

AGENDA

MINUTES

Charing Parish Council Meeting held on
 Tuesday 10th December at 7.30pm
 Top Room Charing Parish Hall.

Dawne Austen
 Parish Clerk

1.	Apologies for absence. Cllr J White & the RFO
2.	In attendance: Chair Cllr C Prinn vice Chairs C Bain-Smith & D Bennett. Cllrs D Gudge; J Strike; O Worsfold; C Allen; T Hayward; S Woodbridge; T Reed & the 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) no members of the public present.
5.	Minutes of previous meetings: These were agreed and signed.
6.	Matters Arising:
6.1	Call for sites: The response document has been sent to ABC.
6.2	CCTV update: The visit for completion was cancelled and we are awaiting a new date. A deadline has been given of the 20 th January 2025.
6.3	Website: A long discussion was held on the future of the website. Areas of the website are non-compliant for accessibility, after conversations with our web co-ordinator it works out cheaper for them to put together a new website than to go through the documents and make them accessibility compliant. Two other company quotes who set up parish council websites were looked at and the full council recommended that a new website be set up with our existing provider. Technology has moved on drastically since the existing website was set up 8 years ago.
7.	Finance:
7.1	To approve the budget for 25/26: The full council approved the budgets from committees that were submitted and the Finance committee recommendation. The precept was set at 12.5 % which equates £229,186.13.
7.2	The following accounts were approved:

10/12/2024	Payee Name	Details	Amount Paid
	Sept		Nat West Bank
DD	Ashford Borough Council	Rates Cemetery Dec	£71.00
DD	Sage	Payroll Dec	£12.00

DD	Nat West	Bank Charges 05-10to 01-11	£8.75
DD	British Gas	Period 02-10 to 01-11 Hall	£375.74
DD	British Gas	Period 26-7 to 1-09 Hall	£58.98
DD	Initial	Contract 11/12 to 10/01/2025	£62.74
Card	ABC	CCTV Monitoring oct- 31-12-2024	£759.46
Card	Cartridge save	Yellow	£43.27
DD	Sky	Phone	£8.00
DD	HP	Instant Ink	£18.49
DD	Nat West	Bank Charges	£8.75
DD	Initial	01-12 to 28-2 Hall Contract	£158.12
Card	Amazon	Tea Towels Parish Hall	£16.99
DD	British Gas	02-11 to 01-12-2024	£592.12
			£2,194.41
		Unity Trust Bank	
233774835	Countrywide	Grass cutting Nov	£1,333.20
233774835	Countrywide	Hedge Cutting Charing Heath	£834.00
44304252	KALC	Training AGAR March 25 RFO	£60.00
310401752	Ashford Web Service	Website amendments	£40.00
673028111	N Beale	Bins and cleaning	£303.30
812525445	Ashford Web Service	Security updates	£40.00
56521988	Wealden Wheels	Donation (Full Council)	£1,000.00
2345185	The Moat Management	Donation (Full Council)	£500.00
999	KALC	KALC AGM CP-DB	£19.20
455274129	Viking	Office supplies	£14.18
254699476	K Giles	Clewards stream and Yew trees planted	£250.00
558196102	Countrywide	Grass cut C-Heath Football Field	£192.00
32164574	Triple 9 Services	Village Maintenance	£729.00
768964178	Kevin Giles	Taxus hedging for Cemetery	£400.00
93206901	Chestnut Ltd	Repairs to Brenchley Mews	£588.00
109825520	Phs	Black Bags	£48.02
271980129	Viking	Admin office supplies	£72.43
Nov	Extra 7 Months back pay	Staff costs	£12,549.54
Nov	Unity Trust Bank	Bank Charges	£9.15
297915274	Glasdon	Black Bin/lock cover	£215.10
698322766	Countrywide	Grass Cutting Dec	£1,333.20
206885034	N Beale	Bins and cleaning	£303.30
66993118	Ashford Web Service	plugin/back up SSL Certificate	£80.00
233505001	Viking	Ink/supplies	£73.03

		Nat West Bank/ Unity Trust Bank	£20,986.65
	UTB-CCLA-NW	VAT Refund October	£683.02
		Bank-CCL Interest	£69.02
	Nov/Dec	Hall Hire	£762.50
		Christmas Lights	367.50
		Cemetery	£850.00
			£2,732.04

8.	Planning:
8.1	PA/2024/2080 Oakleaves Charing Hill Charing: Front Porch, rear extension roof alterations and changes to existing fenestration. (unanimous) (recommend support)
8.2	PA/2024/1647 Little Swan Street Farm Charing Heath Road Charing Heath: Change of use of land, erection of three holiday let units and associated landscaping, following the demolition of the existing barn. (unanimous) (recommend support)
8.3	OTH/2024/2155 Telephone Call Box outside Charing Library: Notification for proposed 90-day consultation for the. removal of internal telephony equipment and retention of kiosk. (deferred to next meeting)
8.4	PA/2024/2004 Newlands Farm, Charing Heath. Road Charing: Change of use and conversion of existing barn into a residential dwelling (self-build) with parking and garden area following the demolition of a garage. Erection of a chicken and bat house. (unanimous) (recommend support)
8.5	PA/2024/2052 The Old House, Station Road Charing: Listed Building Consent for a single storey rear extension. (unanimous) (recommend support)
	Planning Decisions:
8.6	PA/2024/1236. 29 Station Road, Charing: Single storey rear extension to create an office space. (Granted)*
	PA/2024/1379 The Shack Stalisfield church Road Charing: Detached two-storey self-build replacement dwelling with associated parking and landscaping following demolition of existing property and outbuildings. (withdrawn by applicant)
9.	Information:
9.1	Cllr Bennett informed the council that at the KALC AGM Digital Champions were in attendance and they can come along and attend coffee mornings the clerk will liaise with the coffee morning group.
9.2	Cllr Worsfold informed councillors that inclusions for the next newsletter would need to be with him by 10 th January.
9.3	Borough Cllr Roden reported that ABC have now moved to Dover Place, but council meeting will still be taking place at the Civic Centre until further notice. There will be a meeting with Maidstone BC in January as Heathlands is the biggest of the three sites being put forward. The meeting is to shape what is in the proposed document a consultation will be held and complete in September.
9.4	Cllr Reed reported that on 31 st December 2024 it would be the 130 anniversary of the parish council.
9.5	Cllr Woodbridge asked about the updating of lanyards for councillors.

9.6 Cllr Allen reported that the family of Harold Trill would like to place a tree or bench in the village in memory of him. This was agreed.

9.7 Cllr Gudge reported that the abandoned truck in the Market Place has finally been removed by A B C.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.40 pm.