

Charley Parish Council

Minutes of Charley Parish Council Meeting on the 3rd March 2021.
Meeting held via Zoom – virtually.

Present at the meeting: Cllr Havers (Chairman), Cllr Bailey (Vice-Chairman), Cllr Halliday, Cllr Howard.

Also present: The Clerk.

97/2021 - To receive apologies for absence:

No apologies.

98/2021 - To receive Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests on items included on the agenda:

No declarations received.

99/2021 - To receive and approve the minutes from the meeting held on the 6th Jan 2021:

The minutes from the 6th Jan 2021 were Authorised as a true record of the meetings and signed by the Chairman who will return the hard copies to the Clerk in due course (COVID-19 procedure).

100/2021 - Public participation session – maximum 10 mins:

No public participation. No public present.

101/2021 - North West Leicestershire District Council update:

No Councillor present or report sent.

102/2021 - To consider applying for a grant from Bardon quarry for a Zephyr monitor:

A verbal update was given on the Zephyr monitor – report attached to meeting paperwork. Further options have been sought and more information is needed.

Defer until the September Agenda.

103/2021 - Update on Newhurst incinerator liaison committee:

A verbal report was given on the Newhurst liaison committee – report attached to meeting paperwork. Lots of work going on in the background regarding emissions.

104/2021 - Climate change updates:

Proposal to set up a working party to look at various ways to tackle Climate changes.

Resolution: To set up a working party including parishioners, Cllr Havers, Cllr Halliday and Cllr Howard on the working party.

105/2021 - Environmental projects and grass verge schemes for Parish Councils:

Defer until after the Parish Council liaison meeting.

106/2021 - To consider 2 quotations for new payroll provider:

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- a) DCK Beavers
- b) TP Jones Accountants

Resolution: Unanimous decision to engage with TP Jones for future payroll.

107/2021 - Finances

- a) To approve the Schedule of payment for March 2021 – **Approved.**
- b) To approve the bank statements for Jan 2021 – **Approved.**
- c) To approve the bank reconciliation – **Approved.**

108/2021 - Chairman's and Councillor updates – (for information purposes)

The Chairman gave a verbal update following the Parish Liaison meeting this evening. Carbon monitors were discussed, and further information was being sought.

The letters sent to farmers following the January meeting regarding the support were updated on and some replies have been received. The letter has been received well.

A food collection point was being set up by a local resident, more information has been requested.

Community Carbon Calculators were discussed and further information will be sought.

109/2021 - Clerk's report – To update on virtual meetings, Zoom licence and banking issues:

The Clerk updated Council that the VAT reclaim for £151.00 had now been received from HMRC.

Banking issues were ongoing and there has been a problem getting the bank mandate form, so it has not been updated as yet. Due to lockdown the Clerk has not gone to the branch. Discussions took place on banking and the Clerk was asked to investigate options of other banks that may be better suited to Parish Council needs.

As it stands there is nothing to indicate that Government will change legislation to allow Parish Councils to continue meeting virtually. NALC are in talks with Government and are lobbying for this option as feel it may be too soon for face-to-face meeting. The Clerk will update Council as news comes through on this.

110/2021 - To discuss and consider future plans for a permanent Clerk and staffing matters going forward– Council may wish to consider entering into closed session to discuss HR/staffing matters (Public Bodies Act 1960):

Resolution: To enter in to closed session to discuss staff and HR issues – unanimous.

Discussions took place on the post of Clerk going forward.

Resolution: To continue with the current arrangement of Locum Clerk until May 2022 when the restrictions will hopefully be lifted. Council will review this agreement March 2022.

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111/2021 - Note date of next meeting:

Wednesday 5th May 2021 at 7.30 pm.

112/2021 - Meeting close:

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