

CHARLTON HORETHORNE PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Meeting of Charlton Horethorne Parish Council held on Monday 24 January 2022 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, Hayward Burt – District Councillor and 20 members of the public

21/78 To receive any Apologies for Absence and to approve the reasons given

Apologies were received from the PSCO – William Mortimer who had been invited to the meeting

21/79 Declarations of interests

Councillor D Peet declared a non-pecuniary interest in agenda item 6c (21/84), as a village hall trustee.

21/80 To approve the minutes of the meeting held on 15 November 2021

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

19:34 – Meeting closed

21/81 Public Open Session to include County and District Councillors Report

Councillor Burt apologised for issues with the SSDC website over Christmas and notified of grants that were currently available within the Leisure & Hospitality sector.

Councillor Wallace reported that the Town & Parish elections would take place on 5th May to align with the Somerset Unitary Council elections. It was noted that this was later on the agenda for discussion. Reports were heard about the shocking condition of Blackford Road due to damage caused by HGVs servicing the quarries, with no responsibility to repair being placed on any party. Councillor Wallace agreed to visit the area the following day to try to help finding a solution for the residents who live on the road. It was pointed out that the quarries were not within the parish of Charlton Horethorne.

19:45 – Meeting opened

21/82 Matters to report from the previous meeting

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

21/83 Finance – To approve the following payments

Clerk's salary & expenses (Jan '21)	£179.40
HMRC – PAYE (Jan '21)	£8.80
Pinnacle Accountancy – Payroll	£42.00

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

21/84 Finance – To approve the cashbook & bank reconciliations

RESOLVED: The cashbook & bank reconciliations to 31st December 2021 were unanimously approved.

21/84 Finance – To approve the following grant requests:

Charlton Horethorne PCC **£450**

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Charlton Horethorne Primary School	£400
Stowell PCC	£450
Millennium Green Trust	£750
Parish Magazine	£100
Charlton Horethorne Village Hall	£500

RESOLVED: All grant requests were unanimously approved.

21/85 Finance – To approve the budget for 2022-23

RESOLVED: The budget (below) was unanimously approved.

21/85 Finance – To approve the precept request for 2022-23

RESOLVED: The precept request for £8618 was unanimously approved.

21/86 Planning Decisions Report - 21/01105/HOU – Manor Farm Cottage, Cathill Lane, CH. Approved. Noted.

21/87 Planning Decisions Report 21/00374/FUL – Slait Cottage, Sigwells. Refused. Noted.

21/88 Planning Decisions Report - 21/03506/HOU – Chaple Lawn, Lester Lane, CH. Approved. Noted.

21/89 Planning Applications and Report - 21/03718/S73A – Clare Cottage, Stowell Road, Stowell.

The PC agreed unanimously to provide the following comments in response to the planning application: The PC has no objection to the proposed variation to the condition. However, we note that the conditions were imposed by SSDC only in September 2021 and rely on SSDC to decide whether, if the conditions were appropriate then, they remain so today.

21/90 Planning Applications and Report - 21/03635/S73A – Mulberry Cross, Harvest Lane, CH. Report.

Councillor D Peet reported that this application response has been postponed by SSDC as it cannot be dealt with until the application for plots 2 and 3 have been validated.

21/91 Planning Applications and Report - 21/03386/HOU – Kiwi Cottage, Maperton Road, CH. 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 increase the usefulness of the property.

21/92 Planning Applications and Report - 21/03506/HOU – Chaple Lawn, Lester Lane, CH. 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 a well planned extension extending the usefulness of the property.

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21/93 Parish Matters – To report on the “Reconnecting Community” village event

Councillor J Peet reported that the event held in the village hall on the 5th December 2021 had been attended by around 90 villagers, with representatives from most village groups and many new residents enjoying the evening. Thanks went out to everyone who helped fund & organise the event and there were hopes that it could be repeated in the future. The Chairman thanked Councillors D & J Peet for their considerable efforts towards a most successful and enjoyable evening.

21/94 Parish Matters - To consider adding posts & chains around a section of the village green

Councillor Purcell reported that the cost of installing these measures would require a total budget of £3k (purchase & road safety training). It was agreed that this could not be considered at the current time.

21/95 Parish Matters - To consider action to monitor compliance with planning consents

Councillor Burt advised that any breaches of planning consent could be reported via the SSDC website by members of the public for enforcement action, but agreed to help if there were issues with either the reporting method or specifics of the perceived breach.

21/96 Parish Matters - To report on the Blackford Road/Gunville Farm development issue & concerns

This had been discussed at length in the public open session and Councillor Wallace had agreed to take a look at the issues raised, specifically the road condition & responsibility for repair and help resolve the problems. There was also concern regarding the planning ‘creep’ with subsequent re-iterations of the application each changing ‘small’ details but collectively resulting in a significantly different application to what was approved initially. Everyone agreed this was undesirable and needed monitoring and challenging.

21/97 Parish Matters - To discuss & plan for the May 2022 parish elections

It was announced that the parish elections had been brought forward by a year to coincide with the Somerset Unitary County elections and there would be an announcement in the February parish magazine inviting candidates to put themselves forward.

21/98 Public Open Session

The applicant of a recent planning application expressed discontent with the process that had resulted in comments of objection being put forward by the Parish Council. The Chairman explained that the PC was only a consultee and the comments had accurately reflected their unanimous position on the application but that ultimately the decision would be made by SSDC planning department (or Area Committee if referred).

21/99 Date of next meeting – tbc (clerk to check availability of VH in March)

21:08 – Meeting closed

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2022-23 Budget

Payments	Budget 22-23
Clerks Emoluments	£ 1,760.00
HMRC	£ 440.00
Admin General (expenses,payslips & hall hire)	£ 570.00
Admin Subscriptions	£ 210.00
Website	£ 300.00
Village Green	£ 550.00
*Community Plan	£ 480.00
Environment - General Maintenance	£ 170.00
Audit	£ -
Insurance	£ 400.00
Training	£ 100.00
Elections	£ 300.00
*Defibrillator	£ 200.00
Grants - CH Millennium Green Trust	£ 750.00
Grants - CH PCC	£ 450.00
Grants - CH Village Hall	£ 500.00
Grants - Stowell PCC	£ 450.00
Grants - CH Parish Magazine	£ 100.00
Grants - CH Primary School	£ 400.00
*IT (laptop & s/w)	£ 88.00
Reserves contribution	£ 400.00
VAT incurred on payments in year	
Total Expenses	£8,618.00