

CHARLCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

OF REMOTE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 8 MARCH 2021
AT 7.00 PM VIA ZOOM

PRESENT

Councillors Chorley, Howard, Bravin, Macklin, Jarai, Rippin, Clerk Mrs Burke, Ward
Councillor Warren

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Cllr Jones, Ward Cllr Guy, Cotswold Warden Weller

2) DECLARATION OF INTEREST

None

3) URGENT BUSINESS

None

4) ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

5) MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

Chairman Chorley was unable to sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 11th January due to this being a virtual meeting. Minutes of previous meetings will be signed at the next face to face meeting.

6) TOWN AND COUNTRY PLANNING

a) Decisions of the Local Planning Authority

- (i) 20/03255/FUL - Larkhall Sports Club, Charlcombe Lane - Erection of a 20m high monopole supporting 3no. antennas and 2no. 0.3mm dishes above the top of the pole, the installation of 1no. equipment cabinet on new base and the installation of ancillary equipment – Objected – Permit
- (ii) 20/04486/FUL - Lansdown Poultry Farm Cottage, Lansdown Poultry Farm, Lansdown Road – erection of a single storey rear extension. Supported - Permit
- (iii) 20/04877/VAR -Dale Cottage, Charlcombe - Variation of condition 5 (Plans List (Compliance)) of application 19/05109/FUL – Supported - Permit

b) Awaiting Decisions of the Local Planning Authority

- (i) 20/00332/FUL – Vodaphone Mast, Colliers Lane – Retention of the existing temporary mast and associated apparatus for a period of 2 years – Objected
- (ii) 20/03392/FUL – Barn North of the Village Hall, Langridge Lane – Convert a redundant farm building into an agriculturally tied dwelling to house a farm worker – Supported
- (iii) 20/03989/FUL - Midridge Broadmoor Lane Upper Weston - Re-cladding of field barn. Supported

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- (iv) 20/04890/FUL – Midridge, Broadmoor Lane - Change of use of a field barn to ancillary use (Use Class C3) together with re-cladding. Supported
- c) Applications for Planning Approval for Consideration
None
- d) Appeals against the Decision of the Local Planning
None
- e) Enforcement Issues
None
- f) Works to Trees
None
- g) Hare and Hounds Pub, Lansdown Road
Although not in the Parish of Charlcombe, Councillor Macklin had raised concerns about possible planning breaches in the garden of the Hare and Hounds pub due to its visual impact in the area. Due to the Covid pandemic it hasn't been possible to visit the site, however Ward Cllr Warren agreed to investigate and update the PC with any further information.
- h) Climate Emergency
Cllrs held a discussion on B&NES Climate Emergency, and unanimously agreed to declare an emergency. Thanks go to Cllr Warren for her guidance on the subject. Cllr Jarai agreed to be the Parish Council's representative, with assistance from Cllr Rippin. Wording of the emergency will need to be developed and agreed upon.
- i) Langridge Lane Speed Reduction – Financial Support
A member of the Parish has asked whether the PC can offer any financial support to traffic calming along Langridge Lane. It was agreed that the PC is unable to fund individual cases of traffic calming as it needs to be a Parish-wide scheme. Cllr Bravin asked Ward Cllr Warren if she could update the PC on the request for a 20mph limit on Langridge Lane, Cllr Warren believed that this has been included in B&NES 2021-22 Traffic Improvement Programme and will investigate further.

7) HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

- a) Councillors extended their thanks to Keith Weller for his update on Prospect Stile, tree planting next to the Park and Ride, and notice of the temporary footpath closure at Kelston Round Hill. Cllr Chorley informed Cllrs of the destruction of the steps and footpath near Charlcombe Grove Farm, Cllr Howard has raised the issue with the landowner and Cotswold Warden Weller. As always, the Parish Council thanks Keith and his fellow Cotswold Wardens for their hard work in the Parish.

8) FINANCE AND GOVERNANCE

- a) The bank reconciliation was presented, and noted, and provisionally approved. The bank has stopped posting statements to the Clerk, and Cllr Chorley was unable to obtain a statement from the bank due to the pandemic. The Clerk has requested that a

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statement be provided at the beginning of April to ensure the effective processing of accounts and audit

- b) Approval of Expenses:
 - i) Clerk's Expenses for 2020/21 - £44
 - ii) Lansdown and Langridge Village Hall - £200
 - iii) CPRE Membership - £36
 - iv) ALCA Subscription - £103
- c) Internal Audit Plan Review – reviewed by Cllrs via email and approved at the meeting.
- d) Review of Internal Audit – Clerk will send this to Cllr Bravin to complete following the approval of Internal Audit Plan review in item 8) c).
- e) Current Account – Cllr Chorley is continuing to find it difficult to set up a new account online or by telephone, however, is aware of the urgency to set up a new account, and will make an appointment to speak to a member of staff at the bank, the Clerk has requested that this is done before May, ideally in April.

9) CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

None

10) LANSDOWN AND LANGRIDGE VILLAGE HALL

- a) Cllr Warren was asked whether the PC could use the Community Empowerment Fund grant money for an alternative project as the original project to create disabled access at the village hall is no longer possible. Cllr Warren will investigate.

11) EXTERNAL MEETINGS

- a) Bath Preservation Trust Environs Committee – 19th March 12.30pm, Zoom Cllrs Rippin and Chorley to attend.

12) AOB

- a) Cllr Rippin updated the PC on broadband access at the Village Hall, no progress has been made and he has been unsuccessful in getting through to anyone at TrueSpeed.

13) PROPOSED DATES OF NEXT 2 MEETINGS

Mon 10 May 2021 (AGM and Routine Meeting) - 7pm - location tbc
Mon 5 July 2021 – 7pm location tbc

Mrs A Burke
Clerk to Charlcombe Parish Council

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