

The Charltons Parish Council

Minutes of the Parish Council Meeting held on Thursday 18th June 2026 commencing at 7.30pm in The Reading Room, Charlton Mackrell.

Councillors Present: Councillors Joe Woollorton (Chairman), Sue Carey (from agenda item 26/90), Susie Crang, Alan Crawley, Dennis Elliott (from agenda item 26/90) and Kim Williams.

In attendance: Two members of the public.

Public Questions and Comments. There were no public comments.

Somerset Councillor Stephen Page gave the Somerset Councillor report.

'Somerset Council has been given £50 million from central Government to improve flood defences in the county. This will be spent over the next two years. The Parish Council are requested to let me have the details of any areas in the parish where some of these funds could be spent, so I can put these forward.

Five of the new council houses in Charlton Adam are being allocated to tenants. Councillors expressed their concerns that only three days were allowed for people to apply for one of the houses, which is far too short a timescale. Councillor Page will request that a ten day timescale is allowed when the next phase of houses are released. There are also concerns that parishioners who are applying for a house are being turned down.

The new Somerset Council Local Plan process is commencing. The Parish Council will be asked to provide an input into the process.

The county is desperately short to foster carers, particularly in South Somerset. An allowance of £600 per week per child is paid to foster carers'.

26/87 To receive any apologies for absence.

Apologies were received from Councillor Karen Rowland.

26/88 To receive declarations of interests.

There were no declarations of interest.

26/89 To approve the minutes of the Annual Parish Council meeting held on Tuesday 19th May 2026.

It was resolved to approve the minutes as being a true records of the meeting.

26/90 To consider the co-option of Sue Carey and Dennis Elliott as Parish Councillors.

It was resolved to co-opt Sue Carey and Dennis Elliott as Parish Councillors.

Councillors Carey and Elliott signed the declaration of office and joined the council.

- 26/91 To consider the appointment of councillor representatives on the Archdeacon Brymer Trust.

It was resolved that Denise Simpson and Bob Adams will continue as the council representatives for the next three years.

The Parish Councillors thanked Denise and Bob for their contribution in this role.

- 26/92 To consider whether the Parish Council reconsiders the decision made in meeting minute 25/102 and should request that Somerset Council implements a Traffic Regulation Order to change the speed limit to 20mph on the roads shown on the Highways Map which is included in these minutes.

The results of the survey of parishioners and the recommendations of the Traffic Management Working Group were considered.

It was resolved to reverse the decision made in meeting minute 25/102 and to request that Somerset Council implements a Traffic Regulation Order.

- 26/93 To consider the amount of the initial investment with CCLA.

It was resolved to invest £60,000.

- 26/94 To consider whether the Parish Council should appoint a contractor to carry out verge and hedge cutting in the parish on a three year contract.

It was resolved that the Parish Council should appoint a contractor on a three year contract.

Councillors Crawley and Crang will prepare a schedule of work to be advertised which they will present to the July council meeting for approval.

- 26/95 To consider the removal of fallen tree on the Green opposite the Reading Room.

This tree had been removed prior to the meeting.

- 26/96 To review the Parish Council's Publication Scheme.

It was resolved to remove the requirement to post the Annual Return and Internal Auditor report from the notice boards. Councillor names and email addresses will be posted on the notice boards.

- 26/97 To receive an update on the recruitment of a new Parish Clerk.

Six applications have been received. All applicants are experienced parish clerks. A shortlisting process will be held when three applicants will be invited for interview. All Councillors will be involved in the shortlisting process. The interview panel will comprise of Councillors Crang, Williams and Woollorton. The present Clerk will attend the interview in an advisory only capacity.

- 26/98 To receive the Speed Indicator Device report.

These figures were recorded between 17/05/2026 and 13/06/2026.

Kingweston Road, Charlton Mackrell.

There was an average of 1,714 vehicles per day (inbound) and 1,559 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 – 57% of vehicles complied with the speed limit. 27% travelled at between 31 – 35mph. 12% between 36 – 40mph. 3% between 41 – 45% and 1% over 46mph.

Broadway

There was an average of 274 vehicles per day (inbound) and 287 vehicles per day (outbound).

Inbound – 89% of vehicles complied with the speed limit. 8% travelled at between 31 – 35mph. 2% between 36 – 40mph. 1% between 41 – 45% and 1% over 46mph. Outbound – 81% of vehicles complied with the speed limit. 13% travelled at between 31 – 35mph. 5% between 36 – 40mph. 1% between 41 – 45% and 0% over 46mph.

The figures were noted.

- 26/99 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 June	60.20	0.00	60.20
ALCA	Clerk's job advert	50.00	0.00	50.00

It was resolved to approve the non-statutory payments.

- 26/100 To receive councillor and clerk reports.

There were no reports.

Date of next meeting – Tuesday 21st July 2026.



End of minutes.

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