



CHARLTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING HELD ON TUESDAY 21st May.

2024 AT 7.30pm

1. **Chairmans Welcome:** Cllr Ward welcomed all members of the public 7 in total.
2. **Approval of minutes of the meeting held on Tuesday 20th June 2023 - Resolved:**
Members of the public approved the minutes of 20th June 2023.
3. **Charlton Community Hub.** Cllr Ward explained the following.
 - The background to the proposed Village Hall at last year's meeting. which consisted of a leaflet drop and completed survey.
 - The Parish Council decided they did not have a mandate from the community to proceed with a larger project (Village Hall) and have therefore downsized to a smaller proposed community hub.
 - The idea is to now build a café (for 20 covers), small meeting room 5m x 4m approx, book/information exchange in corner as this was what parishioners requested in the survey.
 - Plan to build with scope to add village hall at a later date.
 - More people are required for sub- committee to share tasks and decisions.
 - A member of the CVCA will produce floor plan ready for next PC meeting.
 - Discussed getting Parishioners becoming more involved and buying in to the project. Newsletter delivered quarterly.
 - Money put aside for architecture and planning by Parish Council for planning Community Village Hub and 80 car parking spaces.
4. **Charlton Village Community Association** Cllr Ward explained the following:
 - The CVCA has a Chair and Treasurer, but no secretary so is looking for a volunteer. Currently 9 members on the committee.
 - More volunteers/active members are needed.
 - Currently planning a number of events.
5. **Communication.** Cllr Ward would welcome ideas to improve communication within the village. The Clerk suggested using the news section of the website. HALC are running a communicating with your community course. Cllr Ward said he would attend.
6. **Community Award 2024.** Cllr Ward advised that it had been decided to award Mr Barry (Baz) Marshall the Community Award 2024. He served the parish for many years, selflessly collecting litter from all areas of the parish on a daily basis and in all weathers. A plaque will be ordered and placed on the replacement seat by the church.

7. Open Forum

- It was asked whether the solar farm was now being built. One resident wanted to state it was not a farm as such. It was confirmed the solar farm was being built.
- A question was asked about the increased trading hours at Foxcotte Barn. It was reported that this application was refused by the Northern Area Planning Committee
- A parishioner suggested holding a seasonal competition to get more engagement from the community.
- It was suggested that Parish Council meetings could be held in the new Community Hub.

Date of Next Meeting: TBC