

# The Charltons Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 21<sup>st</sup> October 2025 commencing at 7.30pm in The Reading Room, Charlton Mackrell.

Councillors Present: Adam Ware (Chairman), Susie Crang, Alan Crawley, Anneke Stockhausen (until agenda item 25/108) and Kim Williams.

In the absence of the Parish Clerk Councillor Katie Armstrong took the minutes.

In attendance: Somerset Councillors Tim Kerley, Stephen Page and 15 members of the public.

Public speaking. 11 members of the public spoke over the following topics.

Objection to the planning proposal. Infrastructure-ground water and land drainage, Highways issues, walking routes, not innkeeping with the area, the mentioned passing places in the application are not traditional passing places, they are owned by the property owners, development traffic increase, and disproportionate development.

Objection to 20mph agenda item.

Broadway Road speeding, support of the 20mph to get the right behaviours in place ahead of more development.

Motorcycles on Withy Hays Road.

A request to reduce the speed limit in Chessels Lane from 40mph to 30mph was discussed.

Councillor Tim Kerley reported that a Somerset Council interactive map is available at [Somerset Council Maps - Annual Works Map](#), which will allow people to check on the progress of key highway maintenance functions from resurfacing and major schemes to winter treatment and gully cleansing.

Councillor Stephen Page said that Somerset Council and the Police are working together to help protect areas that have recently been under attack. He also spoke about EV Charging and Council House investments. Currently there are 16,000 people waiting for social housing in the county.

25/98 To receive any apologies for absence.

Apologies had been received from Councillor Joe Woollorton and Cllr Karen Rowland

25/99 To receive declarations of interests:

There were no declarations of interests.

25/100 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 16<sup>th</sup> September 2025.

It was resolved to approve the minutes as a correct record of the meeting.

25/101 To consider the Parish Council's response to the following planning application.

25/02027/OUT at Land at Chessels Lane, Charlton Adam. Outline application

with all matters reserved except for access, for the erection of five dwellings with associated drainage, landscaping and access.

It was resolved to object to this planning application for the following planning reasons:

- i) There are concerns about inadequate pedestrian sustainability.
- ii) The proposed development would not be in keeping with the general character of the area.
- iii) This would be disproportionate development.
- iv) The overall effect would be to significantly alter the existing character and appearance of the lane and field behind to one of a more urbanised area.

Councillor Crang requested that the minutes show that she abstained from this vote.

25/102 To consider whether the Parish Council supports the implementation of 20mph speed limits on some roads in the parish.

The SID data, traffic calming measures and the costs involved in the change to a 20mph speed limit were discussed.

It was resolved not to support the implementation of a 20mph speed limit.

Councillor Crawley requested that the minutes show that he voted against this resolution.

25/103 To consider the payment of a non-refundable deposit of £500 to Somerset Council to enable them to commence the process of implementing 20mph speed limits on some roads in the parish.

This agenda item was not considered due to the previous decision.

25/104 To consider the re-establishment of a speed watch group in the parish.

It was resolved for the Clerk and the Chair to look for more information and bring this as a future agenda item.

25/105 To approve the removal of former Councillor Mike Parsons as a signatory on the council's Lloyds Bank accounts and the addition of Councillor Karen Rowland as a signatory.

It was resolved to remove Mike Parsons as a bank signatory and appoint Councillor Karen Rowlands in his place.

25/106 To consider matters relating to the provision of dog bins, and the general amount of dog waste in the parish.

This agenda item was adjourned until November.

25/107 To consider the arrangements for the Remembrance Day commemorations.

It was resolved that Councillor Crang will be the Charlton's representative at the commemorations.

25/108

To receive the Speed Indicator Device report.  
Councillor Stockhausen left the meeting during this agenda item.

These are the latest Speed Indicator Device figures between 19<sup>th</sup> October and 17<sup>th</sup> November.

Kingweston Road, Charlton Mackrell

There was an average of 1,730 vehicles per day (inbound) and 1,599 vehicles per day (outbound).

Inbound – 79% of vehicles complied with the speed limit. 13% travelled at between 31 – 35mph. 5% between 36 – 40mph. 2% between 41 – 45% and 1% over 46mph.

Outbound – 54% of vehicles complied with the speed limit. 28% travelled at between 31 – 35mph. 13% between 36 – 40mph. 4% between 41 – 45% and 2% over 46mph.

Broadway, Charlton Adam

There was an average of 255 vehicles per day (inbound) and 265 vehicles per day (outbound).

Inbound – 87% of vehicles complied with the speed limit. 8% travelled at between 31 – 35mph. 3% between 36 – 40mph. 1% between 41 – 45% and 1% over 46mph.

Outbound – 76% of vehicles complied with the speed limit. 15% travelled at between 31 – 35mph. 6% between 36 – 40mph. 2% between 41 – 45% and 1% over 46mph.

25/109

To approve the following payments.

Payee	Details	Net £	VAT £	Total £
Anthony Jay	Clerk's salary October	500.16	0.00	500.16
HMRC	PAYE October	156.22	0.00	156.22
Anthony Jay	Clerk's expenses October, including the purchase of a Remembrance Day wreath	79.84	0.00	79.84
Reading Room	Hall hire	44.00	0.00	44.00
Western Web	Email hosting	105.00	21.00	126.00
Total		885.22	21.00	906.22

It was resolved to approve the payments.

25/110

To receive councillor reports.

There were no councillor reports.

There being no further business, the meeting closed at 8.36pm.

End of minutes.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 18th November 2025.