

Notes from Charlcombe Parish Annual Meeting

Held on Wednesday 18th May 2022 at 7.30pm

At Lansdown and Langridge Village Hall

Present:

Charlcombe Parish Council Chair Councillor Hilary Macklin, Councillors Kate Bravin, Stewart Chorley, Bridget Howard, Toby Jones, Rachel Jarai, John Rippin and Clerk Mrs Kerr

Keith Daulby (Parish Warden Coordinator – Cotswold Voluntary Wardens)

Mary Jane King (Village Agent)

11 Residents

Apologies:

Ward Councillor Guy

Keith Weller Charlcombe Parish Warden for the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens

3 Residents

Councillor Macklin welcomed everyone to the meeting and gave an overview of the Parish Council's activities. The Councillors were introduced and spoke briefly about different aspects of the Parish Council's work including footpath monitoring, roads and highways and planning applications.

The Parish Council website provides information for residents and Councillors are keen to hear the views of residents via email or in-person at meetings. Opportunities for residents to become involved with the Bathavon Forum climate group and to join the Parish Council were highlighted.

Minute books from 1894 when the Parish Council was created were on display as was information from The Forest of Avon Trust.

Keith Daulby spoke about the role of the Parish Wardens and the wider work of the Cotswold Voluntary Wardens.

Mary Jane King explained that she had recently been appointed as the first Village Agent for the Charlcombe area and was there to provide support and advice to anyone over 18. She would welcome opportunities to visit local groups or meetings.

Councillor Macklin opened the meeting for items from Charlcombe residents.

Items raised from the floor:

Community consultation on proposals for 20 and 30mph speed restrictions on Langridge Lane

The consultation period closes on 26th May and it was requested that the parish council response takes into account views of the community. Points raised in discussion included cost of the scheme, visual impact of the signage, need for placement of signs to reflect the size of agricultural vehicles using the lane, effectiveness of 20mph limits due to lack of police enforcement.

Concern on the overgrown verge at the top of Lansdown Lane

It was highlighted that there is poor visibility at the top of Lansdown Lane due to the overgrown verge on the righthand side. The Parish Council was asked to request that B&NES trim the verge.

Concern over frequency and impact of helicopter pleasure flights from Lansdown Poultry Farm

It was stated that these flights had recently restarted and concerns were expressed about the impact on the tranquillity of the local area and questions were raised about regulation of the flights. Information about the operation of the business was provided by those involved, the need for agricultural businesses to diversify was mentioned as was differences in flight frequency compared with the frequent flights from the racecourse in previous years.

Lifespan of Parish Council Noticeboards

Concerns were raised about whether the proposed replacement parish council noticeboards would have a decent lifespan as the current noticeboards are in poor condition. It was noted that these noticeboards are many years old, and that durability is a factor in selecting the replacements.

Councillor Macklin drew the meeting to a close, thanking everyone for their contributions and reiterating that the parish council was there to represent the views of residents and that new councillors were always welcome.