


CHARSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held on Monday, 20th March 2023

Present: Councillors Moor (Vice Chair), Laird, Sharp, Haird, McArthur and Pam Hembra (Parish Clerk)

County Councillor Elaine Bryce

Members of the Public: 8

		Action
1.	Apologies and Approval of Absence	
	Councillors Pedgrift (Chair) and Murray (approved).	
2.	Declarations of Interest	
	None	
3.	Approval of Minutes of the Minutes held on 23rd January 2023.	
	Minutes were approved and signed by Councillor Moor	
4.	Progress Reports for Information or Matters Arising	
	<p>The Chair has tried frequently to contact East Suffolk Planning about the current planning application for the pub but no one has answered or returned her calls or e-mail.</p> <p>The gulley in Church Road was not cleared because someone was parked over it at the time.</p>	
5.	Points from the public – A chance for the public to raise matters of relevant interest.	
6.	Reports County Council A full report from the County Councillor is available on request from the Clerk if you cannot open the attached.  Cllr Elaine Bryce March PC Report.do <ul style="list-style-type: none">- County Council Budget – increasing less than 5% this year as recommended by Government.- Fire and Rescue Service finalises plans to protect Suffolk communities- Trading Standards receives High Sheriff’s Seal of Approval- ANPR Scheme sign up through Councillor Bryce	Clerk

	<p>Recreation Ground Charsfest is to be cancelled this year due to lack of man power but they are hoping to concentrate their efforts on doing something larger next year.</p>	
7.	<p>Road Safety</p> <p>Signage at Bridge Garage. If the requested additional chevrons are installed at the bend on the B1078 Suffolk Highways will levy a charge of £371. Suffolk Highways think the sign, heading towards Charsfield, showing the two roads entering the B1078 from Dallinghoo is adequate, even though it shows only one road. Highways have agreed to improve the signage from WM towards the bend and renew the sign showing bend being the priority road with The Street a side road. The Parish Council will decide once this work has been undertaken whether they still feel additional chevrons on this bend are necessary. SCC methodology has changed and Parish Councils can now have our own signs made up and can use their own contractors. A licence is required, fee £150, but this can cover more than one location in the parish.</p> <p>Joshua White – Community Liaison Officer – is now available for highways problems in this area Josh.White@suffolkhighways.org</p> <p>Proposal to Close The Street - Ben Pike wrote with a proposal to make The Street a ‘no through road’ on grounds of safety and amenity for the residents. There are various factors that must also be considered. It is a bus route, any future viability of the pub might be affected, the redirected traffic would use Chapel Lane and Sempers Hill, neither of which are acceptable alternative routes, both being narrow and with a junction at the top of Sempers Hill onto B1078 which many residents already try to avoid. It would be inconvenient to residents. Costs would inevitably fall on Parish Council Precept. Councillor Moor proposed not to accept this proposal and it was seconded by Councillor Haird. Voting was unanimous that the Parish Council would not support the proposal. Members of the public present who lived on the Street did not agree with the proposal. Other ways should still be considered for slowing traffic down and it was noted that the sign in the garden of The Retreat is effective.</p> <p>Road Safety along Magpie Street Graham Pettingale wrote requesting support from the Parish Council for looking at road safety issues on Magpie Street. This road and Davey Lane have speed limits of 60mph. There have been at least 3 incidents in the last year or so. For the Community Liaison Officer from Suffolk Highways to visit there has to be Parish Council support. Councillor Moor proposed we ask Suffolk Highways to investigate road safety in this area, seconded by Councillor Sharp.</p>	
8.	<p>Planning:</p>	
	<p>Planning Application AP/22/0025/REFUSE – Land West of Highfields, Davey Lane. The appeal decision document can be found on the Planning Inspectorate portal at: https://acp.planninginspectorate.gov.uk/ViewCase.aspx?Caseid=3296680</p>	

	<p>This refusal was overturned at Appeal.</p> <p>Planning Application DC/23/0717/FUL - Land West of Home Farm, Chimers Lane, Hoo - Extension of residential curtilage and temporary siting of caravan – Planning Permission has already been given to convert the barn. The field next to the building could become an SSI. This was accepted. Proposed by Councillor Moor and Seconded by Councillor Haird.</p> <p>Planning Application DC/23/0932/FUL - The Limes, Church Road, Charsfield, Woodbridge, Suffolk, IP13 7QB - Single storey rear extension and first floor rear extension. This was accepted and proposed by Councillor Moor and Seconded by Councillor Laird.</p>					
9.	Finance					
	9.1 To authorise payments as listed below:					
	Date	Detail	Ref	Power	Amount	
	06/02/2023	X2 Connect (Kiosk Handle)	Bank Transfer	LA 1972 SS133	£41.69	
	09/03/2023	SALC Payroll 2 nd half yearly	Bank Transfer	LGA 1972 s.111	£22.80	
	<p>9.2 Bank Balance as at 28th February - £6,490.96</p> <p>9.3 To note receipt of income as listed: VAT Return £855.63</p> <p>9.4 Village Hall Insurance – We had a five year deal through CAS with Zurich and up to March 2023 paid £1074.05 for this year. Hiscox have quoted £912.36 for a one year deal. A difference of £162. Zurich have queried the relationship with the PC and the Village Hall to ensure the correct insurance is in place.</p> <p>9.5 Bank reconciliations were agreed and signed</p>					
10.	Queen’s Green Canopy Update					
	Andrew Fane will get in touch when he is able to plant the trees which must be very soon.					
11.	King’s Coronation – 6th, 7th and 8th May 2023					
	<p>6th Saturday – Coronation</p> <p>7th Sunday – social event – Possibility of cream teas in Church? Gill Winkworth and Linda Stratton</p> <p>8th Monday – Buckingham Palace would like volunteering and community spirit to be engendered.</p> <p>Very few people have shown any enthusiasm for a street party or for the volunteering aspect.</p>					
12.	HGVs on rural roads with SCC Highways – invitation from Clopton Parish Council					
	Clopton Parish Council have invited Charsfield residents to an open meeting with Suffolk Highways to discuss HGV’s on rural roads. There was some enthusiasm in the Village for this. Clerk to write back to accept for both the PC and village. Councillor Sharp was willing to represent the PC in this.					Clerk
13.	Meet your MP - Dr Daniel Poulter 2023					

	Dan Poulter is happy to participate in Zoom Meetings to be held at 7pm Thursdays should we wish to book a meeting. Please get in touch with the Clerk should you wish Charsfield to have such a meeting.	
14.	Great British Spring Clean – 17th March to 2nd April 2023	
	Are there any volunteers to litter pick. Jan has high vis jackets and will be back on 24 th .The village is not considered to be too bad at the moment.	
15.	New Greenest County Communities Network	
	East Suffolk have set up a new department with a Community Support Officer, Renewable Energy – in effort to combat global warming.	
16.	Flooding Near Shrubbery Farm	
	Flooding directly opposite Shrubbery Farm has been reported twice as there is no ditch around the field and water pours from the field, through the gulleys, on to the road. The gulleys had not been cleared by the Council further along the B1078 towards Valley Farm but this had now been done by a resident.	
17.	Telephone Kiosk	
	The kiosk has now been boarded out and an Akenfield display will be put around the top of the kiosk with room below for others displays. A resident has kindly donated the cost of the stills from the BFI. An electrician had given us a quote for a light to be fitted but nearby residents were concerned about this being on all night and wondered why a light was needed at all. A dedication plaque to Ed Winkworth, former Chair of the Parish Council will be placed inside. Mrs Winkworth was at the meeting.	
18.	Village Historian Update	
	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Display Board at first field gate along Hall Road - refers to nearby site of WW2 ammunition store and summary of other Charsfield WW2 experiences. Second refers to farmyard and farmhouse of long gone Hill House Farm at that site. May move this to a more central village position in a few weeks just concentrating on WW2 matters. 2. Ongoing research on Edward Dunthorne, author of Historia Caresfelda. Will post an article about HC on new Charsfield website when it launches. 3. Ongoing transcription of audio record (circa 3 hours) of my conversations with Bernard Catchpole. 4. Would like to scan/photo full record of Charsfield Parish Council minutes from 1894, in stages. As standard though, the Suffolk Archives rule is that such records are for the use of personal study only. It would 	

	<p>need strong support from Charsfield PCC to agree for such a record to be in the public domain.</p> <p>The Parish Council has no objection to the minutes being in the public domain.</p>	
19.	Village Website	
	The website is about to go live. The clerk will send a link out when this has happened and advise how articles can be posted. There may, of course, still be a few teething problems, but comments are welcome.	
20.	Date of Next Meetings	
	<p>Monday, 22nd May 2023 – to include Parish Meeting</p> <p>Monday, 24th July 2023</p> <p>Monday, 25th September 2023</p> <p>Monday, 20th November 2023</p>	
	The meeting closed at 08.30 pm.	