

CHARSFIELD PARISH COUNCIL

Minutes of Meeting Held on Monday, 25th September 2023

Present: Councillors Pedgrift (Chair), Haird, Laird, Sharp and Pam Hembra (Parish Clerk)

County Councillor Elaine Bryce
District Councillor Dan Clery

Members of the Public: 13

	<p>DC/22/4714/FUL – The Three Horseshoes Public House David Houchell gave a brief presentation at the beginning of the meeting. The following is a summary:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - The Planning Department had asked for a reduction in the number of houses to three which gave more parking. - The beer garden had been increased in size. - It would cost more than £50K to repair the roof and £250K for other renovations. - Noise from the mechanical ventilation would be minimal. - There had been suggestions to also use the pub as a shop and post office. - Section 106 will definitely have to be incorporated. - Christies Estates Agents think there is quite a demand for this type of property. - Should go to Committee on 24th October 2023 - It was realised by Mr Houchell there was mistrust of the owner. 	
		Action
1.	Apologies and Approval of Absence Councillors Moor (Vice Chair), McArthur, Youngman (approved).	
2.	Declarations of Interest None	
3.	Approval of Minutes of the Minutes held on 24th July 2023 Minutes were approved and signed by Councillor Pedgrift	
4.	Progress Reports for Information or Matters Arising	
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - We are still awaiting to receive the projected Recreation Ground budget. - The archaeological survey on the land behind St Peter's Close has been completed without any significant findings. 	Chair
5.	Points from the public – A chance for the public to raise matters of relevant interest.	

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A suggestion for a glass recycling bin had been made. In the past there had been one at the pub until the collection vehicle had been caught on electricity wires. It was then moved to the Village Hall but, unfortunately, the collection vehicle damaged the car park. It was then suggested that it be moved to the Recreation Ground but it was realised there would be the same problem with electricity wires there. Without there being other suitable sites in the village and because there are facilities in Dallinghoo and Wickham Market it was decided to cease this option. 	
<p>6.</p>	<p>Reports</p> <p>County Council (full report available on request)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Suffolk Trading Standards unveils its 200th No Cold Calling Zone - Trading Standards urges £765K fraudster to give himself up - Award success for Social Care in Suffolk - Formal opening of £1.3 million Suffolk Fire and Rescue Service training centre - Council fears new energy proposals will harm Suffolk's coastline - There is still some locality funding available <p>District Council (full report available on request)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Our two District Councillors Dan Clery and Colin Hedgley will do alternate years at the PC meetings - On demand bus service trial - Grant available to community hubs - Neighbourhood Plans adopted locally – funding available - Dan Clery would be happy to speak for us at the Committee Meeting for The Three Horseshoes Planning Application - New policy towards Sizewell C coming soon - Working on new strategic plan for the new council coming <p>Recreation Ground</p> <p>Village Hall</p>	
<p>7.</p>	<p>Road Safety</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A request for speeding restrictions along The Street had been received and both Elaine Bryce and Dan Clery offered assistance. Also Colin Hedgley had helped Little Bealings obtain a 20 mph speed limit. - Will try to set up SpeedWatch or the speed sign at the east end of the village. PC to instigate proceeding by carrying out a survey to gauge village support for 20 mph limits in village. - PC has signed up to the 20's Plenty Campaign - Brandeston also trying to get 20 mph along main street – would it be useful for villages to get together? - Councillor Bryce can bring Highways Officer to talk to the PC meeting - Highways Locality Highways Budget available - Visibility of road signs very bad – are hedges being cut. JP to circulate SCC Highways reporting tool website details. 	<p>Chair</p>

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - A140 input survey – individuals to input into this. JP to circulate details of survey to village. - Thermal camera booking – TUESDAY 23rd JANUARY to MONDAY 12th FEBRUARY. Councillor Moor to give report from meeting she attended at the next Parish Council meeting in November. Clerk to confirm dates. 	Chair																																			
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8.	Planning:																																				
	DC/23/3117/FUL – The Cottage, Chapel Lane – No objections																																				
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	<p>9.2 Bank Balance as at 31st August 2023 - £13,163.01</p> <p>9.3 To note receipt of income as listed: £70 from FROTH to cover Netphobia Invoice</p> <p>9.4 Bank reconciliations were agreed and signed</p> <p>9.5 The Clerk had opened a Premium Business Account at Barclays which would provide a small income.</p>																																				
10.	Approval of Standing Orders and Financial Regulations																																				
	Standing Orders – Item 3 g changed from with to without	Clerk																																			
	Financial Regulations – Item 5.1 to be amended as credit checks of signatories are not undertaken.	Clerk																																			
	Councillor Pedgrift proposed accepting the updates to the Standing Orders and Financial Regulations and these were seconded by Councillor Laird – all in favour.																																				
11.	Community Networking Events																																				
	Clerk to re-send email	Clerk																																			
12.	Citizen’s Advice Bureau																																				
	Councillor Pedgrift proposed a donation of £50, this was seconded by Councillor Haird.	Clerk																																			
13.	Custom and Self-Build Supplementary Planning Document																																				
	Councillors are asked to read and comment and send replies to Clerk as soon as possible. Deadline to input to SCC is 18 th October. Clerk to re-send email.	Clerk																																			

14.	Energy Project Invitation	
	Letter of support – Charsfield to sign letter.	Clerk
15.	Councillor Training	
	There was some discussion re the new format of the Councillor Training and that it is not very interactive and Councillors felt they were just being talked to. Clerk to seek guidance from SALC.	Clerk
16.	CIL Funding	
	To await next grant in October before making decisions.	
17.	Emergency Plan/Flooding	
	Email to be sent asking for new volunteers. Still awaiting delivery of pallets before delivering sandbags and purchasing tarpaulin. Working party will be needed to fill sandbags.	Chair
18.	Speeding in Magpie Street/Grit Box	
	New meeting on for this is 16 th October. A grit box has been purchased and is in place. It missed the general re-filling of sand by the Council so unsure whether it has been filled. Clerk to check.	Clerk
19.	Telephone Kiosk	
	Opening deferred to 2024. Tiles still to be fitted. JP to contact UEA	Chair
20.	Village Historian Update	
	<p>John Fox now has access to the village website enabling him to post information and he has uploaded a slide pack on "Historia Caresfelda and Edward Dunthorne".</p> <p>A Display Board was displayed in the churchyard on Grayston family, from circa 1700 to 1900 farmers, landowners and blacksmiths but has been temporarily removed as needs improving.</p> <p>There is a small display board next to the benches near church porch - William and Mary Churchyard's decaying gravestone is there. They were great-grandparents to the Woodbridge/Melton artist, Thomas Churchyard.</p>	
21.	Village Website	
	Still waiting to upload addresses.	
	Date of Next Meetings	
	<p style="text-align: center;">Monday, 20th November 2023 Monday, 22nd January 2024 Monday, 18th March 2024</p>	
	The meeting closed at 8:56 pm.	