

MINUTES

**Minutes of Charing Parish Council Meeting
held on Tuesday 12th December 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 D Bennett & C Bain-Smith; Cllrs D Gudge; J Strike;T Hayward; C Allen; S Woodbridge;J White; T Reed The clerk & RFO.
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) no one in attendance.
5.	Matters arising :
5.1	Land south of the Swan update:Members of the steering committee met with representatives of Orbit regarding final concerns on the application after lengthy discussions Orbit agreed to go back and re look at our concerns and then send amended plans back .
5.2	Data Protection:The clerk reminded all councillors on Data Protection and that council laptops should only be used for council work. All councilors re signed the Terms and Conditions of IT supply devices forms.
6.	Approval of Finance:
6.1	Budget 2024/25:The budget/ precept was set at 12.5% for 2024/25 totalling the amount applied for to ABC as £203.721.

7.	Planning:
7.1	PA/2023/2080 Westwood Drive,The Glade ,Stalisfield Road Charing: Single -storey annexe for ancillaryuse to the main building(7 against 2 abstentions 1 for) (recommend refusal as the application doesn't comply with ABC local plan policies, or HOU5 of the Neighbourhood Plan)
7.2	PA/2023/2118 The Old House , Station Road. Charing: Single storey orangery to rear elevation (unanimous)(recommend refusal)
7.3	PA/2023/2141 Meadow Rise , Tile Lodge Cottages Charing Heath: Conversion of double & single garage to annexe and change to roof (unanimous)(recommend support)
7.4	PA/2023/2236 Land at junction of Hart. Hill and Maidstone Road Charing: Proposed change of use of. Agricultural land to allow the installation of6no static caravansalong with landscaping and access from existing gateway at Land at Hart Hill (unanimous)(recommend refusal)
8.	Correspondence
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9.	Information:

9.1	It has been reported on concerns regarding ponies in the field off Pluckley Road .
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