

BURRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on **MONDAY 22nd FEBRUARY 2016**, in The Parish Room, Burrington.

PRESENT:

Councillors:

Mr. Paul Keel (PK) - Chair
Mrs. Frances Wilson (FW) - Vice Chair
Mr. Roger Daniels (RD)
Mr. Richard Dors (RDors)

ALSO PRESENT:

Mrs. Teresa Martin (TM) Clerk
Cllr Liz Wells (LW)
Sgt Mark Raby
PCSO Marie Broomfield
6 Residents

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Mr. John Rhodes, Councillor
Mr. Mark Hughes (North Somerset Liaison Officer)
2. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC** - The Chairman read out a letter from a resident regarding concerns over the siting of the burger van in Burrington Combe. A Street Trading Licence has been granted but a retrospective planning application is now under consideration to permanently locate the van in the Combe. Councillors agreed to reiterate their concerns, which were in line with those of the AONB, to North Somerset Council. They would also request that if the application is approved certain conditions should apply, including: granting a temporary consent for, say, 12 months, to monitor the situation; look into the odors coming from the van; hours of opening. RD undertook to draft a response. Cllr Liz Wells advised that she has already forwarded her objections to NSC.
3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS** held on 11th January 2016 were approved by the Councillors, as were the Minutes of the sub committee of the 4th February regarding celebrations for the Queen's 90th birthday. It was noted that these Minutes require formal approval to comply with the terms of our public liability insurance for such events.
4. **MATTERS ARISING**
 - **Burrington Combe Public Conveniences** - The final signed Lease is now in our possession and the peppercorn rent of £5.00 per annum will be payable shortly. Donations continue to come from local businesses and there is £120 from the safe post box waiting to be banked. Following an email from a visitor to the gents toilets advising of an injury to his thumb from the bolt on the door, replacement locks will be fitted and Councillors agreed an expenditure not exceeding £150. Whilst looking into the possibility of funding for the toilets under the LEADER scheme, it was noted that Burrington Combe and the surrounding area is not shown at all as a tourist spot on the NSC website.
 - **The Queen's Birthday Celebrations** - 25 parishioners attended the meeting held on 4th February to discuss the way forward. It was agreed that lighting a beacon on Blackdown would not be an option. However, there are two fields within the parish that could be used for a bonfire and maybe a few rockets let off - all agreed this would be a good alternative. The school would be happy for their field to be used after the sports day events. The Burrington Arms would be keen to host a private supper for 100 people on the Saturday evening. The Parish Hall committee have indicated that they would like the events to be held on just one day and it was left for the sub committee to decide at the next meeting on 1st March.
 - **Churchill & Langford Mini Bus Society** - now that the grant application has been approved they are looking for more groups to use the facilities in order to comply with the terms of the grant. The facility is there for all age groups, not just the elderly, and this would be highlighted on our website and in our Annual Parish Newsletter. The Society are constantly looking for more drivers.
 - **Road sign Frys Lane/Ham Link** - the response from NSC regarding the 'Unsuitable for Motors' sign was read out and it was noted that the suggestion made by the resident who raised the query was not possible to implement. An alternative would be to replace the sign with one saying 'No Through Road'. Parish Councillors considered that no change should be made to the signage and the Clerk will advise the resident accordingly.
 - **NALC Transparency Code Grant** - after consideration it was agreed to put in an application for funding under this grant to the sum of £150 to cover website set-up costs and additional admin undertaken to comply with the new Code. RD undertook to complete the application form.
 - **Royal Garden Party** - it was noted that Councillor and Mr. Badman from Hanham Abbots Parish Council and Councillors Naish and Phillips from Clutton Parish Council would be attending this event
 - **Meeting with Churchill Parish Council** - it was agreed that the Chairman and Roger Daniels would meet with members of Churchill PC on Thursday 3rd March. The Clerk undertook to set up the meeting.
 - **Parish Hall heating** - under consideration.

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- **Bristol Airport's Annual Community Review** - PK will continue to try and make contact with Jackie Mills regarding our application to the Airport Community Fund.

5. SPEEDWATCH & ROAD SAFETY ISSUES

Although a comprehensive response has been received from NSC there is some misunderstanding of the main issues. RD will draft a response with input from Martin Lawes. It was noted that whilst patching works are carried out on the A368 in The Combe during March, NSC may take this opportunity to move signs to more appropriate positions. NSC are re-launching a portable 'vehicle activated signs' initiative and JR will be putting forward our request to be included.

6. BROADBAND

Since attending our last meeting, Chris Head from WERN has been keeping in touch on progress. It is noted that as Open Reach work on a 'post code' basis a number of properties are too far from the cabinets (further than 1.3km away) to receive an effective service. The Government are currently looking at other suppliers and there will be a local conference to see what they can offer - NALC will be present at this conference. It was felt that NSC are not being proactive in our area and we should continue to press them for assistance. Information received from our local survey is being collated although more statistics would be helpful, and a reminder to complete the survey will be sent with the Annual Newsletter.

7. POLICE REPORT

Following an accident in Burrington Combe the car is now off the road and has police tape around it. The chevrons will need attention. PCSO Marie Broomfield introduced her Sgt Mark Raby who apologised that the police could no longer offer the same service as previously now that so many cuts have been made in their budget. It would not be possible for police attendance at all our Parish Council meetings but they would endeavour to attend when they can. He emphasised that they were always contactable. The station in Nailsea has been sold and the Beat Team would be relocating to the High Street. Their number has been reduced to 4 Beat Managers that cover a huge area and if the response teams are short then officers are taken from the Beat division. In view of the reduction in staff levels crime figures would not be published but should be looked up on the police website. The station at WSM will close once a new station has been built on the Knightstone site. Sgt Raby felt that the neighbourhood speedwatch scheme was important and that police and community should work together on this issue. The speedwatch police motorcycles were in the area twice in December and identified 33 speeders. He advised that a letter is sent to a first offender, if there is a second offence an officer will pay the culprit a visit and should there be a third offence then details are sent to the traffic division who, having registration details, will continue to monitor.

8. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Cllr Liz Wells advised that the planning application for 43 houses to be built on the A38 at Churchill has been deferred. Objections have been received in view of the flooding situation in this area. The 141 house planned for Stock Lane will have a huge affect on the road system and will not help the flooding issues we already have in that area. LW asked that any comments in support of her objections to these planning applications be sent to her asap.

9. NSC LIAISON OFFER'S REPORT

Apologies received from Mark Hughes, who asked that we forward any relevant issues to him to deal with.

10. COMMUNITY RESILIENCE BURRINGTON

A further meeting will be scheduled for Tuesday 22nd March. The Clerk to issue invitations.

11. CORRESPONDENCE

- **West of England Leader Fund application** - along with AONB, we have suggested to Chris Head of WERN that maybe we can raise monies for Burrington Combe toilets through the Leader Fund. RD undertook to find out the criteria for the fund and pursue the matter.

- **Home Start North Somerset** - request for donation considered but declined due to our limited funds which we use for causes within the Parish. Clerk to advise.

- **Flooding issues Langford Green/Langford Brook** - JR continues to monitor the flooding and sewage situation and a meeting with Wessex Water and NSC is due to take place. It was felt that if the new builds in the area go ahead then a condition should be applied that they assist with work on Langford Brook to ease the flooding problems.

- **Dog mess** - A number of complaints have been received regarding the amount of dog mess and bags being left in the Parish. It was noted that the Forestry Commission have a 'stick & flick' policy. We will keep in touch with AONB on this issue.

- **Notice of road closure due to works** - Half Yard Lane, Langford and Brinsea Road Stock Lane, Langford - noted

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- **Damage caused by Goats on the Ham** - it was noted that two male goats from Cheddar have caused damage to gardens.
- **Introducing Post Office Home Service to Langford area** - PK read out a letter from the Post Office advising that a Home Service will be provided to local residents in Langford now that the temporary closure of the Post Office in the village has been made permanent.

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

Case No. 02016/0021 - No.6 The Link - unauthorised use. NSC investigating

16/P/0148F - Myrtle Cottage, Rickford Lane, Burrington - single storey rear garden room extension - **no comments from Council.**

16/P/0192/F - The car park of the Old Garden Centre, Burrington Combe - change of use to mixed use of car park and siting of burger van (retrospective) **see comments under item 2 above**

16/P/0234/F - Highlands, Ham Link, Burrington - erection of a two storey side extension, a dingle storey rear extension and a rear terrace (renewal of planning permission 13/P/0111/F) - **no comments from Councillors**

16/P/0266/F - Land at Langford Green Farm, Bath Road, Burrington - erection of an agricultural tied dwelling

16/P/0310/MMA - Bramley Cottage, Langford Lane- Minor material amendment to erection of conservatory - **no comments from Councillors**

16/P/0311/F - Bramley Cottage, Langford Lane, Langford - erection of conservatory - **no comment from Councillors**

16/P/0370/F - Stolee, Rickford Lane, Proposed first floor extension and internal Burrington, BS40 7AA alterations and the enlargement of detached garage - **no comments from Councillors**

15/P/2054/F - Brook House, Langford Road - construction of therapy pool/care person annex - **Granted**

RD mentioned how difficult it is to get clear, easy to view plans on the projector screen due to the poor quality of copies on the NSC website. The Clerk undertook to ask Mark Hughes if NSC can improve the images.

13. BURIAL GROUND

The inscription for Mrs. Gillian Buxton was approved.

14. ACCOUNTS RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

A contribution of £10 towards a leaving gift for Sarah Jackson of AONB was made in view of the invaluable assistance she has provided over the years, in particular in connection with acquiring the public conveniences in Burrington Combe.

Accounts

Receipts

Bank Interest (Dec15/Jan16)	0.52
Adams Memorials Inscription for Mrs. G Buxton	40.00

Burrington Conveniences:

Michelmore Solicitors grant to be held in trust for the demolition of toilets, if necessary	8,000.00
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Safepost Box (Cash)	-
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Automated Donations into Bank Account:

Mendip Outdoor Pursuits (Jan16)	100.00
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Caving Services (suspended until April 2016)	-
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Infra Logistics (Jan15)	<u>2.50</u>
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Total Receipts	£8,143.02
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Payments

C Husher, cleaning of BC toilets	
1st Feb - 31st March 2016 - 9 wks @ £40	360.00
T Martin - Clerk's salary Jan-Mar 2016	496.40
HM Revenue & Customs tax on Clerk's Salary	3.60
J G & T Martin - grass cutting - burial ground (16Feb16)	55.00
T Martin, Clerk's Expenses Jan/Feb16 (envelopes & Stamps)	9.46
Rickford Community Association - maint of Stocking Lane	50.00
Mrs. N J Newby - contribution towards leaving gift for Sarah Jackson - Mendip Hills AONB (already paid)	10.00
Burrington Parish Room Ltd - room hire Jan-Mar16	78.00
P J Marshall, hedge cutting along footpath	200.00
Total Payments	£1,262.46

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Payment of the above accounts was proposed by Roger Daniels and seconded by Richard Dors. We are awaiting confirmation from Michelmore Solicitors regarding payment of £5 rent on BC Toilets. It was also noted that no utility bills have yet been received for the facilities.

15. **DRAFT ANNUAL ACCOUNTS**

The Chairman talked through the Notes on accounts that were displayed on the screen.

16. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS**

Annual Parish Newsletter - RD requested any contributions, RDors offered to print the letter which should be ready for distribution no later than 21st March.

The Chairman thanked RDors and Roger Taylor for their assistance in producing and delivering the last notification - advising of the Queen's 90th Birthday Celebration open meeting.

17. **DATE OF NEXT MEETING**

Monday, 11th April at 7.30 pm in The Parish Room, Burrington, preceded by the Annual General Meeting. A glass of wine and nibbles will be served from 7.00 pm.

The Chairman thanked all for attending and the meeting closed at 9.20 pm.