

AGENDA

Charing Parish Council Meeting
 Held on Tuesday 14th January 2025 at 7.30pm
 Top Room Charing Parish Hall.

Dawne Austen
 Parish Clerk

1.	Apologies for absence: The RFO
2.	In attendance: Chair Cllr C Prinn: vice chairs Cllrs D Bennett & C Bain-Smith; Cllrs J Strike; O Worsfold; D Gudge; C Allen; S Woodbridge; T Hayward; T Reed ; J White ; the clerk & Borough Cllr Y Roden.
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.
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)
5.	Minutes of previous meetings: These were agreed and signed.
6.	Matters Arising:
6.1	Community Warden should give an update in the next couple of weeks re a replacement Warden for Charing.
6.2	CCTV update: Things are moving forward with the completion of the CCTV.
6.3	South East in Bloom: a decision was made to not enter this year competition due to the lack of volunteers and the time it takes.
6.4	Public Toilets (vandalism) Vandalism has occurred again in the public toilets with graffiti on the internal door and broken lock in the male toilets. The wiring has also been cut so that the male toilets do not lock. Repairs are in progress.
6.5	VE Day (80th Anniversary 8th May) It was agreed to purchase flags again for the High Street. The council will also be having a stall at the fete. It would be the council through time concentrating on around VE day.
7.	Finance:
7.2	The following accounts were approved:
7.3	The precept for year 2025/26 has been signed and sent to A.B.C

14/01/2025	Payee Name	Details	Amount Paid
	Sept		Nat West Bank
DD	Ashford Borough Council	Rates Cemetery	£71.00
DD	Sage	Payroll Jan	£12.00
DD	SSE	Final a/c public toilets	£53.41
DD	SSE	Final a/c hall	£22.67
DD	Business stream	water public toilets sept- dec	£124.15
Card	British Telcom	clerks telephone	£254.01

CARD	Apple Store	Clerks' computer	£2,899.00
DD	British Gas	Hall period 2/12 to 01-01-2025	£704.35
DD	British Gas	Public Con period 10-11 to 05-2025	£190.00
			£4,330.59
		Unity Trust Bank	
102265400	Flowers at the Malthouse	RFO flowers	£45.00
334273939	Triple 9 Services	cemetery/ROSPA/maintenance	£497.00
26445525	Power Platform Services	Christmas Lights	£7,800.00
63908957	Viking	Stationary	£29.90
946676497	C. S. Mitchell Ltd	School Rd, Maidstone Rd CCTV	£1,062.00
775549878	Viking	Admin supplies	£38.30
886018509	KCC	Load testing 3 columns CCTV	£1,045.00
4592404066	Capital Cleaning Supplies	Vests/hoops, pickers for Charing Heath	£179.74
634293	Ashford B C	Monitoring CCTV JAN- MARCH 2025	£3,600.00
848753432	Countrywide	Grass cutting	£1,333.20
86679786	Crofters Pest control	Sundial Garden area 3 trips	£180.00
475133447	KCC	Installation costs Gateways	£5,483.72
40864519	N Beale	monthly bins and cleaning	£303.30
225637281	SLCC	Membership clerk	£300.00
	Staff Costs	Bank Transfer Unity Bank	£8,458.52
		Nat West Bank/ Unity Trust Bank	£30,355.68
	UTB-CCLA-NW	VAT Refund Nov	811.76
		Bank NW-CCL Interest	£1,043.15
	Nov/Dec	Hall Hire	£937.00
		Christmas Lights	£6,000.00
		Cemetery	40.00
			£8,831.91

8.	Planning:
8.1	NOT/2025/0027 Ashford Cold Store, Ardo Sherway Ltd, Ashford Road Charing: Prior notification for the installation of 1960, 635w roof mounted solar panels. (unanimous) (recommend support)
8.2	PA/2024/2351 Old Barn House, Pluckley Road Charing: Proposed detached Car port/ Garage (unanimous) (recommend support)
8.3	PA/2024/2308 Newlands House, Newlands Road Charing: Proposed loft conversion with rear dormer (unanimous)(recommend support)
8.4	PA/2024/2288 Murada House, Faversham Road Charing: Proposed garage, workshop

	and storage space following demolition of the existing outbuildings. (unanimous)(recommend support)
8.5	PA/2024/2181 Beechside, Pilgrims Way Charing: Proposed conversion of existing garage into a self-contained ancillary accommodation (unanimous) (recommend support)
8.6	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. (support the removal of equipment, refuse retention of the kiosk)
	Planning Decisions:
9.	Information:
9.1	Cllr reported on meetings being held regarding the proposed heathlands site. Also informed councillors that KCC along with Medway Council had applied to be part of Priority Devolution Programme.
9.2	Cllr Reed reported that he had arranged for minute books 1,2, &3 to be put on a memory stick and asked for them to be placed on the website. Also, the Tithe Map to go onto the website.
9.3	Cllr White informed the council that Heath Farm School have also been working on the London bound side of the station platform where the waste ground was. They are turning this into an outdoor learning centre for the school. The Ashford bound side which the Parish Council are Station adopter for, have obtained noticeboards which will be put up shortly. College students from Ashford College have re painted the Charing stones white. This year is 200 years of the Stockton Tees passenger railway line. Cllr White also informed Councillors that she was stepping down as Chair of Communications
	There being no further information the meeting closed at 8.50pm