

Charley Parish Council
Minutes of Charley Parish Council Meeting on the 6th Jan 2021.
Meeting held via Zoom – virtually.

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

Also present: The Clerk, Michael Wyatt – NWLDC District Councillor.

84/2021 - To receive apologies for absence:

No apologies received.

85/2021 - To receive Declarations of disclosable pecuniary interests on items included on the agenda:

No Declarations received.

86/2021 - To receive and approve the minutes from the meeting held on the 25th November 2020:

The minutes from the 25th November 2020 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).

87/2021 - Public participation session – maximum 20 mins:

Cllr M Wyatt – District Councillor gave a verbal update on the budget for NWLDC, no changes from last year's amount. All capital saved from events has been transferred to the next financial year.

88/2021 - To review the Risk Assessment register and approve amendments

Discussions took place and the amendments. Main Risks to the Council were discussed.

Resolution: Clerk to add the Action plan to the Risk Assessment and bring back to the next meeting for approval.

89/2021 - To discuss Newhurst incinerator liaison committee and elect a Parish Council representative.

Verbal updates were given on the progress of the Newhurst incinerator. Representation from Charnwood was asked for via Councillors and residents. Terms of reference are being reviewed, once received we will be informed of requirements for volunteers. Charley Parish Council happy to advertise for volunteers on the Parish Council Website.

Resolution: Cllr Howard was nominated as the Parish Council liaison person, this role is to attend the meetings and report back at Parish Council meetings with any relevant news/updates.

90/2021 - Update on the National Regional Park

Verbal update given. 9 of the 18 projects are underway. Support to local business and schools is being offered. There is a stakeholder event in April 2021. Planning was raised as a concern by Councillors, additional homes need to be sought. Charnwood Borough Councils five-year housing supply and Leicester City Council's

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unmet housing need, which could impact the Charnwood Forest area. surrounding concerns and issues of housing needs being met across both Hinckley and Bosworth and Charnwood. The issue of the city's housing need being passed to the county and the implications this has on rural areas and the Charnwood Forest area.

91/2021 - Finances

- a) To approve the Schedule of payment for Jan 2021 – **Approved.**
- b) To approve the bank statements for November and December 2020 – **Approved.**
- c) To approve the bank reconciliation – **Approved.**
- d) To approve updating the bank mandate with new Councillor signatories – **Approved.**

92/2021 - Chairman's update – (for information purposes) – The resignation of Cllr M Pitts was received by the Chairman. This is Cllr Pitts last meeting and Charley Parish Council would like to thank Cllr Pitts for her service with the Parish Council and wish her well for the future.

The Chairman updated on the local farmers and the challenges they are all facing. It was suggested that the Parish Council could write to the local farmers, offering support and ask them if they propose to do anything for the Environment / Biodiversity on their land, the Parish Council can then direct them to an appropriate source.

93/2021 - Councillor update (for information purposes)

No updates at this time.

94/2021 - Clerk's report

The Clerk reported that Ladywell Accountant who are outsourced by the Parish Council are ceasing to trade from the end of the financial year. The Clerk will bring two new quoted to the next meeting and set an agenda item.

The banking issues with NatWest have now been resolved.

95/2021 - Note date of next meeting.

Wednesday 3rd March 2021 @ 7.30 pm via Zoom.

96/2021 - Meeting close:

Closed at 20.32 pm.