

MINUTES

9th December 2025
 Charing Parish Council Meeting
 at 7.30pm Top Room Charing Parish Hall.

Dawne Austen
 Parish Clerk

1.	Apologies for absence. Cllrs S Woodbridge; T Hayward & J White.
2.	In attendance: Cllr C Prin (chair) D Bennett & C Bain- Smith (vice chairs) Cllrs J Strike; D Gudge; O Worsfold, C Allen, T Reed, J Bignall, The clerk & RFO
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) Local Beat Officer in attendance Aaron Hopkins. Aaron updated councillors on issues and said that he would try to attend one meeting every three months. He would be setting up some drop-in sessions going forward for residents.
5.	Minutes of previous meeting: These were agreed and signed off by the chairperson.
6.	Matters Arising:
6.1	Worknest: The clerk has signed the appropriate contracts and both the clerk & RFO have had meetings with the appropriate departments. New documents will be received shortly including policies.
6.2	RBL Coffee Morning: the two poppy appeal tins along with the coffee morning raised £232.08.
6.3	S106 money re Poppyfields Development: The clerk has heard back from ABC re the grant applied for and a sum of £11,500 has been granted for work on the stream filtration system.
6.4	Clewards Meadow: The work on the landscaped area is almost complete apart from the stones being placed down. Due to the inclement change in weather, it became too cold to place the stones down. This will be carried out during March when the weather is warmer.
6.5	Churchyard Maintenance: We are still waiting for the information from the church regarding the responsibility of the maintenance within the confines of the churchyard.
6.6	CCTV Update: ABC are no longer monitoring their CCTV cameras; this has been transferred across to Swale. The clerk has contacted Swale to arrange a meeting re them monitoring the cameras 24/7
7.	Finance:
7.1	RFO report for the 9 th December 2025: The Finance report was agreed.
7.2	Agreement & signing off of the budget 2026/2027: the budget figures for 2026/27 we agreed and signed off by full council. The total figure for the precept is £251.532. This is a percentage rate of 9.75% which is lower than the two previous years.
8.	Planning:
8.1	PA/2025/2146 9 Moat Park Houses, Ashford Road Charing: Proposed construction of dropped kerb (unanimous) (supported)
8.2	PA/2025/2064 Ludwell House, High Street Charing: Replace wooden entrance gates. Dismantle carport, reuse materials to form a pergola in rear garden. (unanimous)(supported)
	Planning Decisions:

8.6	PA/ 2025/1771 Palace Farm, Pett Lane Charing: Rebuilding of Collapsed Northeast Corner of the Hall & New Buttresses to the North Wall, and removal of associated temporary propping scaffold. (Granted)
8.7	PA/2025/1907 5 Monks Walk Charing: Erection of rear conservatory (Granted)
8.8	PA/2025/1796 38 Sayer Road Charing: Two-storey side extension and single storey rear extension following demolition of existing single storey side extension (Granted)
9.	Information:
9.1	Cllr Allen reported that the reflective bollards at the top of the hill required cleaning
9.2	Cllr Reed apologised for his absence over the last couple of months.
	There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.20 pm