS						
	Clerk to check with SpeedWatch Team if the speed monitoring will restart.						
8.	Planning:						
	Planning Application DC/20/2439/FUL – Land behind London House						
	The Parish Council have no objection to this application.						
9.	Finance 9.1 To authorise payments as listed below:						
	Date	Detail	Ref	Power	Amount		
	29/06/2020 29/06/2020 29/06/2020 17/07/2020	SALC Audit P Hembra – services H M Revenue and Custom – tax Microsoft Office 365	Bank Transfer Bank Transfer Bank Transfer Bank Transfer	LGA 1972 s111 LGA 1972 s112 LGA 1972 s112 LGA 1972 s111	£186.00 £310.84 £77.60 £59.99		
	<ul> <li>9.2 To note receipt of income as listed below:</li> <li>9.3 Bank reconciliations and bank balances for April, May and June 2020 were agreed and signed.</li> </ul>						
10.	SALC Audit Report					Clerk	
	<ol> <li>Financial Regulations – Clerk to remove brackets on copy</li> <li>General Power of Competence – Clerk was using the incorrect Powers which will be changed</li> <li>Internal Audit – to be updated</li> <li>Budget monitoring }</li> <li>Bank Reconciliations } Needs to be reported on minutes</li> <li>Bank Balances }</li> <li>Annual Parish Meeting should have been held with 14 days of the election</li> <li>Draft needs to be removed from Minutes on website</li> <li>General Data Protection – Clerk to add other regulations</li> </ol>						
11.	St Peter's Meadow  The following problems were noted:  Damage to roads Construction traffic arriving too early Poor traffic management — HGVs waiting to reverse and deliver. Parking on pavement whilst waiting with engines idling.  Workers cars are parked in entrance to adjacent field and no provision for on site parking						

	Chair and Clerk to write Philip Ridley and Park Properties' Project Manager with copy to Chris Wakefield.			
	Telephone Kiosk			
	<ul> <li>The Telephone Box has now been painted.</li> <li>Clerk to obtain two quotes for glazing.</li> <li>Display initially to be Akenfield and Charsfield in the present</li> <li>DW to sort the power</li> <li>Later possibly showcase local artisans</li> <li>Councillor Pedgrift to try to get stills from film</li> <li>Don Turner to be approached for his advice for display area</li> </ul>	Clerk Clerk JP JP		
13.	Sizewell C Ask Councillor Laird if she would read the pro group material.			
	Local Electricity Bill – Charsfield Parish Council have been asked to sign up to this Bill – see resolution below			
	This Bill is to facilitate local groups who generate electricity to set up private electricity companies by reducing the cost. Support has been received from many PCs and it has now been passed by the House of Commons. Councillor Pedgrift proposed Charsfield Parish Council sign up to this (as per the draft Resolution below and Councillor Moor seconded. All agreed.			
18.	Date of Next Meetings  22 <sup>nd</sup> September 2020 17 <sup>th</sup> November 2020 19 <sup>th</sup> January 2021 16 <sup>th</sup> March 2021			
	The meeting closed at 3:30 pm.			

## **Council Draft Resolution**

That Charsfield Parish Council

I) notes that the Local Electricity Bill

- aims to address the current situation, whereby the very large financial setup
  and running costs involved in selling locally generated renewable electricity to
  local customers result in it being impossible for local renewable electricity
  generators to do so,
- if made law, would make these financial costs proportionate to the scale of a
  renewable electricity supplier's operation and therefore empower councils,
  together with their communities, to sell locally generated renewable electricity
  directly to local people, businesses and organisations, and
- would result in councils or community organisations that set up local renewable electricity companies receiving revenues that could be used to help fund local greenhouse gas emissions reduction measures and to help improve local services and facilities
- II) accordingly resolves to support the Local Electricity Bill, supported by a cross-party group of 115 MPs during the 2017-19 Parliamentary session; and
- III) further resolves to write to the organisers of the campaign for the Bill, Power for People, (at 8 Delancey Passage, Camden, London NW1 7NN or <a href="mailto:info@powerforpeople.org.uk">info@powerforpeople.org.uk</a>) expressing its support.