

MINUTES

Charing Parish Council Meeting
held on Tuesday 23rd May 2023
at 7.30pm. Top Room Charing Parish Hall.

Dawne Austen
Parish Clerk

1.	Apologies for absence. none
2.	In attendance: Chair Cllr C Prinn; vice chairs Cllrs C Bain-Smith; D Bennett; S Easun Cllrs J Strike; D Gudge; T Hayward; L Kerbey; C Allen ;S Woodbridge; J White; T Reed; The RFO & Clerk.
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. none
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) 2 members of the public present re item 8.1
5.	Minutes of previous meeting: These were agreed and signed.
	Matters Arising:
6.1	CCTV: KCC highways have refused permission on 5 of the lampposts that the council had applied to have cameras installed .The council are obtaining quotes for additional poles to be placed next to the lighting columns and for installation costs and making good the footways . It is hoped that the ariel,server and three cameras can be installed within the next couple of months.
6.2	Election of committee Chairs, members and representatives : These were elected .
6.3	Re surfacing of play areas (safety) It was agreed to go ahead with the quote, on reflection the clerk has advised the finance committee that another site meeting is being held with another company. Also seeing that the ROSPA inspection is due at the beginning of July we will wait the outcome of the report before a final decision is made on the work to be carried out.

8.	Planning:
8.1	PA/2023/0004 Wilks Farmhouse ,Lenham Heath Road Lenham Heath: Natural swimming pond in rear of garden. Timber shed to side of house(unanimous)(recommend refusal)
8.2	PA/2023/0827 48 High Street, Charing: Proposed sealing and painting black of the decommissioned Post box. The owner wishes the decommissioned Post Box be painted black and sealed in line with the Royal Mail and Historic England Policy Statement(11 for 1 abstention)(recommend support)
8.3	PA/2023/0772 44 Station Road, Charing: Vehicular crossover and associated hardstanding to create a single-vehicle parking space at the front of the property.(unanimous)(recommend refusal)
8.4	PA/2023/0771 44 Station Road Charing: Demolish front porch, proposed construction of single - storey extension (unanimous)(recommend refusal)
8.5	PA/2023/3123 Heath Farm, Egerton Road , Lenham Heath Road, Charing Heath: Erection of a new dwelling 3 bedroom house (unanimous)(recommend refusal)

9.	Correspondence
9.1	Mrs Morley re Westwell Leacon: Letter circulated to all councillors for information .
9.2	Mrs Beck: Letter received re the decommissioning of the post box.
10.	Information:
10.1	Charing Christmas Lights money has been received £130 from Eurovision evening & £630 from the lazy boot fair.
10.2	The history Society are looking at carrying out a 2 nd digitized minute book for the council . The clerk will contact County Archives to see what they holds for us.
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 21.05.