

CHARLESWORTH PARISH COUNCIL
Council Meeting Minutes (Approved)
 16th September 2020 Remotely via Zoom
 Commenced at 7.00pm & terminated at pm

Present: Clerk: C Lewkowicz, Councillors: C Swindells (Chair), P Cooper, E Saidu (Vice Chair), M Gill, A Woodall, D Cooper, J Haken

In attendance: Cllrs Jean & George Wharmby, 4 Members of the public

Minute no	Matters Discussed	Action
251/20	Absence - Garry Robinson - Anne Worrall	Noted
252/20	Declaration of Members Interest - None	None
253/20	<p>Public Speaking</p> <p>Dorothy Philips</p> <p>My name is Dorothy Phillips and as Chair of the Governing Body of Charlesworth Voluntary Controlled Primary School, I would like to bring to your attention two issues which affect both the school and the residents of Charlesworth.</p> <p>Firstly, I should like to raise again the subject of the land on Town Lane about which I have written to you earlier in the year and update you on the current situation. As you will be aware, the recent Covid -19 pandemic has greatly affected the way that schools are allowed to operate and children are now required to be taught in separate ‘social bubbles’ and those ‘bubbles’ are not able to mix. This has meant that, due to such social distancing, over 30 children and their parents or carers now have to use the Main Entrance to the Junior School twice a day to enter and leave the school at the beginning and end of the school day. This entrance can only be accessed across the land in front of the school on Town Lane. The surface of this piece of land has been in a state of significant disrepair for a number of years and with all the rain this summer has again deteriorated with some extremely large and deep potholes. The school has asked parents not to park on the land for their own and children’s safety. However, as this land is registered as Common Land number 75, local residents do park on this land daily. The land is also traversed daily by local residents and visitors to the area to view the well and gain access to and from Back Lane. I would urge you to please consider urgently taking responsibility for this land as I understand you are allowed to do and as you have done for the adjacent Pinfold and re-surface it before the winter icy weather and dark nights make the land even more difficult and dangerous to traverse, as it is already a real health, safety and safeguarding issue.</p> <p>Secondly, I need to make you aware of recent changes to the field on Long Lane that lies adjacent to the Infant school. This piece of land was transferred in 1949, by Act of Parliament, to the Diocese of Derby’s Education Council. It had previously been established, in Trust, by the Duke of Norfolk and Lord Howard in 1848. Ownership of the school buildings was also transferred to the Diocese of Derby Education Council under the same Act of Parliament in 1949. The school possesses documents supporting the ownership of the buildings and land. The school building and adjacent land are now leased long term by Derbyshire County Council from the Diocese, for use by the Infant section of Charlesworth Primary school. For some years, the Governing Body has been trying to build up enough resources to extend the security fencing around the field in order to safeguard the children. As you will be aware, intrinsic in all legislation concerning anything that may impinge on the needs of children, is the over-riding need to ensure that the safeguarding of children is paramount and is everybody’s business. With the outbreak of the Covid – 19 pandemic, it became extremely urgent that the field was made totally safe as one of the infant ‘bubbles’ needs to use the field daily for outdoor play and learning. The money available to the Governing Body within its ringfenced Property budget, which is now completely depleted, was matched by Derbyshire County Council in order to enable the fencing to be installed. The fencing is the same as is installed around the boundaries of all school properties but has been made slightly lower than the existing fencing along the boundary of the field and Long Lane, so that it is less visible from the road.</p>	Noted

	<p>You will be aware that members of the public have used the field to access the side gate to St John's Church grounds and secure a safe route to the Marple Road. Although there is no legally designated footpath or public right of way via the field to the Church side gate and people have wandered over whichever part of the field they wished in order to access the said Church gate, in conjunction with the County we have ensured that people are still able to access that gate by placing the fencing away from the boundary walls so that there is now a pedestrian walkway along the lower and back boundary walls to the Church side gate. However, due to the sloping lie of the land, the land at the bottom of the field and particularly by the gate leading from the field onto Long Lane, does become somewhat muddy every time there is heavy rain. I bring this to your attention as you may wish to support the residents of the Parish by discussing how the part of the field which can continue to be accessed by pedestrians, may be surfaced to make it easier and safer for residents to traverse.</p> <p>Imran Kassim</p> <p>Following the successful cooperation with the School in creating a public route across the Infant School field, would the Parish Council continue to actively explore, support and facilitate the creation of further pedestrian routes around the village to create safer and more direct journeys for people travelling on foot?</p> <p>For example:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. A safer route between the Infant and Junior Schools that avoids the very narrow section of pavement on Long Lane by the pub - One option would be to create a dedicated route that links the crossing at the cenotaph with the crossing opposite the Infant School entrance. The new safer route could cross the pub carpark and via steps go through the memorial garden, keeping away from traffic and creating a much more pleasant experience for those on foot and a safer route for those with children. 2. A safe (and relatively direct) way to walk from Charlesworth to Simmondley, avoiding High Lane - One option would be to reinstate the steps from the bridge at St Margaret's down to the bridleway at Gamesley Woods. <p>Such initiatives would require the Parish Council to lobby and cooperate with other local government bodies as well as work with the owners of the various sections of land in question. However, with the right approach they would result in excellent outcomes for local people at relatively little cost. Encourage walking as a mode of transport, with the associated health benefits and also a better sense of connection between important sites within the village and neighbouring communities.</p> <p>Ms Pat Thomas</p> <p>Would like to thank all involved with the creation of the new path around the field. However, there is an issue with the latch on the current gate at the Long Lane end. It can be tricky to open at times so would like to ensure this is resolved quickly for the benefit of those using the path.</p> <p>Cllr George Wharmby</p> <p>Chapel Brow – DCC Highways have now agreed to make Chapel Brow one way on to Monks Rd. The timescale is TBC.</p> <p>Road Safety measures are to be put in place on Monks Lane near Top Chapel to ensure the Parishioners safety getting from the car park to the Chapel. This will include rumble strips and warning signs to say, "Pedestrians in the road".</p> <p>Footpath 98 – the signage is not in the correct place, however Cllr G Wharmby will be getting an update this week regarding this matter.</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Noted</p>
254/20	<p>Minutes of the Meeting</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Minutes from 15th July 2020 approved 	Approved
255/20	<p>Items in Exclusion</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - None 	None
256/20 257/20	<p>Chairman's Announcements</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Due to the current Covid restrictions, Parish Council meetings will remain via Zoom until the New Year at the earliest. The Parish Council are also suggesting an alternative venue to the School as the room is small and would need to be thoroughly cleaned before and after each meeting. A Councillor has approached the Cricket Club who would be happy for us to use the venue as and when we can hold live meetings. - The Parish Council Resolved that the Zoom subscription should be switched from monthly to annual as this will save costs. 	Clerk

258/20	<p>Highways & Footpaths</p> <p>Upgrade to footpath 98 to become a bridleway. DDC plan to consider upgrading footpath 98 Woodseats Lane to Warhurst Bridge to be a bridleway route. No objections to creating this safer route.</p> <p>Upgrade to footpath 115 and steps at Gamesley Bridge. Simon Spencer, Deputy Leader and Cabinet Member for Highways, Transport & Infrastructures wrote and said " I have asked officers concerned to have a closer look at the practicalities of these suggestions and provide further comment about whether they are projects which we will be able to pursue". Email dated 8th September 2020. George Wharmby has been asked to assist.</p>																																																	
259/20	<p>Gardening & Maintenance</p> <p>The maintenance on the benches around the Parish is taking place and should be completed within the next few weeks.</p> <p>Parish Council need to inform the contracted Gardener that there is an issue with Badgers digging up the ground on Brenda Tetlow Gardens. This is a result of food been thrown on to the garden.</p> <p>Councillors have noted that the shredded trees from the George & Dragon development have been dumped on to the Brenda Tetlow Garden.</p>	Clerk																																																
260/20 261/20	<p>Finance</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Cash Flow Document - Statement of Accounts/Bank Reconciliation <p>Accounts for Payment – July/Aug/Sept 2020</p> <table border="1" data-bbox="261 871 1362 1202"> <tr> <td>31/07/2020</td> <td>26/2020</td> <td>Earthworm</td> <td>Gardening - July 2020</td> <td>£240.00</td> <td>300337</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16/09/2020</td> <td>27/2020</td> <td>Ladywell Acc</td> <td>PAYE</td> <td>£60.00</td> <td>300338</td> </tr> <tr> <td>30/09/2020</td> <td>28/2020</td> <td>Carol Lewkowicz</td> <td>Clerk Salary - September</td> <td>£486.98</td> <td>300339</td> </tr> <tr> <td>30/09/2020</td> <td>29/2020</td> <td>Zoom</td> <td>August</td> <td>£14.39</td> <td>300339</td> </tr> <tr> <td>16/09/2020</td> <td>30/2020</td> <td>Earthworm</td> <td>Gardening - August 2020</td> <td>£240.00</td> <td>300340</td> </tr> <tr> <td>30/09/2020</td> <td>31/2020</td> <td>Flower Power</td> <td>Flowers Chairman's fund</td> <td>£25.00</td> <td>300339</td> </tr> <tr> <td>30/09/2020</td> <td>32/2020</td> <td>Zoom</td> <td>September</td> <td>£14.39</td> <td>300339</td> </tr> <tr> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td></td> <td>£1,080.76</td> <td></td> </tr> </table> <p>Budget Update – the Clerk gave an update on where the Parish spending sits against budget year to date.</p> <p>There has been a National Salary Award of 2.75% for Clerks which equates to a 34p per hr increase. Online banking with Unity Trust Bank is currently in the process of being set up.</p> <p>A Councillor asked if we could speak to the current banking service about the charges, as they believe the Parish should not be paying charges for the account.</p>	31/07/2020	26/2020	Earthworm	Gardening - July 2020	£240.00	300337	16/09/2020	27/2020	Ladywell Acc	PAYE	£60.00	300338	30/09/2020	28/2020	Carol Lewkowicz	Clerk Salary - September	£486.98	300339	30/09/2020	29/2020	Zoom	August	£14.39	300339	16/09/2020	30/2020	Earthworm	Gardening - August 2020	£240.00	300340	30/09/2020	31/2020	Flower Power	Flowers Chairman's fund	£25.00	300339	30/09/2020	32/2020	Zoom	September	£14.39	300339					£1,080.76		<p>Noted & Approved</p> <p>Approved</p> <p>Noted</p> <p>Clerk</p>
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262/20 263/20	<p>Report from the Clerk</p> <p>The Action Plan and Ongoing Matters document has now been set up and will be distributed to the Councillors once a month with the Agenda. Please let the Clerk know if you want any updates included.</p> <p>Mr Rod Bowker who wishes to place a memorial Bench on the Village Green would like us to confirm the materials for the bench. We are proposing one made of recycled plastic, so will send the information to Mr Bowker for approval.</p> <p>It is still unsure if the normal Remembrance Sunday commemorations will be going ahead in the village this year. The road closure has been agreed just in case.</p> <p>The Councillors would like to ask the Parishioners what they would like to see the recently adopted Phone Box on Marple Rd. Messages to be sent out by Social Media, Local Media & Notices around the Village.</p> <p>Dog Control Orders are now moving to Public Spaces protection orders – Information previously circulated</p> <p>It was Resolved that the Christmas Tree order for 2020 can be placed with HPBC</p> <p>A WhatsApp Group has now been set up for the Councillors who wish to use it.</p>	<p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p> <p>Clerk</p>																																																

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Councillors Agenda Items

Path around the School field – email from ROW circulated with Agenda with a list of requirements. It was agreed that the school would arrange a quote for an interim solution whilst the Parish Council re contact ROW and ask they send a structural engineer to scope out the works they would require. The interim solution will help as the path will become unusable during the Winter if muddy & slippery. It was agreed by Dorothy Philip that the latch can be removed but keep the gate closed. The matter will be discussed again at the October meeting.

Land off Coombes Lane Charlesworth - HOC/2020/0052 is being used as a builder's yard. This has been reported to HPBC Environmental Services.

The Common land outside Town Lane School was discussed earlier in the meeting and is also part of the Working Party Land Review

An update was given on the Working Party Land Review

1. AW is collating the land documents. These will then need to be scanned in and saved down accordingly.

2. PC explored the possibility of getting ad hoc legal advice from Derbyshire County Council on the land issues to limit our costs. They have however confirmed by email that they are unable to offer any advice or assistance in relation to the land held by the Parish Council. They have said that we need to seek independent legal advice.

3. CL is going to circulate a request for assistance from DALC in respect of

a. the process of setting up a Common Land Committee (if appropriate)

b. any liability that may arise (this may require legal advice to confirm the position)

4. If any legal advice is required it was agreed that it would be best to obtain several estimates (3 or 4) from solicitors who specialise in the land issues. ES and CL have some contacts.

In a previous meeting it was Resolved to have a memorial plaque celebrating the contribution of Ken Dibble to the Village. The Council would like recognise Kens contribution, however the quotes have now been received and the cost of the plaque is prohibitive.

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The Council **Resolved** that it would contribute up to £100 if a memorial were appropriate for a Parishioner in the future.

It was suggested we make one of the gardens a "Memorial Garden" where trees and shrubs could be planted in people's memory.

The Parish Council wanted mention the sad passing of Chris Harbut. Chris was an active member of the Parish Council, therefore the Council wanted to acknowledge his hard work, dedication and contribution to the Parish over the years. A letter of condolence has been sent to the family.

An update was given on Peak Park Parishes Forum and DALC meetings by a member of the Council who attends their committee meetings.

DALC have noted that East Midlands are looking at changing the Unitary Boundaries but not in the near future.

There was a tree down near the bridge to Broadbottom from Woodseats Lane, however this has now been resolved.

The swing seats have now been reinstated back on the Village Green playground.

There has been an issue with the gate to cricket club. A member of the Council will investigate and report back.

It has been suggested we have a list on our notice board and website with the full contact details of the farmers and their sheep markings. A member of the Council has agreed to contact the farmers in the area to see if they are happy for us to do this. Getting agreement to share their contact details in line with GDPR.

ClIr Wharmby will be following up on the "dog poo" signs for Simmondley Trail proposed at the last meeting. ClIr Wharmby has some laminated signs and a member of the Council has offered to put them up in the interim.

The Councillors details on the notice board need to be updated.

The order from the Woodland Trust has been cancelled this year as it would be difficult to deal with the number of saplings to be planted under the current restrictions.

The Trees have now been sourced for the Community Orchard on the Village Green. They have been ordered and will be arriving in Oct / Nov. The Parish has chosen a variety of fruit trees including

	Apples, Pears, Damsons & Plums. The Council would like to thank Cllr Woodall for the hard work in bringing this project to conclusion.	
266/20	<p>Planning</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - https://www.highpeak.gov.uk/article/312/Search-and-track-planning-applications - HPK/2020/0288 – Bankswood Cottage, Charlesworth - HPK/2020/0276 - 32 Glossop Road, Charlesworth, Single Storey Side Extension - NP/HPK/0620/0571 - Stanley Farm, Chunal Use of property as independent dwelling - HPK/2020/0351 - Charlesworth Independent Chapel, Listed Building Consent for a proposed installation of heating system, boiler and LPS tank - 	No Comments/ Objections
267/20	<p>Derbyshire Association of Local Councils (DALC)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Newsletter – August 	Received
268/20	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Rural Funding Digest https://mailchi.mp/rsnonline/rsn-rural-funding-digest-january-2019?e=c81f31c431 • Action Grants Scheme https://www.derbyshire.gov.uk/community/lottery-funding/action-grants/action-grants-programme/action-grants-programme.aspx • Rural Crime survey - www.derbyshire-pcc.gov.uk/RuralCrimeSurvey • Robert Lagen - https://members.parliament.uk/member/4852/contact 	Received
	<p>Next Meeting</p> <p>To be held on Wednesday 21st October 2020 – Via Zoom</p> <p>Please note agenda items will be required by Wednesday 14th October 2020</p>	