

Charlton Parish Council

Minutes of The Parish Council Meeting

15th of January 2026 at 7.30pm in The Old School Room Charlton

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Present: Chairman Richard Bentley, Deputy Chairman Darren Salmons, Cllr Roger Davies, Cllr Helen Hill, Cllr Richard Wallis, Cllr Wendy Sharpe and Parish Clerk Wendy Cope Lengthsman Charley Martin. District Councillor Angie Crump

Public Forum: no members of the public attended

1) Apologies for absence: Cllr Grazier. Cllr Emma Kearsey

2) Declarations of interest None

3) County Councillors Report: Cllr Kearsey had sent her apologies

4) District Councillors Report Cllr Crump on the Resident's Survey which Wychavon had conducted. There was a disappointing 39% uptake, 80% were satisfied overall; 64% were satisfied with Wychavon; 93% satisfied with waste and recycling; 91% satisfied with parks and open spaces and 72% satisfied with Council Tax. SWDP consultation is current until 17th of February 2026. Cllr Davies commented that Charlton was a category 4 village, however the development boundary seemed to have disappeared from the maps, and then on the 15th of January they seem to have been reinstated. Cllr Crump said she would make enquires. Cllr Crump said she had attended a Police Seminar where A DCI had been taking questions and although PCSO hours had been reduced, there was now another Police Officer in the area. Cllr Crump asked the police to furnish her with any information that would be helpful to Parish Councils so that she could pass it on. Things like crime prevention and the possibility of ANPR cameras. The LGR government consultation should report next month Cllr Crump said that Wychavon must be unbiased when discussing either a North and South, or whole Worcestershire Unitary Council. The issue of water run-off from land onto Church Leys was raised. In freezing weather, the water running off freezes making both road and footway extremely dangerous, this have previously been reported to WDC by Cllr Crump. It has also been reported to WCC as under the 1980 highway act section 163 they are able to take action. The Clerk was asked to chase WCC Highways.

5) The SWDP is in consultation until 17th of February 2026 and all Councillors have been sent an email concerning this.

6) No update on WCC minerals at this time.

7) The update on The Unitary Council was covered in The District Councillors report

8) To receive reports from representative A) Parish Path Warden (Adrian Peake) No report from Mr. Peake B) Cropthorne and Charlton Village Hall Cllr Salmons volunteered to be

Charlton's Representative here.

C) Workman Trust/ Old School Room Cllr Sharpe said nothing to report

9) The Minutes of The Parish Council Meeting Thursday 13th November 2025 were proposed by Cllr Davies seconded by Cllr Salmons and duly signed.

10) To consider a response to The Police and own Council Survey Cllr Bentley had completed this.

11) To receive an update on nasty smells in The Village this is being dealt with by County Councillor Emma Kearsey.

12) To receive a report on The Planning Meeting 27th November and 15th December 2025 all Councillors have received minutes from these minutes. There is an appeal for W/25/01747/Full Ryden lane The Clerk was asked to arrange a planning meeting for this.

13) Finance The Clerk produced a copy of the books and balance sheet for scrutiny. The Clerk produced the figures for the budget of £16570 and precept 2026-2027 and it was agreed that the precept request be £16,123 allowing for WDC grant of £447.

14) To consider matters affecting The Green It was noted that one of the planters needed some attention Cllr Bentley said he would get this fixed. Cllr Davies said that some of the daffodils may need replacing for the spring.

15) The Lengthsman's Cllr Salmons said he was happy to show The Lengthsman how to organise the VAS Machines.

16) The Cemetery The Clerk told The Council she had now completed the inventory of The Cemetery and a day needed to be set aside to visit along with some Councillors to look at some improvements that were required. Cllr Bentley and Cllr Hill both said they would help once there was a fine day to do this.

17) To obtain an update on highway, footway and footpath issues. No news on this

18) To consider an application for public status of paths not on the definitive map no progress.

19) To receive an update on flood issues Cllr Davies said he needed to identify some land owners with land next to the river where trees had fallen and may cause flooding. The EA have removed a tree across The Brook immediately down stream of The Cemetery Bridge. WDC having cut their hedge along The Strand has opened up the area. This has made identification of 4 trees across The Marybrook in this area which should be removed, ivy is certainly hanging of one of these trees. The Clerk will approach WDC to deal with this. Also, the dragons teeth by the cemetery bridge and at the top of Canada Bank need repainting.

20) Reports for information

A) Pollution of The River Avon no report

B) .gov.uk emails website Cllr Wallis has identified a notification file on The Clerk's email where people can send an email directly from The Website to her. The Clerk said she would constantly monitor this.

21) To receive a report on CALC no report

22) No Correspondence no correspondence

23) Items for inclusion in the next Agenda none

24) All Invoices paid.

25) Date of the next meeting Thursday 12th March 2026

Meeting Concluded 9.30pm