

# The Charltons Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> February 2026 commencing at 7.30pm in The Reading Room, Charlton Mackrell.

Councillors Present: Councillors Katie Armstrong (Chairman), Susie Crang, Alan Crawley, Karen Rowland, Kim Williams and Joe Woollorton.

In attendance: Three member of the public.

Public speaking.

Members of the public spoke about the parking problems at the new property development at The Grove, Charlton Adam. The Clerk is liaising with the developers regarding these problems.

No Somerset Councillors was present at the meeting, so no report was given.

26/20 To receive any apologies for absence.

The Clerk informed the meeting that Anneke Stenhausen had resigned her position as Parish Councillor. Somerset Council will be notified of this vacancy.

26/21 To receive declarations of interests.

There were no declarations of interest.

26/22 To approve the minutes of the Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 20<sup>th</sup> January 2026.

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

26/23 To consider increasing the Parish Clerk's weekly hours from six to eight.

It was resolved to increase the Parish Clerk's weekly hours to eight immediately.

26/24 To consider setting up a working group of councillors to evaluate the hedge and grass cutting requirements in the parish.

It was resolved to ask Cary Traders to cut back the hedge in the village car park for a quoted price of £102.

There will be no working group of councillors at the present time.

26/25 To consider the purchase of flood emergency items and the arrangements for distributing these items to parishioners.

It was resolved not to purchase any items at the present time. Councillors will make further enquiries about assistance available for flood mitigation.

26/26 To consider a quotation of £690 from Cary Traders for the dredging of the Village Pond.

It was resolved to accept the quotation, along with an extra £198 for extra for ditch clearance on Ilchester Road.

26/27 To consider the arrangements for the Annual Parish Assembly (Meeting).

It was resolved to hold the Annual Parish Assembly at the Community Centre commencing at 6.30pm on Friday 8<sup>th</sup> May 2026.

Councillor Wooltorton agreed to make the room booking. The Clerk will invite the children and young people of the Youth Club and the Primary School to give presentations at the Assembly.

26/28 To review councillor training needs.

Councillors reported that they had either completed the required General Data Protection Training, or that they will be completing it in the near future.

26/29 To receive an update from the Transport and Highways Working Group.

A meeting will be held with Andrew Barron, a Somerset Council Traffic Engineer to discuss the speed reduction options available.

26/30 To receive the Speed Indicator Device report.

There was no report this month.

26/31 To approve the following non-statutory payments. The payment of statutory payments was approved in minute 26/5 of the January 2026 parish council meeting.

Payee	Details	Net £	VAT £	Total £
Anthony Jay	Clerk's expenses February	62.15	0.00	62.15
Memorial Community Trust	Newsletter adverts	360.00	0.00	360.00
M Cecil-Denning	Wayleaves refund payment	201.49	0.00	201.49
	Total	623.64	0.00	623.64

It was resolved to approve the payment of the non-statutory invoices.

26/32 To receive councillor and clerk reports.

Councillor Wooltorton raised the installation of a new dog bin. The Clerk will forward details of the location to Somerset Council and ask for permission to install the dog bin and for them to empty it.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 17<sup>th</sup> March 2026.

End of minutes.