

Minutes

Tuesday 9th January 2019

7.30pm

Top Room Parish Hall

1.	Apologies: Borough Cllr C Bell, Cllrs T Reed, M Weekes, B Levermore In attendance: Chair J Leyland, Vice Chairs C Bain-Smith; S Crawley: Cllrs A Gudge; S Hawkins; D Bennett; S South; N Blunt; H Billot
2.	Declaration of Interest. None
3.	Ten minute public discussion and question time. No one present
4.	Six minute Borough Councillor question time: No one present
5.	Presentation re Char1 ABC Properties gave a presentation. They aim to build a portfolio of about 400-500 private rented properties, partly in order to fund money back to ABC. Char 1 houses will, however not be rented but sold in order to help build the rental portfolio. Given the need for smaller houses in Charing, and also in order to build something in character with the village, they are proposing 10 x 2 Bed Flats; 11 x 2 Bed Houses; 30 x 3 Bed Houses; 9 x 4 Bed Houses rather than the proposals in the outline application. Designs were shown as to how they envisaged the houses looking. There was general agreement that the style looked appropriate. Amendments were suggested to the mix so that it included some three bed flats that were fully accessible and also some one bed units. Councillors also asked for indicative prices.
6.	Planning Applications:
6.1	18/01808/AS Millgarth, The Hill Charing : Demolition of existing dwelling and erection of two dwellings for Mr P Kang (NB) (unanimous refusal)
6.2	18/01779/AS Yew Tree Park Homes Maidstone Road Charing: Variation of condition 6 on planning permission 17/00505/AS to read: "Prior to any Park Homes being put on this site and connected to services, the package treatment plant is to have been provided on the site to serve the site, details of which shall be submitted to and approved in writing by the Council. The approved sewerage system shall thereafter be retained and maintained in perpetuity" for Mr M White (BL) (unanimous) (recommend Support)
6.3	18/01534/AS Hope Haven,28 High Street, Charing: Bricking up of back door; replacement of three casement windows for Mrs Pickford (CBS) (LBC) (unanimous) (recommend Support)
7	Planning Decisions:
8.	Matters arising:
8.1	Report from Hall Committee: Nothing to Report
8.2	Report from Cemetery: Incident reported relating to Memorial Grave stones, noted that the policy needs to be looked at and new policies and regulations to be updated. A Gudge reported that a small area of the cemetery has now been separated to accommodate Urns that people may wish to be buried there.
8.3	Report from Communications Committee: No Updates
8.4	Report from Highways & Footpaths Committee: Traffic Survey strips are now out in Charing Heath – updates will follow
8.5	Report from Open Spaces Committee: Nothing to Report
8.6	Village Confines: Public consultation to take place over the next 4 weeks
8.7	CCTV Progress: S South met with ABC regarding CCTV, They advised that CCTV should be sited where people come into and exit a Village.Also a proposal needs to be put in place with a reason as to why CCTV is needed in Charing and Charing Heath.
8.8	Monitoring/Liaison for future development: Put Forward to 12/2/2019
8.9	Neighbourhood Plan: The NP is now with the NP Consultants so that she can review all of the policies before a formal "Reg. 14" report is done
9.	Finance
9.1	Approval of Budget. S Crawley reported that if the CPC increased the precept by 22% overall it would cover the costs of CCTV.A large majority of parishioners have indicated they would be prepared to see an

increase in their Council Tax to facilitate this. S Crawley explained that it would be a one off increase not leading to a permanent increase of the same amount. She also explained that it works out to be a one off amount of between £8.30 - £12.15 per household depending on Council Tax Banding for the year. Councillors in favour put forward that CPC increase this by a further 3% to make 25% which would cover costs for CCTV and other issues. (unanimous agreement 25%)

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The following accounts are submitted for approval:

Dec	6210	RFO Report	
11-Dec	Payee Name	Details	Amount Paid
DD	Ashford Borough Council	Rates toilets	£59.00
DD	Ashford Borough Council	Rates cemetery	£61.00
6211	K Giles	Plants Bedding/ Tubs	162.00
6212	Kelvin Clark Ltd	Refreshments for meetings	44.48
Transfer	Unity Trust Bank	Monthly Transfer	10.000.00
DD	Initial	Monthly service	7.90
DD	Sage	Payroll December	7.20
Card	Mulberrys	Meeting KALC	63.40
Jan			
Card	BT	Clerks Telephone	£208.91
DD	SSE	Parish Hall 1 st Oct/ 1/12/18	£411.24
DD	SSE	Public Conveniences	£43.95
Card	SLCC	Membership	£236.00
DD	Sage	Payroll Jan 2019	£7.20
DD	Business Stream	10/10-19/12 Water Public Toilets	£54.06
		Nat West Bank	£11,336,34
		Unity Trust Bank	
21/12/2018	Cards Collective	Office Supplies	£174.90
21/12/2018	Triple 9 Services	Maintenance	£100.00
21/12/2018	Countrywide	Grass Cutting (December)	£1,190.00
21/12/2018	Henwood Signs	Lectern (payment to be received)	£774.86
21/12/2018	CJA Consulting	RFO Printer set up	£67.50
21/12/2018	PHS	Supplies	£1139.37
	Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges 3 months	£18.00
January			
Countrywide	Westwell Leacon	Hedge cutting	£954.00
		UTBank Transfers	£3,418,63
		Staff Costs	
Nat West	Payee/NIC	Dec	£802.45
577/9X	Nest Pension	Dec	£150.79
21/11/2018	Bank Transfer	Staff Costs Nov	£3301,60
			£4,254,84
	Income	Nat West	
Date	Received from	Details	
Dec	Hire of Hall	Hall	£139.60
15/12/2018	HMRC	VAT refund (Nov)	£2,940,55
Dec	Bretts	Newsletter	£750.00
Jan	Stuart Donaldson	Lectern (Payment Received)	£945.00

	Total Income	NAT WEST	£4,994,75
	Income	UTBank	
Date	Received from	Details	
15/12/2018	Nat West Current Bank A/c	Monthly transfer	10,000.00
	Total Income	UTB	10,000.00

9.	Minutes of previous meeting: These were agreed and signed
10.	Correspondence:
10.1	Mrs Greenway re memorial.
10.2	Alan Witt re Neighbourhood Watch. It was agreed that this should be discussed at a future meeting.
11.	Information:
11.1	S South - Has no had no photos from the History Society, will follow up next meeting
11.2	A Gudge - Would like to remove the wreaths from the memorial as they now are looking very weathered
11.3	S Hawkins – Would like to see the Charing sign renovated, will follow up next meeting
11.4	J Leyland – Oak Update Jill will be meeting with the Oak Focus Group and will follow up next meeting. S106 – Land south of the Swan (Gladman) want to put in their own playground. It was agreed that a letter (to be widely disseminated) should be sent to ABC outlining how much housing Charing was taking, how there was no provision in ABC’s Local Plan for additional facilities or employment opportunities that would be needed as a result and suggesting that ABC should actively help to provide these.
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 9.15pm
	Signed