

Chair's update,

During the last few months we have co-opted new councillors and I wish to welcome Carrie Allen, Steve Woodbridge and Luke Kerbey

Planning issues still seem to be the main topic that repeatedly raises its head and although we may be successful in thwarting some unnecessary developments there are still some that ABC approve despite the PC being against the proposed planning application.

Planning enforcement continues to be a hot topic between the PC and ABC planning enforcement, as the lack of perceived action within the parish is highlighted by the absence of any feedback or enforcement.

Development next to Orbit has been approved and in the main all the recommendations that the PC put forward are going to be implemented. This was achieved by Susan Eason & Tylden Reed constantly communicating with the developer who has been extremely helpful in streamlining the proposal to meet our requirements.

The neighbour plan consultation period has now ended, and will go to the inspector early September 2022.

The Shepherd & Neame proposal for the houses at the rear of the Red Lion has been tied into the neighbourhood plan and will only go ahead once the plan has been adopted.

The PC stand at the recent fete, which was run by Julia Strike managed to raise more than £70 that has been donated to the church by the sale of donated books that were parcelled up into mystery categories and were only revealed once unwrapped.

Just a quick word of thanks to our staff, to Peter, Joe and Christine who keep our roads, village hall and toilets clean for the residents. Not forgetting Jo Munro who keeps us on track as the finance officer and Dawne Austen our clerk, who does a brilliant job, which at times seem to be very trying circumstances, thank you all. **Chris**

The Council

Due to the resignation of Cllr John Gilliver we have a vacancy. This will be filled by the Co-option process.

The vacancy is for a councillor for the Charing Ward. Any residents in Charing who are interested in applying for the position please contact the Clerk (Dawne Austen) for more details

cpclerk@charingkent.org 01233713599

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Boot Fair

Charing Parish Council held a fund raising boot fair on Clewards Meadow on the 7th August and I am pleased to say that the event was a huge success. It was a beautiful day, and very well supported by locals, and visitors to the village alike. More importantly, we raised £540 to go towards the Charing Christmas Lights fund!! **Julia**

An event for your diary



“For the Bees”

An area within the cemetery has been created (Wild Meadow) to encourage wild life, especially Bees, butterfly's and other pollinators.

Although slow progress this year due to the dry weather we already have flora like Common Borage, Corn Poppy, Salad Burnett that have established and are already covered in bees all day long.

Going forward. wild meadow grasses will be sown along with more wild flower seeds to improve the area. Watch this space for future developments and pictures.

Notified long term road works

Temporary 30mph Speed Limit A20 Ashford Road, Charing 12th September 2022

To allow gas mains replacement works to be carried out, Kent County Council has made an Order for traffic on part of A20 Ashford Road, Charing to be restricted to 30mph, between Charing Crematorium and Station Road, to the extent indicated by signs on site.

The speed restriction is planned on or after 12th September 2022 until 2nd December 2022, or until the works have been completed.

The restriction is required for the safety of the public and workforce while gas mains replacement works are undertaken by SGN.

The Kent County Council Highways Helpline phone number is: 03000 418181.

For the most up to date information on these works please visit: <https://one.network/?tm=130453998>

For information regarding this restriction please contact SGN, who will be able to assist with the scope of these works.

Westwell Wines (on our doorstep)

Westwell Wines would love to welcome you all to the vineyard - you can now pop in to our cellar door shop for a glass of wine and a charcuterie or cheese plate anytime between Thursday, Friday, Saturday 11-5pm. We also offer tours and tastings on Friday and Saturday hourly from 12-4pm and you can drop in or book ahead online. We hope to see you soon!

Galia, Adrian and the gang.

www.westwellwines.com



CCTV Update



At the time of going to press the status of the CCTV for Charing Village is as Follows:-

We have been waiting for the Church of England Diocese of Canterbury to agree to the positioning of the CCTV aerial onto St Peter and St Paul’s Flag-pole. From our initial approach to the diocese in February 2020 for the said permission, as of July 11, 2022, a decision regarding the placement of the Aerial had not been received. Should the diocese agree to the Aerial, it would be another 28 days before contracts could be finalised.

Our latest quotes from “Capita” dated 29 July 2022 £43,308.47 with an expiry date of 30 days from the date of the quote. October 7, 2021, quote was for £30,557.16 giving additional cost of £12,751.31, £11,420.76 difference for the change of cameras from Dahua to Hanwha following our government’s concerns regarding the security aspects of Dahua’s equipment, the remaining difference due to labour costs.

Charing Parish Council are very aware of the resident’s concerns over what has been such a long delay, please be assured the council is making every effect to bring this matter to an early and satisfactory conclusion. **Jo**

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Stop Press: Good News 10th of August 2022 we have heard the notice agreeing to the aerial ,should be on public display within the next five days allowing 28 days for any objections.

Vandalism / Anti Social behaviour

The village along with many other villages in Kent has seen an increase in vandalism and “Anti social behaviour.” Damage has occurred in various areas within Charing & Charing Heath. Residents houses, gardens and cars have also been targeted. Specifically, graffiti in the Mens toilets on the freshly painted doors, as well as the electric heaters being stolen, leaving bare live wires in a dangerous condition. Plants being removed from the newly planted area at the Railway Station.

The Parish Council ask that all incidents, regardless of how minor are reported on 101 to the police, or report on www.kent.police.uk. Reporting online can be done within 10 minutes.

The more incidents that are reported the more police presence we get within the parish. If residents are not reporting then we are seen as a village with minor issues and our PCSO spends more time in other parishes. **Dawne.**

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Cemetery

The Parish Council would like to remind people that a separate area within the Cemetery for the specific interment of ashes is available.

Plots cannot be pre purchased but are available on request from the clerk at cpclerk@charingkent.org or Tel 01233 713599 for further information.

Whats on in the Parish Hall

Monday	Zumba	1900-2000hrs	Contact Becki	becki@dancevisions.co.uk
Tuesday	Pilates	1800-1900hrs	Contact Lesley	Tel: 07815961043
	Badminton	1930-2130hrs	Contact Simon	silong79@hotmail.com
Wednesday	Ballroom*	1900-2000hrs	Contact Rory	rorycostain@icloud.com
	Ballroom*	2000-2100hrs		Tel: 07798728955
	Whist drive#	1930-2130hrs	Contact Sandie	sandiewhoosh@hotmail.com
Thursday	Pilates	1745-1845hrs	Contact Keighley	Tel: 07765221374
	Yoga*	1900-2000hrs	Contact Keighley	
	History#	1930-2130hrs	Contact:	chairman@charinghistory.co.uk
Friday	Yoga	0930-1030hrs	Contact Keighley	
	Pilates	1045-1145hrs	Contact Keighley	

* 3 times a month

Once a month

The Village Hall is for hire for all occasions. Please contact the Clerk (Dawne Austen) for more information.

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Charing Parish Newsletter

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