

# AGENDA

## MINUTES

**Charing Parish Council Meeting  
was held on  
Tuesday 5<sup>th</sup> November 2024  
at 7.30pm Top Room  
Charing Parish Hall.**

Dawne Austen  
Parish Clerk

1.	<b>Apologies for absence.</b> Cllr J Strike.
2.	<b>In attendance:</b> Chair C Prinn; vice Chairs D Bennett; C Bain-Smith; Cllrs T Hayward; S Woodbridge; O Worsfold; C Allen; J White; D. Gudge; T Reed; The RFO & Clerk.
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.
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)
5.	<b>Minutes of previous meetings:</b> These were agreed and signed.
6.	<b>Matters Arising:</b>
6.1	<b>Call for sites:</b> The council went through the call for sites document in which 2 previous councillors who worked on the previous call for sites put together. It was agreed that a further meeting would take place to go through the sites put forward for our parish. Our comments would be sent to ABC before their meeting in January when they look at the sites. The council will be asking for a meeting with them to explain the needs of the parish and to ensure they are firmly on the agenda.
6.2	<b>CCTV update:</b> Weight testing on the poles for the additional 4 cameras should take place in the next couple of weeks. The connection. Is booked in for the 12 <sup>th</sup> December.
6.3	Emergency Planning Document: Cllr Worsfold has agreed to look into this.
6.4	Remembrance Day: The coffee morning and remembrance service of laying of the wreaths will take place by the parish council and Fire Brigade. All money raised will go to the RBL.
6.5	Communications Committee: We have increased the Newsletter to 8 pages per edition and are also looking at the viability of increasing to 12 pages. The website needs working on.
6,7	Donation The Moat Management: The donation of £500 was agreed.
6.8	Donation Wealden Wheels: The donation of £1000 was agreed.

<b>7.</b>	<b>Finance:</b>
<b>7.1</b>	The following accounts were agreed.

<b>05/11/2024</b>	<b>Payee Name</b>	<b>Details</b>	<b>Amount Paid</b>
	<b>October</b>		<b>Nat West Bank</b>
DD	Ashford Borough Council	Rates Cemetery Oct	£71.00
DD	Ashford Borough Council	Rates Cemetery Nov	£71.00
DD	Sage	Payroll Nov	£12.00
DD	South East Water	Cemetery	£65.01
Card	Cartridge save	Toner	£91.88
DD	Initial	Hall Contract 11-11 to 10-12-2024	£62.74
DD	Business Stream	Water Hall 19-07 to 19-10/2024	£118.97
DD	Nat West	Bank Charges 31/08 to 04/10/2024	£10.57
Card	Waste Management	6 Hippo Skip Bags	£1,613.43
			<b>£2,116.60</b>
		<b>Unity Trust Bank</b>	
980886369	Countrywide	Grass Cutting Oct	£1,333.20
497623539	Ashford Web Service	(G Friend) Patchers/updates	£40.00
700738901	Viking	Stamps & Supplies	£239.45
3780145936	CJA Consulting	Raitas memory backup/Clerks	£40.00
127240878	N Beale	Bins Sept	£303.30
211671701	S Headech	Front of Parish Hall Painted	£890.00
12794175	CCLA	Transfer	£25,000.00
83849777	KALC	Training DA/JM Standards	£126.00
272390846	Air Ambulance Kent/S/S	Donation	£500.00
624395134	Triple 9 Services	Various village Maintenance	£710.00
43177087	Dean Hatcher Scaffolding	For Hall front painting	£540.00
October	Staff Costs	PAYE/Pension and bank transfer	£8,163.34
310756601	Riaitas	Staff Training RFO Audit (don't Panic)	£180.00
824006147	Recorra South East	Aug and Sept a/s Security sacks (20)	£160.20
			<b>£38,065.29</b>
<b>NB</b>	<b>No Bank statements for October 2024</b>		
		<b>Nat West Bank/ Unity Trust Bank</b>	

		VAT Refund September	£965.96
	UTB-CCLA-NW	Bank-CCL Interest	£109.68
£60 Ally Pavvy	Supper Club £125	Christmas Lights	185.00
			<b>£1,260.64</b>

<b>8.</b>	<b>Planning:</b>
<b>8.1</b>	<b>PA/2024/1914 Millgarth, The Hill Charing:</b> Variation of. conditions 3(materials)4 (hard and softy landscaping)6 (Biodiversity Enhancements) and 12 (cycle storage) of. planning permission 21/00171/AS for Variation of. condition 02 of planning. Permission 19/00445/AS to alter after the approved ground level and resulted design to allow minor changes to proposed external materials. (unanimous) (recommend support)
<b>8.2</b>	<b>PA/2024/1955 Pleasant Place, Maidstone Road Charing:</b> First floor rear extension with rooflights (unanimous)(recommend support)
<b>8.3</b>	<b>PA/2024/0809 Newlands Farm, Charing Heath Road Charing: Carport</b> with store, change of use from agricultural to residential and laying of hard surfacing (retrospective) (unanimous) (recommend support)
<b>8.4</b>	<b>PA/2024/1773 Rainbow Chinese. Restaurant And Takeaway, Accommodation, Ashford Road Charing:</b> Change of use of the ground and first. Floor from a restaurant/ residential into a veterinary surgery. Rear single -storey extension and changes to existing fenestration (unanimous)(recommend support)
<b>8.5</b>	<b>PA/2024/1932 32 Downs Way Charing:</b> Lawful development Certificate -Existing-Confirmation of lawful start of planning permission 14/01551/AS (unanimous) (recommend support)
	<b>Planning Decisions:</b>
<b>8.6</b>	<b>PA/2024/1568 Hurst Villa, Hurst Lane, Charing Heath:</b> Proposed two storey residential annexe to include rooflights following the demolition of existing. Barn, following. the removal of x 2 static caravans. (refused)
<b>9.</b>	<b>Information:</b>
<b>9.1</b>	Cllr Bennett informed the council that The Finance committee have met with the ABPF to have discussions regarding the ongoing maintenance costs to the play equipment. The playing field will look into options and get back to the council.
<b>9.2</b>	Further fly tipping has taken place by Newlands Stud.
<b>9.3</b>	The Christmas lights. Will be going up on the 16 <sup>th</sup> & 17 <sup>th</sup> of November ready for the Christmas Lights event on the 29 <sup>th</sup> .
	There being no further information the meeting closed at 8.45pm