

Minutes of a meeting of the Parish Council held on Monday 29th June 2020 (conducted via video conference)

Present: Michael Hutchings (Chairperson), Ian Macfarlane, David Peet, Jenny Peet and Simon Purcell.

Also present: Julie Ferguson (Clerk), District Councillor Hayward Burt.

There were 6 members of the public present.

6.30pm – Meeting opened.

20/24 To receive any apologies. Cllr Wallace sent his apologies.

20/25 Public Open Session - to consider any matters raised by members of the public.

1) The Chairman made a statement on behalf of the parish and its residents sending heartfelt thanks to Charlton Horethorne Village Shop and the 'Corona Loners' support group that had been active in the village since the start of lockdown. The shop, in particular had become the focal point of the village and a lifeline for residents who had been shielding.

2) An email had been received from a resident complaining of speeding traffic in North Road. Cllr Purcell reported that since lockdown speedwatch had been suspended however at the last traffic survey, no speeding vehicles were recorded at that location. A more significant speeding problem was reported on the Milborne Port Road. 3) On another highway safety matter, Cllr Purcell agreed to request white lines at the end of Cowpath Lane.

4) The Chairman reported that the Notice of Public Rights had been posted on the CHPC website notifying the start of the six week period the following day.

5) Cllr Macfarlane reported that the defibrillator would be re-installed and training rescheduled when the village hall is open and available for public meetings. 6) He further reported that a village meeting would be needed to better understand the internet broadband needs of each part of the parish, suggesting a questionnaire assessment with representatives of Wessex Internet in attendance.

7) The PC acknowledged the receipt of a letter from SCC stating that they have decided to upgrade footpaths WN 29/16, 29/17, 29/18 & 7/28 to bridleways at Lily Lane, Charlton Horethorne and Abbas and Templecombe.

20/26 To hear reports from:

- a. PCSO. The PCSO was not present.
- b. District Councillor. Cllr Burt congratulated the PC on being the first in the Blackmore Vale to resume meetings (using video conference). He reported on grants that had been provided to many businesses throughout the district, the accelerated housing delivery programme and the ongoing debate of how local government might operate under a unitary Somerset authority.
- c. County Councillor. Cllr Wallace was not present.

20/27 To receive any declaration of interests. There were no declarations of interest.

20/28 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 9th March 2020.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to approve the minutes as presented.

20/29 Council Matters.

- a. Green Lane renaming proposal.

Cllr Purcell explained that an application had been made to Street Naming and Numbering (SSDC), by a resident of the immediate area to have the name 'Green Lane' removed from the Restricted Byway ref WN7/33. The reason given related to improper use of the byway by motorised vehicles and 'green laners' thought to be attracted by the name of the lane. He reported that he had spoken with many residents and the general feeling was that the name should remain for historical reasons and also because it was believed that simply removing the name would not solve the improper use. It was agreed to ask the Street Naming and Numbering not to proceed with the removal of the name. Furthermore, it was decided not to request a 'No Through Road' sign.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to send a request to SSDC for the Restricted Byway WN7/33

'Green Lane' to retain its name.

ACTION: Clerk

20/30 Financial Matters.

- a. To approve the 2019-2020 EOY cash book and bank reconciliations.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to approve the 2019-2020 EOY cash book and bank reconciliations.

- b. To adopt the Risk Assessment and Management statement.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to adopt the Risk Assessment and Management Statement.

- c. To agree to exempt the parish council from the need for an external audit and to sign the Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2019-20 Part 2.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to exempt the parish council from an external audit and for the Chairman to sign the Certificate of Exemption – AGAR 2019-20 Part 2.

- d. To approve AGAR Section 1 - Annual Governance Statement 2019-20

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to approve the AGAR Section 1 – Annual Governance Statement 2019-20.

- e. To approve AGAR Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2019-20

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to approve the AGAR Section 2 – Accounting Statements 2019-20.

- f. To consider the clerks annual pay increase.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to approve the clerks annual pay increase to LC1-SCP11.

- g. To approve payments of:

Julie Ferguson	Clerk Salary & Expenses May 20 & June 20	£273.70
HMRC	PAYE May 20 & June 20	£63.40
Came & Company	Annual PC Insurance	£370.54

RESOLVED: It was proposed and unanimously agreed to approve the payments as presented.

- h. To adopt the Business Continuity Motion to Council.

RESOLVED: It was proposed and agreed to adopt the Business Continuity Motion to Council.

20/31 Planning.

- a. To report any relevant planning decisions made by SSDC:

- 20/00425/HOU, Fulmar, North Road, Charlton Horethorne, erection of side and rear single storey extensions. Status: **Approved**. Noted.
- 20/00712/HOU, Longclose, Water Lane, Charlton Horethorne, erection of a single storey extension to link the bungalow and outbuilding with associated alterations. Status: **Approved**. Noted.

- b. To consider the following planning applications and make recommendations to SSDC:

- 20/01544/FUL, Gunville Farm Bungalow, Harvest Lane, demolition of 6 existing barns and the erection of 2 dwellings.

The parish council resolved to object to this application on the grounds that it does not accord with the Charlton Horethorne Community Plan 2016-2026. In the Community Plan questionnaire parish residents were asked, at question 1.4, what kind of houses they would like to see built in the parish. Only four respondents out of 129 said larger house, four bedrooms or more. This application was for one five bedroomed and one six bedroomed house.

RESOLVED: It was unanimously agreed to object to the application for the reasons provided.

20/32 Date of Next Meeting: It was agreed to call meetings as required whilst the village hall remained closed.

7.30pm – Meeting closed.