

CHARLCOMBE PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES

OF REMOTE MEETING HELD ON MONDAY 11 JANUARY 2021
AT 7.00 PM VIA ZOOM

PRESENT

Councillors Chorley, Howard, Bravin, Macklin, Jarai, Rippin, Jones, Cotswold Warden Weller, Clerk Mrs Burke, and a member of the public.

1) APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Ward Cllrs Warren and Guy

2) DECLARATION OF INTEREST

With reference to item 6(f), Cllr Chorley reminded Cllrs that Cllr Jarai is on the Committee of the Friends of the Orchard (Minuted 14/01/20, Item 2).

3) URGENT BUSINESS

None

4) ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC

Cllr Chorley brought forward item 6(f) Works to Trees, which the member of the public was interested to hear the Council discuss. Cllr Jarai informed Cllrs that planning enforcement issues have been reported to B&NES relating to the TPO at the site, Ward Councillors are aware and a report is being drafted.

5) MINUTES OF LAST MEETINGS

Chairman Chorley was unable to sign the minutes of the meeting held on the 9th November 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) 19/05534/FUL - Telecommunication Mast 54146, Woolley Lane, Charlcombe – Erection of 20-metre-high telecommunications monopole accommodating 6no antenna apertures, 4no transmission dishes and 8no ground-based equipment cabinets – Supported – Refused.
- (ii) 20/03767/FUL – Lake View, Lansdown Road – for the erection of single storey garage – Objected – Permit

- b) Awaiting 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 – To be heard at Committee
 - (ii) 20/00332/FUL – Vodaphone Mast, Colliers Lane – Retention of the existing temporary mast and associated apparatus for a period of 2 years – Objected
 - (iii) 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
 - (iv) 20/03989/FUL - Midridge Broadmoor Lane Upper Weston - Re-cladding of field barn. Supported
 - (v) 20/04486/FUL - Lansdown Poultry Farm Cottage, Lansdown Poultry Farm, Lansdown Road – erection of a single storey rear extension. Supported
- c) Applications for Planning Approval for Consideration
- i) 20/04890/FUL – Midridge, Broadmoor Lane - Change of use of a field barn to ancillary use (Use Class C3) together with re-cladding - Supported
- d) Appeals against the Decision of the Local Planning
None
- e) Enforcement Issues
- i) 20/00398/UNDEV - Unauthorised Use of Land Within Green Belt Comprising Open Storage and Siting of Containers – Cllr Howard notified Cllrs that work is being carried out to clear the land and the site should be cleared by the end of January in accordance with enforcement requirements.
 - ii) Cllr Howard also notified Cllrs that the re-submission of an application at a property on Granville road which the Parish Council had previously commented has been permitted, however the Parish Council weren't notified of the resubmission. Cllr Howard wondered if the Parish Council should have been notified, however B&NES aren't obliged to request comments from Parish Councils on applications which are outside of their Parish.
- f) Works to Trees
Cllr Jarai gave an update on the Land to the West of Weston All Saints Primary School. See item 4.
- g) Hare and Hounds Pub, Lansdown Road
Councillors and Parishioners have raised concerns about work being carried out in the garden of the Hare and Hounds Pub on Lansdown Road and its potential impact on the area. Cllr Macklin reported that a large area of decking has been built with pillars however due to the current lockdown is unable to contact the pub. No application has been submitted for the work. Cllr Chorley will contact Planning.
- h) Telecommunications Masts
Cllrs discussed the Parish Council's position with regard to Telecommunication Masts within the Parish, with particular reference to the recent Committee Hearing which

refused application 19/05534/FUL at Larkhall Football Club. Cllr Jones wondered whether the Parish Council should take a fixed view on masts, however it was agreed that each application needs to be viewed individually, and the role of the Parish Council is to focus on planning aspects alone.

7) HIGHWAYS AND FOOTPATHS

- a) Thanks have been sent to the Ward Cllrs for their help with the repair of the subsidence on Charlcombe Lane.
- b) An email from Helen Hobbs has been received informing the Council that this year's proposed road closure for the toad migration will be from 15 Feb - 28 March.
- c) Councillors thanked Keith Weller and his fellow Cotswold Wardens for their work in the Parish, and also Keith for his detailed report.

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 due to lockdown being enforced in the week prior to the meeting. Cllr Chorley will obtain a statement when Covid restrictions allow, and the Clerk will send an updated reconciliation to Cllrs for approval as soon as this has been received.
- b) Approval of Expenses:
 - i) CPRE - £100 donation (approved via email)
 - ii) Bath Preservation Trust Membership - £20 (approved via email)
- c) Budget – Forecast Expenditure to March 31st 2021 – this was reviewed by Cllrs via email and approved at the meeting.
- d) Risk Assessment – this was reviewed by Cllrs via email and approved at the meeting.
- e) Current Account – Cllr Chorley has spoken with the bank about upgrading the current account, however the bank is not currently allowing new accounts to be opened. Cllr Chorley will do this as soon as restrictions have been lifted.
- f) Review of Internal Audit – Cllr Bravin has volunteered to carry out the review (due in Feb/March and to be done by post unless able to meet in person).

9) CORRESPONDENCE RECEIVED

- a) The Parish Council received an email from CPRE informing them of their objection to the planning application for three properties at Waterworks Cottage.

10) LANSDOWN AND LANGRIDGE VILLAGE HALL

- a) Cllr Rippin reported on the Provision of Disabled Access. Due to the size of project and inability to carry out work as a community, it was agreed that the project needs to go on hold for the time being. Cllr Chorley will contact B&NES in relation to the Community Empowerment Fund which provided some funds for the project. The Clerk will email details to Cllr Chorley

11) EXTERNAL MEETINGS

- a) Bath Preservation Trust Environs Committee – 19th Jan 12.30pm, Zoom Cllrs Rippin and Chorley to attend.
- b) Bathavon North Forum - 9th November 6pm via Zoom – not represented
- c) B&NES Area Group ALCA Mtg - 10th Oct via Zoom – not represented
- d) B&NES Parishes Liaison Mtg - Thursday 22nd Oct 6.30pm, Zoom – not represented

Signed..... (Chairman)

Date.....

12) AOB
None

13) PROPOSED DATES OF NEXT 2 MEETINGS

Mon 8 March 2021 – 7pm via Zoom

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

Mrs A Burke
Clerk to Charlcombe Parish Council

Signed..... (Chairman)
Date.....