

CHARLCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

of Meeting held on Tuesday 15th March 2022
at 7.00pm at Lansdown and Langridge Village Hall

Present

Councillors Macklin, Bravin, Jarai and Jones. Clerk Mrs Kerr

1. Apologies for Absence

Councillors Chorley, Howard and Rippin
Ward Councillors Guy and Warren, Cotswold Warden Weller

2. Declarations of Interest

None

3. Urgent Business

None

4. Items from the Public

William Heath spoke to the Council about the Weston Springs planning application (22/00452/AGRA).

He has discussed the application with a number of interested parties and is aware of the concerns about the impact of the development on the AONB and the sustainability of the agricultural activity.

Mr Heath observed that:

- Guarding the views within the AONB was important, but there were houses in existence already which were visible from the surrounding footpaths.
- Growing vegetables and other produce locally was an important aspect of sustainability and he hoped the community would see this as a good initiative.
- Farmers needed to diversify in order to survive, the site was not viable without some development.
- He hoped that the applicants would be transparent with their plans and work to gain the trust of their new neighbours.
- He hoped that neighbours would share their wisdom and insight with the applicants.

5. Minutes of the Last Meeting

Cllr Macklin, as Chair, signed the minutes of the meeting held on 18th January 2022.

6. Town and Country Planning

- a) Decisions of the Local Planning Authority
 - (i) 21/04746/OUT- Field Corner Deadmill Lane, Lower Swainswick - Provision 15 affordable dwellings – Objected - Refused

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- (ii) 21/03217/AGRN – Parcel 5663, Broadmoor Lane, Upper Weston – Construction of tool store and erection of two polytunnels - Supported with conditions – Prior Approval Required (not Permitted Development)
- 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) 21/05186/FUL - Parcel 9749 Colliers Lane Charlcombe – Erection of replacement building – Supported with conditions
 - (iii) 22/00452/AGRA - Parcel 5663, Broadmoor Lane, Upper Weston – Construction of tool store and erection of two polytunnels - Observations
 - (iv) 22/00399/FUL - Telecommunication Mast 54146 Woolley Lane, Charlcombe - Proposed 16m Phase 8 streetworks pole to replace existing Phase 4 streetworks pole and associated ancillary works – Supported with conditions
- c) Applications for Planning Approval for Consideration – None
- d) Appeals against the Decision of the Local Planning Authority
 - (i) 19/05534/FUL – Telecommunication Mast 54146 Woolley Lane Charlcombe– Supported with conditions – Rejected – Appeal dismissed
- e) Enforcement Issues - None
- f) Works to Trees - None

7. Highways and Footpaths

- a) Review of allocation of footpaths
This item was deferred until Cllr Howard is in attendance.
- b) Public Safety in the Countryside
The Clerk confirmed that a link to the NFU guidance and video had been added to the home page of the PC website.

8. Finance and Governance

- a) Financial Report including Forecast Expenditure to March 31st 2022
The financial report based on the receipt and payment records and forecast expenditure were noted.
- b) Approval of Expenses
 - (i) Donation to Lansdown and Langridge Village Hall
for use of hall in period March 2021 – January 2022 - £175
 - (ii) Hire of Lansdown and Langridge Village Hall 15th March 2022 - £24
 - (iii) Clerk Expenses - £18.51
 All three items were approved.
- c) Bank Account – Statements, transfer of funds from old account to new account and new account operating procedures
Cllr Macklin highlighted the need to make progress with closing the old account. Cllr Macklin will make arrangement with Cllr Chorley or another Cllr to visit the bank to progress this matter.

d) **Internal Audit Arrangements**

It was agreed that the Parish Council would join the ALCA Small Council scheme in 2022, with the Clerk from another parish council doing the internal audit for Charlcombe. There will be a small cost in the order £20 – 30.

Cllr Macklin advised that there was no requirement for one of the Councillors to complete an additional checklist, although they can ask to see the records at any time.

9. Correspondence Received

None

10. Ward Councillor Empowerment Fund Grant

a) Cllr Macklin to provide an update

Cllr Macklin advised that although work had started on the steps behind the church in Charlcombe, the contractor would not complete the work before the end of this financial year. Cllrs agreed that payment should be deferred until the work is completed to our satisfaction.

The Clerk to advise B&NES that the Parish Council will pay for the work after it has been completed in 2022/23.

11. Replacement of Noticeboards

a) Cllr Bravin to provide an update

Cllr Bravin advised that the noticeboard working group had met. They were considering a number of factors to inform their recommendations. These included the durability of the current noticeboards, different materials, size and the cost of purchase and installation.

The current plan is to replace the noticeboards in Langridge and Upper Weston, however the Woolley noticeboard also needs replacing. Depending on costs, it might be possible to replace all three noticeboards next year and the Cotswold Wardens may be able to assist with the installation work.

Cllr Bravin will update the Parish Council at the next meeting.

12. Annual Parish Meeting

a) Cllr Macklin to provide an update

Cllr Macklin advised that the Annual Parish Meeting working group had met and had discussed timing and format of the meeting. It is proposed to hold the meeting on Wednesday 18th May at 7pm in Lansdown and Langridge Village Hall.

A printed flyer inviting all parishioner to the meeting will be distributed. Light refreshments will be available, it is hoped to have a guest speaker and there will be displays about the work of the council.

Cllr Macklin will arrange a further working group meeting to finalise details.

13. Charlcombe Parish Council Records

a) Cllr Macklin to provide an update

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Cllr Macklin advised that she had not received a response from David Weaver regarding her offer to collect the old parish council records. Cllr Jarai offered to try and contact Mr Weaver about the records.

14. Accidents at the Lansdown Lane/Lansdown Junction

- a) Clerk to provide an update

In mid-February B&NES Traffic Management advised that work would take place to improve the 'give-way' signing at this junction, but they were unable to provide a definite timescale for the work.

It was noted that additional signage now seems to be in place, although no official update has been received.

15. Langridge Lane 20mph review

- a) Clerk to provide an update

Ward Cllr Warren advised on 13th February 2022 that a draft Traffic Regulation Order had been prepared, which would go out to parish councils and the public for consultation.

The Parish Council has not seen the draft TRO and the Clerk will follow this up with Ward Cllr Warren.

16. External Meetings

- a) BPT Environs Committee – Cllrs Chorley and Rippin – 18th January at 12.30pm
No report
- b) B&NES ALCA Group – Cllr Macklin – 19th January at 7.30pm
Cllr Macklin had attended, nothing to report
- c) Bathavon Area Forum –Cllr Jarai – 8th February at 6pm
Cllr Jarai had attended, the focus had been on role of the Village Agents
- d) Parish/Town Council virtual briefing -Cllr Chorley - 1st March
No report
- e) BPT Environs Committee – Cllrs Chorley and Rippin – 15th March at 12.30pm
No report
- f) Parish Liaison Mtg – Cllr Chorley – 23rd March at 6.30pm
- g) BPT Environs Committee – Cllrs Chorley and Rippin – 17th May at 12.30pm

17. AOB

None

18. Proposed Dates for next Meetings

Tuesday 10 May 2022 AGM and CPC Meeting (Lansdown and Langridge Village Hall)

Wednesday 18 May 2022 Annual Parish Meeting (Lansdown and Langridge Village Hall)

Tuesday 19 July 2022 CPC Meeting (Lansdown and Langridge Village Hall)

Mrs R Kerr
Clerk to Charlcombe Parish Council
20 March 2022