

# CHARING PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

Top Room Charing Parish Hall 7.30pm

10<sup>th</sup> February 2026

## Minutes

**1. One minutes silence for the late Gerry Clarkson.**

**2. Apologies for absence:** Cllrs O Worsfold & D Bennett. **In attendance** Chair C Prinn; vice chair C Bain-Smith; Cllrs D Gudge; J Strike; T Hayward; S Woodbridge; C Allen; J White; J Bignell; T Reed; The RFO; The Clerk & Borough Cllr Y Roden.

**3. Specific Declarations of Interest**

Members can make any specific declarations of interest at this point. none

**4. Public Open Forum**

(10 minutes) Five members of the public were present. Three regarding planning application PA/2026/0033 Church of St Peter 7 St Paul. 2 Members of the food bank to thank the parish council for the donation and continued support.

**5. Signing of:**

5.1 Minutes: Charing Parish Council Meeting, 13 January 2026. The minutes were agreed by full council and signed

**6. Matters Arising from Minutes:**

5.1 Charing Parish Council Meeting 13 January 2026 – information only

**7. Representatives:**

7.1 Kent County Council: (i) County Cllr Jeremy Eustice: Cllr Eustice did not attend.

Ashford Borough Council: (ii) Borough Cllr Yvonne Roden. Cllr Roden informed the council on the availability of grant money available.

7.2 Re Pett Farm the current owner would be required to put in a new application if the lodge was to stay.

**7. Business matters:**

7.1 Clewards Stream update: The work on the filtration system has started and the area cleared out.

7.2 Brockton Farm: The planning application was granted by ABC planning committee.

7.3 Newsletter: the clerk informed councillors that the newsletters would be ready in a few days.

7.4. Church Maintenance: We are still waiting to hear back from the church re responsibility.

7.5 Public Toilets refurbishment/ replacement. Costings were explained to councillors.

## **8. Reports:**

8.1 Parish Council Chairperson: (i) Matters arising asked about the recent tree work.

8.2 Parish Clerk: (i) Matters arising. update on Cemetery wall,

8.3 Sally Williams (i) monthly report Community Warden. This was circulated.

## **9. Monthly Accounts:**

9.1 (i) Approval of accounts. The accounts were approved and signed.

## **10. Planning**

10.1 Planning applications/appeals received prior to Parish Council Meeting

10.2 PA/2026/0175 Ferramenta, Market Place Charing: Listed Building Consent to replace windows with white slimline frames, including first floor window to front elevation to open inwards with safety rail/guard, replace timber joinery, frames, casements, doors and roof of conservatory with aluminum. Replace failed roof slates and roof membrane. Repair and re – secure skylights. (unanimous) (recommend approval)

10.3 PA/2026/0033 Church of St Peter and St Paul, Market Place Charing: External boiler flues at low level to northern elevation (unanimous)(recommend approval)

10.4 PA/2026/2368 Briar Rose, Pluckley Road Charing: Variation of conditions 1 (Approved Plans and Documents). 3. (Tree Planting) & 5 (Floor, Ridge, Height @ Hard Surfaces) for planning permission 19/01118/AS: “Reserved matters application for details of appearance , landscaping, layout and scale for the erection of one dwelling and the creation of access pursuant to outline planning permission granted under 18/01430/AS to allow for a revised patio layout, shed, pergola, gates and altered landscaping including ground levels .(Retrospective) (unanimous)(recommend approval with fast growing screening)

10.5 PA/2026/0145 /0144 Millgarth, The Hill Charing: Variation of conditions 1 (Approved Plans) and 3 (Hard/Soft Landscaping) of Planning Permission PA/2024/1914 for Proposed changes to external materials to allow for changes to landscaping scheme. (unanimous)(recommend approval)

## **11. Information**

11.1 We are still waiting for the community noticeboards to be put up at the railway station.

11.2 Cllr White will be applying for a grant from the Community Rail Partnership for plants.

**11.3** Local Government Reorganization Closing date for comments on the consultation is March 26. The clerk will arrange for the flyers to be printed along with the newsletters, and they will be placed inside the newsletter. The clerk will also put the flyer on social media asking for comments to be included in the council's response to be sent by 3<sup>rd</sup> March.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.30pm