

**DRAFT MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF CHARLEY PARISH COUNCIL HELD
WEDNESDAY 2ND JANUARY 2019 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 and Mr Brian Duncombe (Clerk)

There were 2 members of the public present.

Before the formal meeting was opened Members stood for a minutes silence in memory of Mr John Oakland, who for many, many years was a Member ,as well as Chairman of the Parish Council who sadly passed away in December 2018

1/2019-APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

No apologies had been received.

DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST Mr Richard Bailey declared an interest in Item 5 Planning Application for Bess Bagley Farm

2/2019 -APPROVAL OF MINUTES

It was moved and resolved that the minutes of the last meeting be signed by the Chairman as a true record of that meeting.

3/2019 –MATTERS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

*Hedges etc at Charley X Road-despite informing LCC twice these have still not been cut back. Resolved Brian informs LCC Highways again

*Sign at Abbey Road/oaks Road junction This has now been repaired and re-instated.

4/2019 –POLICE MATTERS

Although not present they have since sent in the crime details for the last month.

1 X Road traffic collision, serious injury and dealt with at the scene.

1 X Burglary non dwelling ; 2 x Criminal damage. One was an isolated incident at a clay pigeon shoot causing £3,000 to £4,000 worth of damage, non- intentional!!

The other was damage to St James the Greater Church gates. Details have been filed and are awaiting further information/evidence coming to light.

We have also been informed the lady in the Church car park has been sectioned under the Mental Health Act and is in hospital.

5/2019 –PLANNING MATTERS

Decision 18/016799/FUL - creation of wildlife pond at Charley Woods, Warren Hills Road has been permitted by NWLDC.

Application 18/02144/FUL proposed garage at Bess Bagley Farm. Richard Bailey declared an interest in this application. Members expressed concerns as no measurements were stated on the drawings. Also in view of previous works being carried out at this location we are to request more information from NWLDC Planning before we can fully comment. Brian to inform NWLDC .

6/2019 – FINANCE

The following accounts were presented for payment – Clerks salary and expenses (2 months) £260.80; HMRC £102.40. Moved and resolved these accounts be paid, Bank balances at 4th December – Current A/C £3,434.90 and Business A/C £896.24.

2019/20 Budget and Precept – Brian gave Members a draft Budget for 2019/20 , In view of the NWLDC stating a figure of £4,053 Precept being available it was resolved we accept this figure, together with the LCTSS grant of £91.. Some discussion took place on Expenditure as the draft shows a loss of £485 in the year, and advisability of the Chairman’s Allowance being increased year on year. It was agreed that the allowance be reviewed on an annual basis and resolved that we accept the draft Budget as shown. Brian to inform NWLDC.

The new S.137 allowance will be £8.12 per resident from 1st April making £1,437 available for Community Projects.

7/2019 – OPEN PUBLIC FORUM

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

8/2019 – CORRESPONDENCE FOR DISCUSSION

*Brian informed the meeting he had received a number of sympathy cards, letters etc following the passing of John Oakland. The latest was a letter from the Chief Executive of the National Garden Scheme expressing their sympathy at John’s passing and what a valuable member and supporter he was. He will be sadly missed. Resolved this be put on the Parish Council website.

* Letter received from Citizens Advice Bureau asking for a donation towards the work they undertake. After discussion it was resolved we do not make a donation this time.

*NWLDC are asking for views and comments on their 2019/20 Budget Consultation by 5th February. Noted

Also Chief Executive at NWLDC Beverley Smith has sent a letter of thanks to the Parish Councils she has met and how she values the relations that have developed and grown in her 18 months as Chief Executive. Noted.

*NWLDC have sent in the latest update on “The future of Local Government in Leicestershire.” All the County M.P’s recently met with the Secretary of State who agreed that any proposals for structural change proposed by the County or District Councils were

unnecessary and should be halted. However County Council has still decided to carry on with its work on public sector reform

*Letter from LRALC states that if Parishes wish to repair or replace grit bins after 1st April 2019, it is their responsibility to fund this.

*2019 Election costs - NWLDC state that as these Parish Council elections will be combined with the District Council, any costs that are shared, such as staffing/ polling station hire/postal votes will be split 50/50. Any costs that are solely attributable to the Parish such as ballot papers etc will be recharged at their actual cost.. This is of course if the District Council seat is contested, but if not contested but the Parish Council is, then full costs will be recharged to the Parish.

*We have received a copy of the Planning Peer Review, carried out by experienced elected members and officer peers from outside Councils. The review made disturbing reading and outlined numerous problems at NWLDC. Further details can be found on the District Council website.

*LRALC Questionnaire and Survey. To be completed by Councillors or Clerks. Brian has already filled in the survey.

*Letter received from Oaks PCC Secretary inviting Members to the annual Plough Sunday service at St James the Greater Church on Sunday 13th January at 4pm. Members who are able to attend, will contact the PCC Secretary direct.

9/2019 –CLERKS REPORT AND UPDATES

*Latest training course details received from LRALC, as well as survey questionnaire mentioned above. Also Branch nominations are requested for New Clerk of the Year; Award for Volunteering; Outstanding Achievement Award and Best Magazine article;

*Notice Board. This is to be repaired and reinstated soon

10/2019 –COUNCILLORS REPORTS

Website Provision – Maureen mentioned 2 Commune had offered an update at half price but this was declined.

Next Newsletter is due next June. Please note!!

11/2019 –ITEMS FOR THE NEXT AGENDA

2019 Elections ; BT Broadband; Notice Board

12/2019 –DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Wednesday 6th March at 7:30 p.m. in the Oaks Storer Hall

There being no further business the meeting was declared closed at 8:45pm

