

CHARLTON HORETHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Meeting of Charlton Horethorne Parish Council held on Monday 9 August 2021 at 19:30hrs

Present – Councillors

Michael Hutchings (Chairman), Ian Macfarlane, David Peet, Jenny Peet, Simon Purcell

In attendance:

Julie Ferguson - Parish Clerk, Hayward Burt – District Councillor, William Wallace – County Councillor and 19 members of the public

21/24 To receive any Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given

None.

21/25 Declarations of interests

None.

21/26 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 5 May 2021

RESOLVED: The minutes were approved as a true and accurate record of the meeting held.

19:05 – Meeting closed

21/27 Public Open Session to include County and District Councillors Report

It was reported by parishioners that recycling had not been collected for 3 weeks in some areas of the village, despite having been reported to SWP¹. Other issues included bin lorries refusing to enter Level Lane due to overhanging trees & potholes, rudeness from recycling council workers and blue bags not having been delivered to some households. Councillor Burt offered to look into those issues to try and resolve them. Councillor Wallace reported that grants of up to £50k were available from the SCC² Economic Recovery Fund, for businesses that had not been eligible for other grant funding during the pandemic. He further reported that, due to the impact of phosphates on planning applications and approvals it had been determined by the planning inspector that SSDC³ does not hold a 5 year land supply.

19:25 – Meeting opened

21/28 Parish Council Matters – To receive the internal auditors report

RESOLVED: The clerk presented the internal auditors report with no issues identified.

21/29 Finance – To agree SID⁴ Chapter 8 training for 2 persons

RESOLVED: The SID Chapter 8 training for 2 persons costing £528 was approved.

21/30 Finance – To report payments made since the last PC meeting

¹ Somerset Waste Partnership

² Somerset County Council

³ South Somerset District Council

⁴ Speed Indicator Device

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The following payments were presented and noted as having been made, via BACS⁵ since the last meeting:

J Ferguson – Clerk’s salary & expenses (June ‘21)	£183.80
HMRC – PAYE (June ‘21)	£33.80
Came & Company – PC Insurance	£380.16
Coram Constructor Training – Chapter 8 (2 persons)	£528.00
21/31 Finance – To approve the following payments	
J Ferguson – Clerk’s salary & expenses (July ‘21)	£142.50
HMRC – PAYE (July ‘21)	£34.00
Pinnacle Accountancy Services – Payroll fees	£12.80
SALC & NALC Affiliation Fees	£174.93

RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to make the payments due.

21/32 Finance – To approve the cashbook & bank reconciliations

RESOLVED: The cashbook & bank reconciliations to 30th June 2021 were unanimously approved.

21/32 Finance – approve the purchase of replacement flower tubs

RESOLVED: The purchase of replacement flower tubs at a cost of £200 was unanimously approved.

21/33 Finance – To approve the purchase of a dog waste bin

RESOLVED: The purchase of a dog waste bin was unanimously approved.

21/34 Planning Decisions Report - 21/01412/HOU – Jorna Cottage, Maperton Road, Charlton Horethorne. Approved.

Noted.

21/35 Planning Decisions Report - 21/01032/S73A – Gunville Farm, Harvest Lane, Charlton Horethorne. Approved.

Noted.

21/36 Planning Decisions Report - 21/00854/FUL – Thomasfield, Charlton Horethorne. Approved.

Noted.

21/37 Planning Applications and Report - 21/00854/FUL – Thomasfield, Charlton Horethorne. Report.

Councillor D Peet reported that the PC had provided a response as follows:
Charlton Horethorne Parish Council supports this application.

21/38 Planning Applications and Report - 21/01032/S73A – Gunville Farm, Harvest Lane, Charlton Horethorne. Report.

Councillor D Peet reported that the PC had provided a response as follows:
Charlton Horethorne Parish Council does not oppose this application.

⁵ Bankers Automated Clearing System

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21/39 Planning Applications and Report - 21/01137/FUL – Stowell Farm, Stowell Road, Stowell. Report.

Councillor D Peet reported that the PC had provided a response as follows:
Charlton Horethorne Parish Council supports this application.

21/40 Planning Applications and Report - 21/01412/HOU – Jorna Cottage, Maperton Road, Charlton Horethorne. Report.

Councillor D Peet reported that the PC had provided a response as follows:
Charlton Horethorne Parish Council supports this application. The proposed work will improve the usefulness of the property and is of high design quality (in accordance with Policy HD7 of the Parish Community Plan.)

21/41 Planning Applications and Report - 21/01105/HOU – Manor Farm Cottage, Cathill Lane, Charlton Horethorne. Report.

Councillor D Peet reported that the PC had provided a response as follows:
Charlton Horethorne Parish Council supports this application. The proposed work will improve the usefulness of the property and is of high design quality (in accordance with Policy HD7 of the Parish Community Plan.) However, there will be a new element of overlooking from the three proposed west facing upstairs windows and a resultant loss of privacy for a neighbouring garden. It is suggested that measures to minimise this loss of privacy should be considered.

21/42 Planning Applications and Report - 21/01523/HOU – Land Adj. Bumble Cottage, Charlton Horethorne. Report

Councillor D Peet reported that the PC had provided a response as follows:
Charlton Horethorne Parish Council does not oppose this application but has concerns about the adequacy of the proposed parking arrangements. Three cars are sometimes parked at the premises now – if the extended property is to be used as Airbnb accommodation a fourth car would have to park on the roadside.

21/43 Planning Applications and Report - 21/02192/S73A – Land Adj. Gunville Farm Bungalow, Harvest Lane. Report.

Councillor D Peet reported that the PC had provided a response as follows:
Charlton Horethorne Parish Council has seen this application. The Parish Council opposed the original planning application on the grounds that five and six bedroom houses do not accord with the wishes of the majority of the residents of the Parish as expressed in its Community Plan 2016-2026. The Parish Council has not changed its view and deplores the fact that the current application proposes to raise the height of one of the properties substantially and to replace exterior walls of local stone with timber cladding, both factors making the proposed site even more intrusive on the local landscape.

21/44 Parish Matters – To report on SID share agreement with Henstridge PC.

Councillor Purcell reported that grant funding had been secured for the purchase of the SID. Charlton Horethorne PC had agreed a 1/3 proportion for ongoing costs. Both Councillor Purcell and Mr Magson were being Chapter 8 trained, allowing them to work on the highway safely to move the SID and 2 sites within the parish had been agreed by Somerset Highways. Responsibility for the SID would be with the Speedwatch Team.

21/45 Parish Matters - To report on broadband in the parish.

Councillor Macfarlane reported that Wessex Internet were making good progress within Sigwells, with every qualifying property planned to be connected by the end of the year. More interest was needed to

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be registered by Charlton Horethorne residents before connection could be considered by Wessex Internet.

21/46 Parish Matters - To report on new dog mess signage.

Councillor D Peet reported that 2 signs had been provided by SSDC informing of the £1000 fine for not picking up, and these were proving to be effective. The signs would be moved to new locations after 3 weeks.

Councillor J Peet reported on a significant problem of extremely unpleasant dog mess thought to be coming from the local hunt kennels, when the hounds are exercised with the horses. A meeting with the manager of the kennels was to be arranged to address the problem.

ACTION: Councillor J Peet

21/47 Parish Matters - To report on footpaths, signage & stiles throughout the parish.

It was reported that Section 31 Notices, re-registering established Rights Of Way had appeared at 2 locations on public footpaths across land owned by Sherborne Estates and the reason for them was unclear. Councillor Hutchings agreed to write to the Estates Director to investigate.

Councillor Purcell also agreed to write to Somerset Highways regarding painting white lines/hatched area on the turning between the B3145 and Milborne Port road as it was considered to be unsafe for pedestrians using the junction and crossing the road.

ACTION: Councillor Hutchings & Purcell

21/48 Parish Matters - To discuss public access to, and use of, the school playing field.

It was reported that members of the public had been having picnics on the school playing fields which presented a safeguarding issue for the school and could not be permitted. Residents were asked to spread the word throughout the parish and there would be a notice in the next edition of the parish magazine.

ACTION: Councillor J Peet

21/49 Public Open Session

Councillor D Peet suggested that the clerk could apply for a small grant from the SCC Opening Up Safely Fund to host a 'Reconnecting Communities' event at the Village Hall. It was agreed that £200 would be a sufficient amount for refreshments.

21/50 Date of next meeting – 15th November 2021

20:40 – Meeting closed