

# MINUTES

Charing Parish Council Meeting  
held on Tuesday 11th June 2024  
at 7.30pm. Top Room Charing Parish Hall.

Dawne Austen  
Parish Clerk

1.	<b>Apologies for absence:</b> Cllr D Gudge, Clerk
2.	<b>In Attendance:</b> Chair Cllr C Prinn; vice chairs Cllr C Bain-Smith; Cllr D Bennett; Cllrs J Strike; T Hayward; J White; C Allen; S Woodbridge; T Reed; O Worsfold; M Roderick; the RFO & Clerk. Borough Cllr Yvonne Roden
3.	<b>To receive any declarations of interest from Members.</b> 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. <b>No Declarations</b>
4.	<b>Public Participation Session:</b> 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) <b>Steve Clayton (SC) and Simon Lake (SL) were present to report on the Oak and Land South of the Swan respectively</b>
5.	<b>Minutes of previous meeting:</b> approval deferred to July meeting
6.	<b>Matters Arising:</b> None – as approval of minutes has been deferred until July
7.1	<b>The Oak:</b> SC reported that the community group would not be bidding on the Oak auction, as the car park and manager's flat was not included in the sale. A fairly unpleasant response had been received from D Brar as a result of the Council's letter to C Emson which pointed out the inaccuracies in their auction pack. The Oak Group had responded to this. There was uncertainty as to whether the car park and flat (not included in the sale) would still be treated as an Asset of Community Value after the sale of the pub. The auction was scheduled to finish at 11am (the day after this meeting), and the RFO agreed to get in touch with Grace Connelly (Conservation officer at ABC) ASAP, to try to get her to look at this. At the time of the meeting, there had been no bids on the auction. <i>[The day following the meeting, The Oak was sold at auction for £200,000]</i>
7.2	<b>Land South of the Swan:</b> SL had written to Southern Water to ask for their confirmation that the sewer that is in Poppy Fields/Tatchell Drive etc would be able to cope with the additional sewage that would arise from the new development 'Land South of the Swan' (when he believed that it can't even cope with the present level of sewage). He had received a response from Southern Water but was not happy that it answered his questions. SL and Cllr Prinn were due to attend a meeting with Mark Davis at ABC the following day (12 June) along with Borough Cllr Roden, to try to get them to follow this up.
7.3	<b>Southeast in Bloom:</b> The judging is due to take place on 26 <sup>th</sup> June and it is thought that we have a good chance of winning.
7.4	<b>Westwell Leacon:</b> It was reported that all camping gear etc from the homeless man had now been collected from the clerk.
7.5	<b>Councillors' training dates:</b> KALC are coming along to the hall to give councillors some training. Two sessions have been arranged – 27 <sup>th</sup> August and 22 <sup>nd</sup> October. They will take place at 7pm in the hall and all councillors are required to attend if possible.

8.	<b>Finance:</b> the RFO noted that she is about to be trained on the new accounting system
8.1	The following accounts were approved and signed :

11/06/2024	Payee Name	Details	Amount Paid
		<b>Nat West Bank</b>	
DD	Ashford Borough Council	Rates Cemetery June	£71.00
DD	Sage	Payroll June	£9.60
DD	Peninsula	PR Law firm Staff June	£114.59
Card	Express Cleaning	Toilet Rolls	£110.16
DD	Initial	11-06-2024 to 30-07-2024 Hall	£58.88
DD	HP	Printing service e plan	£18.49
DD	Google	Subscriptions	£15.99
DD	Nat West	Bank transfer to UTD	£23.00
DD	Nat West	Bank Charges	£13.65
DD	Business Stream	Water Services Hall	£85.36
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£520.72</b>
		<b>Unity Trust Bank</b>	
170808647	Triple 9 Service	Maintenance/Cemetery/ROSPA	£923.00
306167681	Kevin Giles	Weed kill/library/cemetery/Village	£570.00
781132759	Electranet	2nd/3 payments CCTV	£14,690.66
998877115	St Peters and ST Paul	Donation bell ringers' replacement Ropes	£250.00
541175403	MC Testing Services	Consumer Electrical unit (public toilets)	£375.00
539194001	Kevin Giles	Barrels and compost for Village	£280.00
614044023	KCC	TRO Cost of Scheme	£3,000.00
9434244.98	Lotus	1300 Newsletters	£448.00
204062749	Viking	Admin office supplies	£32.29
408219967	D Austen	FSF Fencing (Asset) Trousers (Staff)	£322.34
660406547	J White (Timpson)	Keys for hall	£21.50
to pay	Countrywide	Grass cutting June	£1,333.20
to pay	Kevin Giles	Plants/maintenance cemetery plants	£620.00
to pay	Ashford Web Services	Patches and updates	£40.00
to pay	St Peter & St Paul	Donation Flower Festival	£100.00
795226274	Payee Period 1	Computer Error NI/ERS	£515.18
MAY	Staff Costs	PAYE/Pension and bank transfer	£0.00
		<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>£25,321.17</b>

05/06/2024	NO NAT WEST Statements received	Nat West Bank/ Unity Trust Bank	
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		Cemetery	£300
		TOTAL	£300

<b>9.</b>	<b>Planning:</b>
9.1	<b>PA/2024/0934 12 Moat Park Houses, Ashford Road Charing:</b> Proposed two -storey side and rear extension (DG) (unanimous) (recommend support)
9.2	<b>PA/2024/0926 Hillmount, Charing Hill, Charing:</b> Erection of a garage with loft. Space/home office following the demolition of the existing garage. (SW) (unanimous) (recommend support)
9.3	<b>NOT/2024/0965 Murada House, Faversham Road Charing:</b> Prior notification received on 22/5/2024 and expiring on 03/07/2024 for a single storey rear extension with a depth of 7.7m eaves height of 2.55m and overall height of 3.8m (TH) (unanimous) (recommend support)
9.4	<b>PA/2024/0800 Graylands, Charing Hill Charing:</b> Creation of new access and dropped kerb (TR) (unanimous) (recommend support)
<b>10</b>	<b>Information:</b>
10.1	Carrie asked who was supposed to cut the verges – it is KCC (usually)
	Julia reminded everyone that it is the Boot Fair on 14 <sup>th</sup> July and asked David to update the diary on the website with the date – she will give David a copy of the poster
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40pm