

CHARLTON HORETHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Meeting of Charlton Horethorne Parish Council held on Monday 15 November 2021 at 19:30hrs

Present – Councillors

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

In attendance:

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

21/51 To receive any Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given

Apologies were received and accepted from Hayward Burt – District Councillor.

21/52 Declarations of interests

Councillor Macfarlane declared an interest in agenda item 8f. – Planning Applications & Report.

21/53 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9 August 2021

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

19:32 – Meeting closed

21/54 Public Open Session to include County and District Councillors Report

Councillor Wallace provided an update on the progress toward a unitary authority which will be known as Somerset Council, with elections planned for May 2022 to include Parish Councils. There will be 110 County Councillors (2 per ward) and no District Councillors.

19:40 – Meeting opened

21/55 Matters to report from the previous meeting

There were no matters to report that were not on the agenda.

21/56 Finance – To report payments made since the last PC meeting

The following payments were presented and noted as having been made, via BACS¹ since the last meeting:

J Ferguson – Clerk’s salary & expenses (Aug ‘21)	£154.40
HMRC – PAYE (Aug ‘21)	£33.80
Milborne Port Computers – Website Domain Charges	£72.00
J Ferguson – Clerk’s salary & expenses (Sept & Oct ‘21)	£471.40
HMRC – PAYE (Sept ‘21)	£34.00
Pinnacle Accountancy – Payroll charges	£38.40

21/57 Finance – To approve the following payments

J Ferguson – Clerk’s salary & expenses (Nov ‘21)	£179.40
HMRC – PAYE (Nov ‘21)	£8.80
Charlton Horethorne Village Hall – Hire charges	£40.00

¹ Bankers Automated Clearing System

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CH Gardening Club – New tubs for village green £200.00

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

21/58 Finance – To approve the cashbook & bank reconciliations

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

21/59 Finance – To note the draft 2022-23 budget

All councillors noted the budget and it was agreed that it would be put forward for approval at the next meeting.

21/60 Planning Decisions Report - 21/02705/HOU – Bugle Barn, Charlton Horethorne. Approved.

Noted.

21/61 Planning Decisions Report - 21/02192/S73A – Land Adj Gunville Farm Bungalow, Harvest Lane, CH. Approved.

Noted.

21/62 Planning Decisions Report - 21/02627/HOU – Kintyre, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne. Approved.

Noted.

21/63 Planning Decisions Report - 21/02408/HOU – Middle Farmhouse, North Road, Charlton Horethorne. Approved.

Noted.

21/64 Planning Decisions Report - 21/02311/FUL – Clare Cottage, Stowell. Approved.

Noted.

21/65 Planning Applications and Report - 21/02220/FUL – Land Adj. The Manor, Horse Lane, Charlton Horethorne. Report.

Councillor D Peet reported that the PC had provided comments in objection to the application, citing adverse effects on neighbours and a graveyard, due to loss of privacy, noise & disturbance and a further negative visual impact on listed properties within a conservation area. The change of use from agricultural to private amenity land was also a concern, with the potential for further encroachment within a conservation area in the future.

21/66 Planning Applications and Report - 21/02408/HOU – Middle Farmhouse, North Road, Charlton Horethorne. Report.

Councillor D Peet reported that the PC had provided a response as follows:
Charlton Horethorne Parish Council supports this application which, if approved, will result in improvement to the fabric of a very old barn within this listed property.

21/67 Planning Applications and Report - 21/02311/FUL – Hay Barn & Tack Room at Clare Cottage, Stowell. Report.

Councillor D Peet reported that the PC had provided a response as follows:
Charlton Horethorne Parish Council has no objection to this application.

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21/68 Planning Applications and Report - 21/02627/HOU – Kintyre, Level Lane, Charlton Horethorne. Report.

Councillor D Peet reported that the PC had provided a response as follows:

Charlton Horethorne Parish Council supports this application which, if approved, will improve the appearance and utility of this property.

21/69 Planning Applications and Report - 21/02705/HOU – Bugle Barn, Farm Lane, Milborne Port. Report.

Councillor D Peet reported that the PC had provided a response as follows:

Charlton Horethorne Parish Council support this application which, if approved, will have no negative impact on its surroundings and will improve the utility of the property.

21/70 Planning Applications and Report - 21/02915/FUL – Stables, Charlton Horethorne. Report.

Councillor D Peet reported that the PC had provided a response as follows:

Charlton Horethorne Parish Council supports this application which, if approved, will result in the preservation of an old and interesting building and its conversion into a useful two bedroomed home built to a high standard of modern design in accordance with Policy HD 7 of the Parish Community Plan. Although the application has received support from most neighbours, one neighbour has made an objection on the basis that two proposed new windows on the north west wall of the property will result in a loss of privacy for their grade II listed property. In the interests of good neighbourly relations it is recommended that the applicants consider ways in which this overlooking could be minimised.

21/71 Parish Matters – To report on the deposit notice displayed on footpaths

Councillor Hutchings reported that he had received a response from Sherborne Castle Estates explaining that the purpose of the Notice was to both acknowledge the existing rights on the land with no intention of dedicating any more, as well as managing public access for the benefit of the estate.

21/72 Parish Matters - To consider putting posts & chain on the village green.

It had been reported that cars had been seen parked on the unfenced triangle of the village green. The PC had been asked to consider putting posts & chain around the area, as had been done in other parts of the green. Councillors briefly discussed the issue and it was agreed to make a decision at a future meeting with associated costings.

21/73 Parish Matters - To report on the proposed 'Reconnecting Community' event (5th December 2021)

Councillor J Peet reported that £200 had been received from SSDC in the form of a grant towards a Village community event with a further donation from the VH committee. The planned event was to be held in the village hall on the 5th December and all village groups and new residents to the parish had been personally invited. The Chairman thanked Councillors J & D Peet for dedicating considerable time and effort towards the administration & organisation for the event.

21/74 Parish Matters - To report on the new dog bins

Councillor Purcell reported that the new dog waste bin had been placed in Cowpath Lane and it was in use and emptied every Friday morning. Councillor Purcell was thanked for his efforts organising the installation.

21/75 Parish Matters - To report on the new village green tubs.

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The PC had contributed £200 towards 4 replacement village green tubs which had now been planted up with winter shrubs and spring bulbs by Charlton Horethorne & District Gardening Club. The PC thanked everyone who had been involved in the activity.

21/76 Public Open Session

There was discussion relating to a recent planning application that the PC had provided comments on, to which the Chair read a pre-prepared statement containing a summary of the meeting and subsequent encounters with the applicants.

Arrangements for disposing of Christmas trees were discussed as SSDC no longer provided a service. Trees up to 6ft could be left out with green bins or some charities offer to dispose in exchange for a small fee.

The PC said it would be looking to the Village Hall Committee to plan the Platinum Jubilee celebrations, however the PC clerk was happy to be a point of contact should anyone wish to get involved.

21/77 Date of next meeting – 24th January 2022

20:22 – Meeting closed