

MINUTES

THE CHARING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING WAS BE HELD ON TUESDAY 8th DECEMBER 2020 AT 4PM VIA CISCO WEBEX VIDEO CONFERENCING. Meetings are currently being held virtually via Cisco Webex Video Conference. The Communications Chairman will record a video of this meeting.

Dawne Austen
Parish Clerk

1.	To receive and accept apologies for absence. No apologies
2.	In attendance. Chair J Leyland; vice chairs C Bain- Smith & A Gudge; Cllrs S Easun S Hawkins; D Bennett; C Prinn; J Gilliver; J Strike; J Watson; T Reed; T Haywood The RFO & clerk
3.	Co Option of J Watson: The appropriate forms were signed for the co-option of Cllr J Watson.
4.	To receive any declarations of interest from Members. Members are invited to declare disclosable pecuniary interests and other interests in items on the agenda as required by Charing Parish Council Code of Conduct for Members and by the localism Act 2011.
5.	Public Participation Session This provides an opportunity for members of the public to raise questions about and comment on items on the agenda. Time for this session is limited to 10 minutes (divided by the amount of participants) no members of the public present.
6.	Matters arising:
6.1	Memorial Bench for Ralph Blake (update) KCC have agreed that the bench can be placed on the Pilgrims Way in memory of Ralph.
6.2	Toc H Shed (update) The replacement shed is being ordered with an installation date of 1 st week in March.
6.3	Highways Improvement Plan (update) Cllr Leyland updated councillors on the Improvement plan. Things were taken from things that had been brought up in the NP. Cllr Leyland in particular thanked Nick Austen, Colin Burns & Sue Lowen for their continued help. Additional issues the group are looking at are speeding lorries in Pluckley Rd , High Street and village centre, speed repeater signs and the crossroads. KCC are also looking at the crossroads.
7.	Finance.
7.1	Draft budget /precept 2021/2022: The precept was agreed at £155,371.00 by full council. This is an increase of 30%. The reasons for the increase are due to continual upward pressure on costs, covid19, the tax base notified from ABC is less, income from the government has reduced. The increase is required to keep service standards at the same level . A full explanation will be given in the next newsletter.
7.2	The following accounts were approved:

8th Dec	Payee Name	Details	Amount Paid
DD	Ashford Borough Council	Rates Payment Cemetery	£61.00
DD	Ashford Borough	Rates Payments Toilets	£67.00

	Council		
DD	Sage	Payroll DEC	£8.40
DD	Peninsula	Staff legal DEC	£114.59
Card	Microsoft (JPW)	New licence 11-11-2020 to 10-11-2021	£79.99
Card	Curry's	1 Laptop (JPW) 2 Mouse (JS& TH)	£494.98
15/10/2020	Parish Council	Transfer to Unity Trust NOV	£7,000.00
15/10/2020	Parish Council	Transfer to Unity Trust Saving Account NOV	£3,000.00
Card snow	Chaoanquhaoshengli Ltd	Sweeper/pathway/snow	£805.57
		Nat West Bank	£11,631.53
	Payments	Unity Trust Bank	
582901183	Phs	Supplies	£45.16
543330915	Countrywide Grounds	Grass Cutting	£1,140.00
169622393	J.P. Gilliver	Councillors allowance 2020-2021	£15.00
240577730	T Hayward	Councillors allowance 2020-2021	£25.00
159262283	T Reed	Councillors allowance 2020-2021	£25.00
862332939	J Leyland	Chair Person's Allowance 2020-2021	£200.00
249136172	J Strike	Councillors allowance 2020-2021	£25.00
528280928	D Bennett	Councillors allowance 2020-2021	£50.00
565274024	C Prinn	Councillors allowance 2020-2021	£50.00
853826696	S Easun	Councillors allowance 2020-2021	£25.00
436819237	Kalc	Webinar Session DA	£42.00
722927158	Ashford Web Services	Set up & Test new e mails HB/JS/Th	£35.00
374992639	R Jiles	Trees Play area and Clewards	£1,380.00
122739020	Triple 9 Services	Cemetery Maintenance	£30.00
792848417	Goddard Planning	NP Consultancy fee	£1,800.00
304899790	Kevin Giles	Village plants for tubs and maintenance	£140.00
395588401	S Wood	Admin Parson's Mead	£56.00
213518627	Staples	Supplies office	£103.54
361870502	Phs	Supplies open spaces/toilets/hall	£52.08
676406141	Ashford Web Services	Annual Certificate for web site	£50.00
344281963	Staples	Admin Supplies Office	£141.79
909487862	Kalc	Aug/Sept Clerk Conference & Regulation	£120.00
254207239	MC Testing Services	New infra-re heater in Hall/ light public toilets	£275.00
		UT Bank Transfers	£5,825.57

		Staff Costs	
NOV	Payee/NIC Unity Bank	NOV. Wages	1,258.11
NOV	Nest Pension Card	NOV. Wages	230.30
NOV	Bank Transfer Unity Bank	Staff Costs	4,612.33
			6,100.74
NB Back Pay increases to 2 members of staff			
Income		Nat West Bank	
Oct	Bank Interest		£0.75
NOV	HMRC	Oct VAT Refund	£3,253.55
			£3,254.30
Income		UT Bank	
NOV	Nat West	Monthly Transfer	£7,000.00
NOV	Nat West	Saving Account	£3,000.00
			£10,000.00

7.	Planning:
7.1	20/01591/AS 7 Brenchley Mews Charing : Demolition of existing conservatory and erection of new side extension and change to fenestration to side of property (unanimous)(recommend support)
7.2	Planning Decisions:
7.3	20/01446/AS Old School House, 64-66 High Street Charing: Repair and rebuilding of chimney(granted)
8.	Correspondence:
8.1	Garden Village re support: Cllr Prinn is the liaison between the group and the council. As many people as possible need to object to the proposed Garden Village. The parish council will be putting in an objection.
9.	Information:
9.1	There has been an increase in ASB within the parish. Including Station Rd, The Church Yard and Market Place. All incidences have been reported to the police and ABC housing. The issues with County lines have increased in this area with young girls being involved. Longbeech the park residents have been told that the park owners are now not selling the park at this time. Charing Surgery is going to be one of the hubs for the covid vaccines. The parish council have offered the parish hall if required for residents to wait after the vaccine has taken place.
There being no further business the meeting closed at 20.45	