

Annual Report 2017-18

Charlton Horethorne Parish Council

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Parish Council and other meetings

Nine meetings of the Parish Council took place in 2017 - 8. Attendance by the public averaged 16 residents, peaking at 23. Meetings were also attended by the two District and County Councillors and the Police Community Support Officer. Councillors have been professionally supported throughout the year by part-time Parish Clerk, Zöe Godden.

Issues raised in public open session and taken up by the Parish Council included broadband coverage and speed, drains, facilities for children and young people, fly tipping, footpaths, HGVs on local roads, housing development in Milborne Port, a local business initiative, pot holes, speeding, traditional finger post restoration and verges.

The Parish Council organised a special meeting with our MP, David Warburton and a representative of Connecting Devon and Somerset to discuss mobile signals and broadband speeds. We were assured that rollout will reach Stowell in 2019.

The Parish Council invited the Avon and Somerset Police and Crime Commissioner, Sue Mountstevens, to address a meeting. She updated us on her priorities for policing and the financial pressures on the Force.

Continued progress implementing the Charlton Horethorne Community Plan

The Parish Council has continued to help implement its 26 Community Plan policies.

Charlton Horethorne Feast Day

Feast Day was revived and took place on Saturday 24 June. It was opened by our MP, David Warburton and local resident, Jean Travers, who appeared as the Queen.



Held for the first time in a decade, Margaret Cressey and many volunteers helped to make the Day a success. A village trail showcased the wide range of activity that regularly takes place across the village. There also were flowers in the church, a costume exhibition, golf croquet, two decorated waterhouses, a heritage

walk, music on the green, open studios, phrenology, picnics, cheese tasting in the Village Shop, sideshows on the Millennium Green and vintage vehicles. Feast Day closed with a packed concert by local band Rip It Up.



Participants on the Heritage Trail led by David and Jenny Peet

Affordable homes

The Parish Council has supported the setting up of Charlton Horethorne Community Land Trust.



Chaired by Mark Hughes, there is a board and shareholders from the parish. Its objective is to provide affordable housing for people with a local connection. Information is available on the parish council website under CHCLT.

Road safety

The Parish Council has worked with Somerset County Council and Community Speed Watch. Most recently it has lobbied to retain the County's Speed Indicator Device programme and to extend the 30 mph limits.

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Grants awarded in the 2017-8 budget

We were able to support all who applied for grants at the level they requested this year.

Millennium Green Trust	£1,000
Village Hall running costs	£440
Parish Church grounds maintenance	£350
Stowell Church grass cutting	£300
Parish magazine	£50
Radio Ninesprings	£50

Volunteers implementing Parish policies

As ever, parish residents have been incredibly committed and given hours to the community and been generous in their support for charity. Volunteers have helped to run Community SpeedWatch, restore seven finger posts, decorate waterhouses for festivals, organise Feast Day and set up the Community Land Trust. Thanks to all who have helped



Christmas tree collection point; Parish Councillors then used chippings from SSDC on the footpath from Water Lane to the Millennium Green



Your Parish Councillors



Pictured L to R as listed in the table to the right

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Dates of Parish Council meetings in 2018-9 in Charlton Horethorne Village Hall from 7.30 pm

Monday 9 July
Monday 20 August
Monday 8 October
Monday 26 November

Monday 14 January 2019
Monday 25 February
Monday 8 April
Monday 20 May – Council's Annual Meeting

The Annual Parish Meeting will take place on Saturday 30 March from 3 pm to 5 pm (note new date)

Meeting agendas, minutes, Community Plan, budget, grants: www.charltonhorethornepc.org.uk

Zöe Godden, Parish Clerk (part-time): clerk@charltonhorethorne.org.uk or 07340 113045

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