

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHARLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD
WEDNESDAY 4TH JANUARY 2017 AT 7:30PM IN THE OAKS STORER HALL**

PRESENT; Councillors Mrs maureen Havers (Chairman). Mr Richard Bailey; Mrs Margaret Pitts; Mr Michael Froggatt; Mr Richard Froggatt at 8pm and Mr Brian Duncombe (Clerk)

There were 3 members of the public present.

1/2017-APOLOGIES AND DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

No apologies had been received and no Declarations of Interest were registered.

2/2017 -APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and resolved the minutes of the last Parish Council meeting and the extra ordinary meetings on 30th November and 16th December be signed by the Chairman as a true record of these meetings.

3/2017 -MATTERS ARISING FROM THESE MINUTES

* A reply had been received from The Police & Crime Commissioner dated 14th December saying that our complaint on traffic accidents is the responsibility of the Chief Constable, Simon Cole, who has made a request to local neighbourhood Sergeant Huss, at Coalville LPU, asking her to contact us to arrange a meeting. To date no contact has been made. Maureen agreed to take this further.

* A number of speed signs are still covered on Abbey Road ,Charley Road and Iveshead Road. Resolved Brian asks LCC Highways why.

* A copy of the Loughborough Echo was passed to Members as it contains an article on the traffic accidents at the junction of Abbey Road/Charley Road and Iveshead Road, which we have been complaining about for months (see Item above) but getting no response from the Police or LCC Highways. Resolved the Chairman and Clerk co-ordinate a reply to this article which infers that the Echo is taking praise for getting things done, and ask why our complaints and requests have been totally ignored. A copy of our reply is to be sent to County Councillor Michael Wyatt

*Footpaths on Oaks Road - Joyce Burton has kindly spoken to LCC Highways who will look further into the problem. They only looked at the section of road from Abbey Road to the Monastery apparently.

* Broadband -Following letters sent to a number of local residents 5 replies have been received agreeing to meet the BT representative. It was resolved we try and arrange a meeting on 1st February at 7pm in the hall. Brian to contact Mr Hussain on this.

* Aware and Prepare Scheme.- Following the article in the last Newsletter , it was agreed that we should try and involve a number of organisations e.g Fire Brigade/Police/St Johns Ambulance /Neighbourhood Watch in this. After discussion it was felt that the Oaks Country

Fayre in May would be an ideal opportunity , but further discussion is to be held at the next parish council meeting

4/2017 -POLICE REPORT

There were no Police present and no crime details had been received. It was mentioned the theft of chickens and 2 peacocks from properties on Oaks Road

5/2017 -OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

The formal meeting was adjourned to receive questions and comments from members of the public.

6/2017 -PLANNING

Application 16/00999/FUL for extensions at Whittle Hill Farm Cottage and Application 16/01376/FUL, change of use to a unit at Bawdon Lodge farm had both been permitted by NWLDC.

7/2017 -FINANCE

The following accounts had been submitted for payment - Clerks Salary & Expenses ,2 months £237.55 and payment to HMRC of £98.40. Moved and resolved these accounts be paid. Bank balances at 2nd December 2016- Current A/C £3,443.45/Reserve A/C £895.42

2017/18 Budget and Precept- Following the draft Budget issued to Members it was resolved that we increase the Chairmans Allowance to £250, with a stipulation this be reviewed each financial year. Also in view of NWLDC comments, we set the Precept at £3,919 with the LCTSS grant being £182, same as last year, making a total of £4,101. This would mean the cost to a Band'D' property of £50.24 down £2 from last year.The LCTSS grant is however being reduced over the next 4 years to NIL in 21/22.

It was resolved the latest quarterly bank reconciliation be sent to the Internal Auditor as previous.

8/2017 -CLERK'S REPORT AND UPDATES

The latest newsletter from LRALC had been sent to members. Training we still have a free course available. It was felt however we use this against a combined training session to be held in the hall. Dates to be suggested at our next meeting.

Brian informed the meeting he had submitted Maureens name to be considered to attend the garden party at Buckingham Palace in June. No reply to date.

9/2017 -CORRESPONDENCE FOR DISCUSSION RECEIVED BY THE CLERK

Main correspondence on Workshop courses fro Aware & Prepare was discussed in Item3/2017.

No further correspondence had been received.

10/2017 -COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Maureen reported that we had received over 10,000 views to date on the new website. She also felt that in view of the number of dwellings likely to be built around surrounding areas and the likely impact on Charley, we ought to try to meet with local parishes e.g. Whitwick and Swannington. Resolved we wait and see what answers we get from the Police and LCC Highways. In the meantime we are to consider asking for details under the Freedom of Information Act. Maureen then reported on the latest Parish Liaison meeting at NWLDC. They had reported on all the positives but as Maureen added on the Meeting Appraisal form small parishes like Charley are often ignored. Maureen had visited Julia Howard at Whittle Hill re the litter problem , thanked her for her clearing work and left her a litter stick..

Other comments have been reported in Matters Arising.

11/2017 -ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

* Parish Meeting - *Public meeting on Broadband

*Training - *Aware and Prepare

12/2017 -DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 1st March at 7:30pm in ther Oaks Storer Hall

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8:55pm

Brian Duncombe - Clerk

9th January 2017