

Meeting of Charlbury Town Council held on Wednesday 18th December 2019
at 7.30pm in the Corner House.

Members Present: Mr R Fairhurst (Chairman), Mr P Morgan, Mr R Prew, Mr V Hill,
Mr P Kenrick, Mr R Puttick, Dr A Merry, Mrs K Broughton,
Mrs J Burroughs.

Apologies: Ms L Reason, Mr R N Potter, Mrs N Ely.

Prior to opening the meeting, Mr Hans Eriksson addressed Members, He asked that the Council consider the extension of the 30mph limit from its present position on the Spelsbury Road to a point as near as possible to the Spelsbury Road buildings site (caravan and work units) to improve the safety of users. Speed measurements show that the current 40mph limit is regularly exceeded and it is a dangerous spot.

Mr Kenrick then addressed Members and went on to thank the Clerk and his wife for their work during the year. He made a presentation to the Clerk who responded with a brief Thank You.

1. To receive the minutes of the last meeting.

Dr Merry proposed that both sets of minutes be signed as a correct record, this being seconded by Mr Morgan and agreed.

2. To deal with matters arising.

ONPA. Mr Kenrick reported a response to the questions he had raised. He will attend a meeting on 11th January as an observer and report back.

High Sheriff Award. No response/nominations received.

Honoured Citizens Award. No nominations yet received.

Walkers are Welcome. Mr Kenrick provided an update and details had been circulated.

3. Declaration of Interest.

Dr Merry declared an interest as a cheque recipient.

4. To sign orders for payment/receive report.

The Clerk had circulated a list of accounts to be paid and went on to explain these. Mr Kenrick proposed that the accounts be paid this being seconded by Mrs Broughton and agreed nem con. Accordingly cheques were signed by two councillors.

5. To receive a report from the Planning Committee.

As the scheduled meeting was cancelled (only one plan at the time) the following plans were considered:

19/03194/LBC Internal and external alterations to include re-roofing and various works to the fabric of the building at Talbot Farm, Thames Street.

1. We commend this application which proposes a sensitive restoration of an important listed building within the Conservation Area. Work is urgently needed to prevent collapse.
2. We expect that where possible in the listed building context, high standards of energy efficiency will be incorporated in view of the climate emergency recently declared by WODC and Charlbury Town Council.

19/03329/HHD Convert existing stables, erect two bay garage at Broadstone Farm, Ditchley Road.

1. We have no objection.
2. We request that usage be conditioned to the occupants of the main dwelling.
3. We expect that the development will incorporate high standards of energy efficiency in view of the climate emergency recently declared by WODC and Charlbury Town Council.

6. To deal with correspondence.

WODC. Loss of tree in Spendlove Car Park. The intention to replace this in due course was noted.

OCC. Increased signage costs noted and agreed on a proposal from Mr Morgan, seconded Mr Puttick.

Mr Ingham. Offer to be a named contact for Defibrillators accepted. Clerk to contact in due course.

S. Dolan. Alterations to website will be made.

Mr Eriksson. Extension of 30mph limit Spelsbury Road. Mr Eriksson and Mr Ambrose will be invited to join the traffic working group at its next meeting by the Chairman.

CLPG. Newsletter noted.

7. To consider the Neighbourhood Forum.

Mr Kenrick had circulated a report prior to the meeting. He went on to say that conclusions were being reached and expected to provide a comprehensive report in January 2020. He believed that a single issue meeting would be needed to consider the final document/plan, probably in February with the objective being to conclude the matter within the lifetime of this Council.

8. To finalise the 2020/21 Precept.

A full Council meeting had taken place on December 11th to consider the proposed budget and agree a precept figure.

Mr Kenrick proposed a precept of £105,209, this being seconded by Mrs Broughton and agreed nem con. Clerk to submit the request to WODC.

9. To receive an update on the Pavilion extension project.

Mr Morgan reported that the building is now weather tight with doors and windows fitted. Interior works are proceeding on programme. Fundraising continues. The Chairman thanked all involved for the work being done to bring this project to a conclusion.

10. To receive a report from the Environment Working Group.

A note had been circulated prior to the meeting. Public meeting on January 22nd with a workshop on 1st February. Members of the group have been asked to submit any related comments on the N/H Plan to Mr Kenrick.

11. To Receive Reports.

- a. Cemetery. Edges have been tidied up and cut back. Some dog fouling is occurring. (Notice to say growth retarder in use may help).
- b. Corner House and Memorial Hall. Report circulated.
- c. Mill Field, Watery Lane and bridges. Report circulated.
- d. Nine Acres. Report circulated.
- e. Quarry Lane and Ticknell. Play equipment installation under way.
- f. Wigwell. Report circulated.
- g. Gifford Trust. Well used facility.
- h. School Governor. New Head starts 1/1/20 - Scott Lewis. Leaving party for Jane Holt has been held. Likely to be a lot of changes. Now part of River Learning Trust.
- i. Transport/Station. New timetable. Some signal issues.

There being no further business the meeting closed at 8.17pm.

Signed.....
Chairman