

AGENDA

Charing Parish Council Meeting

The meeting of the **Parish Council** was held on **Tuesday 8th July 2025 at 7.30pm.**
Top Room Charing Parish Hall Station Road Charing.

Dawne Austen
Parish Clerk

1.	Apologies for absence. Cllr C Bain-Smith; Borough Cllr Y Roden.
2.	In attendance: Chair Cllr C Prinn; Vice chair Cllr D Bennett & C Bain-Smith; Cllrs J Strike; D Gudge; T Hayward; O Worsfold; J Bignell; J White; C Allen; S Woodbridge; T Reed; The RFO & 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 one present
5.	Minutes of previous meeting: These were agreed and signed.
6.	Matters Arising:
6.1	Report on KALC (EGM) (Cllr Reed) Cllr Reed reported on the meeting there were over 200 people present from councils including Borough Councillors and the Unity Authority. The process was explained with timescales and dates. Things are changing all the time. Kent could be divided into 3-4 Unity Authorities Kent will be short on funding as they have to pick up the tab for immigrants so we will be the poorest county. There will be a reduction in Town Councils this will push more work and costs down to Parish Councils.
6.2	VJ Day Beacon Lighting (80 th Anniversary 15 th August): This will take place in the Sundial Garden & Memorial Hall at Charing Heath at 9.30pm. Cllr Gudge will light the beacon in Charing and Cllr Bennett in Charing Heath.
6.4	Committee representatives: Environmental Committee consists of Councillors Allen, Bignall & Hayward.
6.5	Computer Maintenance: The councillors' laptops are coming to end of life as it's a legal requirement for council to purchase laptops for all councillors as they are not allowed to use personal computers for council work due to Data Protection. It was agreed to purchase new laptops.
6.6	Cricket Club donation request: A donation request was asked for £1000 the council agreed a donation of £500. The council will contact them back towards the end of this financial year if we still have funds in the donation pot. The RFO will arrange payment.
7.	Finance:
7.1	The following accounts were approved:

08/07/2025	Payee Name	Details	Amount Paid
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			Nat West Bank
DD	Ashford Borough Council	Rates Cemetery June	£71.00
DD	Sage	Payroll June	£12.00
DD	Ashford Borough Council	Rates Cemetery July	£71.00
DD	Sage	Payroll July	£12.00
DD	Initial	May Hall Contract	£62.74
DD	British Gas	Period 02-05 to 01-06-2025 Hall	£86.26
DD	Business Stream	Water Toilets Public 4-3/4-6	£72.30
Card	Boys Hall	Gift Voucher Community Award	£100.00
DD	British Gas	period 6-5 to 5-6 Public Toilets	£63.96
Card	Express Cleaning	Toilets Roll Jumbo	£88.56
Card	Land Registry	Westwell Leacon	£47.90
Card	Google One	Subscription	£15.99
Card	Staples	Stationary	£13.98
DD	ICO	Renewal Data Protection Fee	£35.00
Card	Cyan	Bench to replace old one (Piquet's)	£360.00
DD	UTB	Banks Charges	£1.80
			£1,114.49
		Unity Trust Bank	
701566445	Yasha Shenzhen	Apple phone cover and screen protector	£19.98
815876975	KALC	Training Councillor	£60.00
799523443	S Thomson	Flowers award winner	£45.00
371647263	Countrywide	Grass cutting June	£1,439.80
461613736	N Beale	Bins & Cleaning May	£303.30
146031456	WGJ Plumbing	Taps for Public Toilets	£144.00
633201406	G Friend Ashford Web Service	Part Payment New Website	£790.00
633201406	G Friend Ashford Web Service	plugins and back up	£40.00
349325265	Hopkins (defibrillator)	Jan-2025-Dec 2025 Toilets, Red Lion	£498.96
93582092	Charing Football Club(youth)	Donation	£1,000.00
330687826	Triple 9 Services	Village maintenance May/June	£1,209.50
906519155	Webex (DB)	Subscription	£162.00
15702359	Rialtas	Yearend tidy up accounts training	£114.00
243717286	Breakthrough Communications	Local Council Data Protection Compliance	£594.00
57633337	KALC	Training	£60.00
683230533	Electranet	1 Year maintenance CCTV	£2,793.20
707050476	Viking	Stationery	£27.52
Staff Cost	June		£8,845.76

		Nat West Bank/ Unity Trust Bank	£18,147.02
		VAT Refund May	£593.58
		Banks Interest	£20.17
		Hall	£1,223.75
		106 Monies (EMR) Snake	£26,380.72
		Insurance refund (Wall)	£84.69
			£26,465.41

9.	Planning:
9.1	PA/2025/1015 Catkins & Murada House Faversham Road Charing: Increase in height and addition of pitched roof to existing outbuilding. (Retrospective) (unanimous) (recommend refusal)
9.2	PA/2025/1030 Murada House Faversham Road Charing: Widening of access, brick driveway entrance walls, Pillar) (gates and fencing. (Retrospective)(unanimous) (recommend support)
9.3	PA/2025/1138 Sherwood, Canterbury Road Charing: Self-build replacement dwelling with detached garage (unanimous) (recommend support with conditions)
	Planning Decisions:
10.	Information:
10.1	Cllr Hayward reported on the proposed double yellow at the top of The Hill.
10.2	Cllr Bignall reported that he was trying to arrange a account meeting with Capita.
10.3	Cllr Gudge informed Councillors that he had arranged a meeting with Countrywide on Friday regarding the cutting of Cleward's Meadow.
10.4	Brockton Farm lost the appeal and have been asked to leave but nothing seems to be happening. The council are in contact with Enforcement at ABC.
	There being no further information the meeting closed at 9pm