

MINUTES

Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 28th September 2021 at 7.30pm. Top Room Charing Parish Hall Station Road Charing.

Dawne Austen Parish Clerk

1.	Accepted apologies for absence. Cllrs J Strike; RFO
2.	In attendance. Chair C Prinn; vice chairs C Bain-Smith; S Easun Cllrs D Bennett; J Leyland; S
	Hawkins; T Hayward; T Reed; J Watson; &J Gilliver;
3.	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.
4.	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 number of
	participants)
5.	Matters arising:
5.1	Committees:It was proposed and accepted that Cllr Benett would take the place as vice chair
	due to a vacancy arising. All other committes were adjusted . When the vacancies are filled
	committees will be re looked at.

6.	Planning:
6.1	21/01642/AS Dencher Wood, Pilgrims Way, Westwell: Prior notification foe an agricultural
	building for storage of forestry machinery(unanimous)(recommend support)
6.2	21/01666/AS Yeavering Bell, Pluckley Road Charing: Erection of a sin gle storey flat roof rear
	extension with a balcony deck at first floor level: single storey side extension, associated hard and
	soft landscaping:changes to external materials . (Revision to 21/00411/AS (unanimous)
	(recommend support)
6.3	21/01499/AS Bourkes Place Egerton Road Charing: Continued siting of caravanand shipping
	container for a period of two years(retrospective)(unanimous) (recommend refusal)
7.	Correspondence:
7.1	Cemetery Memorial re the Irish Yew in Cemetery(decision required) A indepth discussion took
	place again regarding the Irish Yew. The family member who has been in contact with the clerk
	emails have been circulated to councillors . The clerk has been trying to set up a meeting with
	family members but this is proving difficult due to the family not being able to attend meetings
	due to work commitments. The council have offered meetings on a Turesday when council
	meetings take place, the first offer was the meeting on the 28 th September. The clerk was
	informed that they could not attend on any Tuesday, the clerk offered Saturday morning but the
	time was not suitable and virtual meetings were also offered but declined. The clerk explained
	that the clerk and councilors had annual leave and could not attend any meetings in

	October.After a long and in depth discussion it was unanimously agreed that the Chairman
	would write to Mr Watson to say that the councils decision had not changed and on the
	information received from the Arborist and Memorial Mason the council could not see that
	holding a meeting would change their decisionon reducing the height of the Irish Yew. Rherefore
	the matter was considered closed.
8.	Information:
8.1	Cllr Reed suggested obtaining a dongle for WIFI
8.2	Cllrs Leyland & Gilliver attended the meeting at Lenham Community Hall regarding the new
	Garden Village proposals. Cllr Gilliver will circulate his notes on the meeting.
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm