

BURRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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Minutes of Parish Council Meeting Held on Tuesday 18th January 2022 in The Parish Room, Burrington

Attendees:

Mr. Paul Keel (Chair) (PK)
Mr. Roger Daniels (RD) Mr. Craig Husher
Mrs. Helen Jackson (HJ)
Mr. Richard Dors (RDors)
Mr. Mark Northcott (MN)
Mrs. Teresa Martin (Clerk) (TM)

1. **Apologies for Absence** - None
2. **Minutes** of the Parish Council Meeting held on 15th November 2021 were approved by Councillors and were signed by the Chairman. The Minutes have been displayed on the Website and Notice Boards.
3. **Questions from the Public** - there were none.
4. **Matters Arising:**
 - 4.1 **New Local Plan 2035** - No further update at this stage.
 - 4.2. **Parish Website** - Councillors were given a glimpse of the new website which will mirror the current information but with improved links to various subjects. The admin rights will be given to MN & RD with David Merrifield of the Just-Us Agency in charge of hosting the new website which will be launched soon. The Chairman thanked MN & RD for their considerable efforts to get the new site up and running.
 - 4.3 **Lower Langford Repeater Signs** - we are awaiting an invoice from NSC for our contribution.
 - 4.4 **A38 Major Road Network Scheme** - awaiting the next stage.
 - 4.5 **Reducing Speed Limits within the Parish** - Two mirrors have been purchased and four quotes received for supply of post and erection of mirrors. All agreed to go with the quote of £260 plus VAT from NJ Construction and the Clerk undertook to ask them to view the site and advise whether a Section 50 is required. PK to talk to Martin Taylor for advice on the Section 50 situation.
 - 4.6 **Parish Council Email Addresses** - MN will take advice from David Merrifield re. best way to create.
 - 4.7 **HM Queen's Platinum Jubilee Celebrations** - HJ will be chairing a sub committee on Thursday 27th January to collate suggestions on how to celebrate within the Parish. It is hoped to co-ordinate events within Burrington and Rickford so as not to clash.
 - 4.8 **Burrington RIP** - still awaiting purchase of a projector.
 - 4.9 **NSC Town & Parish Workshop 2nd December** - slides from this workshop have been circulated.
 - 4.10 **Drains & Gullies & Debris Rickford Rise** - NSC have jet washed the drains and gullies and cleared down to the ford. It was noted that there are areas where the volume of water has moved the retaining walls along the stream and there are two areas of concern, where the bank is slipping and one beside the ford where the footpath appears to have cracked. The Clerk undertook to ask NSC to inspect.
 - 4.11 **New Laptop** - RDors is looking into providing a newer model.
5. **Burrington Combe Toilets** - High level of footfall continues. The Mendip Hills Fund have agreed a grant of £1,000 which will be available shortly. PK will look into the cost of a permanent sign to be placed at the facilities advising that the toilets are maintained and financed by the Parish Council and asking for donations towards keeping the facilities open.
6. **Police Report** - Can be found online and there is a link from the Parish Council website. It was noted that a further theft has taken place on the church and the culprit has been caught on CCTV.
7. **District Councillor's Report** - there was none.

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8. Correspondence:

- 8.1 **ALCA Managing Meetings during Covid** - all agreed to only use Zoom if Covid situation dictates.
- 8.2 **CPRE Request for Donation** -after discussion it was felt that the benefits on membership of CPRE were minimal and all agreed we should cancel our membership.
- 8.3 **Churchill Minibus Society** - It was agreed that the Parish Council would donate £100 annually to the Society. Proposed by HJ and seconded by MN.
- 8.4 **Churchill Sports Centre** - After much discussion, it was felt that the building itself doesn't work as a sports centre and the pool is too short. The Clerk will respond saying that although we are not in favour of supporting the proposal as it stands, we would like to be kept in touch with developments. Councillors agreed that the project needs to be more commercially viable.
- 8.5 **Highway Scheme Delivery Program** - RD completed the survey and also wrote to the Highways Asset Management Team with a summary of our concerns and priorities.
- 8.6 **Closure of Ham Link** - Noted
- 8.7 **PCAA Meeting 27th January**- Noted
- 8.8 **School Term Dates** - Noted

9. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New:

21/P/3157/LBC - Flat 4 Hylesbroke House, Langford - No comment.

21/P/2657/AGA -20/P/2990/OUT - Land off Butts Batch, Wrington - application refused.

Updates:

- **Bristol Airport Expansion** - Nothing further at this stage.
- **Blagdon Water Gardens** - Nothing further at this stage

10. **Burial Ground** - Nothing to report.
11. **Accounts for Payment** - Receipts and payments were read out and the payment of accounts shown below was proposed by RDors & seconded by MN.
Precept - in view of costs involved in maintaining BC toilets, the upgrade of a new website, installation of mirrors at Rickford Rise and in consideration of other future outgoings, all agreed to increase the precept from £3,000 to £6,250 per annum.
ALCA subscription projection - noted. All agreed it was helpful to remain a member of ALCA who, amongst other things, can provide legal advice.

12. Any Other Business:

- 12.1 It was noted that the Rickford Duck Race will be held on 9th July and the Rickford Dash on the 10th September.
 - 12.2 It was noted that a complaint had been lodged on our website regarding the amount of litter in Burrington Combe and that a sign had been knocked over. RD undertook to draft a response. PK advised that we cannot get insurance in the Combe if litter pickers are instructed by Parish Council due to Health and Safety issues. The felling of trees in the Combe has left an untidy mess as a lot of the cuttings have not been removed due to the cost of road traffic controls.
13. **Date of Next Meeting** - Monday, 21st February 2022 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.50 pm.

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ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT AT PC MEETING
TUESDAY 18TH JANUARY 2022

ACCOUNTS

Receipts

Bank Interest - Business reserve A/c 6 Nov-3 Dec 2021	£0.06
4 Dec-5 Jan 2022	£0.06
C V Gower - Mrs. Joy Morris - burial of ashes	£65.00

Burrington Combe Public Conveniences

Mendip Outdoor Ltd (DD) monthly donation 1 Dec	£80.00
4 Jan 2022	£80.00
Caving Services (DD) monthly donation 11 Nov	£10.00
29 Dec 2021	£10.00
Safepost Box cash collection Cash from Safepost 29 Dec	£80.08

Total Receipts

£325.20

Payments

Southern Electric Supply to BC Toilets (DD) - Collected Nov	£16.06
Dec 2021	£15.33
T Martin, Purchase of 2 External Convex mirrors from ESE Direct to erect at junction of Rickford Rise & A368	£137.04
T Martin, Clerk's Expenses Dec 2021	£37.50
T Martin, Clerk's Salary Oct-Dec 2021	£550.00
C Husher -Cleaning of BC Toilets 3-31 Jan 2022 - 4 weeks @ £40	£160.00
J G & T Martin - Maintenance of Burial Ground 22 Dec 2021	£55.00
P Keel - purchase of 144 toilet rolls for BC conveniences (cash from Safepost collection) 29 Dec	£21.20

Total Payments

£992.13
