

BURRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL PARISH MEETING

held on **MONDAY, 8TH APRIL 2019** in The Parish Room, Burrington

Present: Councillors:
Mr. Paul Keel (PK) - Chairman
Mr. Roger Daniels (RD) -Vice Chair
Mr. Richard Dors (RDors)
Mrs. Teresa Martin - Clerk

Members of the public - 11
Mrs. Lyndsay Newman - WERN Village Agent

1. WELCOME

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting.

2. APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Councillor Helen Jackson, Councillor Eddie Kinsey (whose father sadly passed away), Mark Hughes NSC, PCSO Marie Broomfield

3. QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Bob Shapland asked for an update on the Burrington/Rickford Lane application. PK advised that following the appeal we have not yet heard from the Planning Inspectorate who are based in Bristol and are an independent national organisation with the authority to dismiss the appeal if considered appropriate. North Somerset Council have defended the appeal and the Parish Council have reiterated their position. The appeal process can take 6-12 months and updates will be posted on the PC website.

4. **MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING** held on 9th April 2018 were approved by Councillors and signed off by the Chair.

5. **MATTERS ARISING FROM MEETING 9TH APRIL 2018** - have all been resolved.

6. CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

In addition to the published report contained in the recent newsletter, the Chairman expressed thanks to the following for their contribution to the community over the last year:

- All groups who have supported the upkeep of **Burrington Combe toilets** with their generous donations which have allowed the facilities to be maintained at no cost to the Parish. Also the BBC - the Husher family - for their hard work in cleaning and maintaining the toilets to a very high standard
- The Hillman family who regularly check that the **defibrillator** is in good working order and liaise with the emergency services
- Jeff Martin for keeping the **burial ground** neat and tidy all year
- Alan Green, the **Village Orderly**, for cleaning out bus shelters and undertaking other jobs around the village
- Roger Taylor for yet again delivering the **newsletter**, and we are sorry he has now moved from the village
- PCSO Marie Broomfield, part of our local **Police Team**, who keeps us up to date with crime figures and alerting us about local problems
- Mark Hughes, our liaison officer with **North Somerset Council**, who is always happy to help us obtain answers to queries and putting us in touch with the right department
- Jeff Shipway, our Area contact with **North Somerset Council**, dealing with potholes, drainage issues, fly tipping etc. Unfortunately Jeff has moved to pastures new but we are hoping to build up a similar relationship with his replacement
- The many other individuals that do much within our community including the Rickford Association who undertook a recent roadside litter pick-up. Also **local businesses** who give freely of their time- it would be good if we could all support our local businesses.

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- The Chairman also expressed thanks to his fellow **Councillors** and the Clerk for their contributions over the past year
- Bob Shapland our **Internal Auditor**, whose role seems to be coming more complex with changes in the national guide lines.

One matter not included in the newsletter is that of 'dog poo'. This is an issue that the Parish Council is very much aware of and are concerned at the amount of bags that are left hanging in bushes. It is considered that the 'stick & flick' method of disposal on the common land footpaths is the most favourable.

7. **DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT** - there was none. A new District Councillor will shortly be appointed and it is hoped that the person will attend one of the Parish Council meetings in due course.

8. **NSC LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT** - there was none.

9. **REPORTS ON COMMITTEES**

- **Parish Council's Airport Association** - we support PCAA in commenting on planning applications for airport expansion. Highways England have shown concerns that local highway infrastructure is not being properly considered within expansion plans. PCAA does not seem to share our concerns about offsite airport parking.

- **Wedmore Charities** - Stephen Plumley, Mo Taylor and Paul Keel are representatives on this charity that has a small sum invested from which a gift is made to new widows who have been in the village for 5 or more years.

- **Conservators** - plenty of work has been undertaken on Mendip Hills with the management of the commons, and 300 acres of bracken was sprayed last year to stem its growth. Ponies, goats and sheep are now grazing on the common land.

The question of who was responsible for tree management was raised as it was noted the view from The Ham/Long Rock over the valley is being blocked by growing trees and as this is a popular spot for walkers it would be good to reclaim the view. The Clerk undertook to write to the AONB and Estate office.

10. **POLICE REPORT** - there was none.

11. **VILLAGE AGENT** - Lyndsay Newman introduced herself and explained her role as Village Agent, being one of 5 employed in North Somerset rural villages by the West of England Rural Network (WERN). They provide a support service for the over 50s working closely with GPs and the local PCSOs. Details of all their initiatives can be found on the Parish Council website.

12. **CHURCHILL & LANGFORD MINI BUS SOCIETY** - following receipt of lottery funds the mini bus society has two buses that are available for all ages to make use of. They are very short of drivers and it is hoped that new volunteers will come forward soon as without them the service will not be able to continue.

13. **ACCOUNTS FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH 2019** - PK talked through the accounts which were displayed on the screen. The sign-off of the accounts was put forward by Roger Daniels and seconded by Richard Dors. The Chairman signed-off the accounts.

14. **ANY OTHER BUSINESS** - the Rickford Dash & Fete will be held on 7th July this year at 12 noon, the same day as the Rock of Ages Service which will be held at 11.00 am.

The meeting closed at 8.08 pm.