

BURRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES of the **ANNUAL PARISH MEETING** held on **MONDAY 11th April 2016** in the Parish Room, Burrington

PRESENT: Councillors Mr. Paul Keel (PK) Chairman
Mrs. Frances Wilson (FW) Vice Chair
Mr. John Rhodes (JR)
Mr. Roger Daniels (RD)
Mr. Richard Dors (RDors)

Also Present:

Mrs. Teresa Martin (TM) Clerk
Mr. Mark Hughes (MH) Head of Housing (Liaison Officer) NSC

Parishioners:

Mr. M McLennen Mrs. Sandra Law Mr. J Dixon Mr. C Walters Angela Benoy
Mrs S Daniels Mr. & Mrs. Taylor Mrs. M Keel Mr. A Green

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE:

Mrs. Elizabeth Wells (EW) District Councillor
PCSO Pen Gatenby, PCSO Marie Broomfield
Mr. Stephen Hales, Parish Councils Airports Association (PCAA)
Mr. Stephen Edwards, Traffic Management Through Villages (TMTV)
Miss Kathie Wilson
Mr. & Mrs. Shapland

The Chairman welcomed everyone to the meeting, and advised of apologies received. Kathie Weilson had asked that her thanks be passed on to Parish Council members for their continued hard work, time and effort. It was noted that the Burrington Fete will be held on Saturday 16th July at Burrington House by kind invitation of Stephen & Mary Edwards.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

There were none.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held on 23rd March 2015 were approved by the Councillors and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

These were historic and have been dealt with.

CHAIRMAN'S REPORT

In addition to the published report already circulated, the Chairman added the following updates and thank you's:

With regard to Burrington Combe toilets, thanks were offered to Andy Mallender of the ANOB for his continued support; Sir David Wills the land owner and all the groups who have given support to the Parish Council; the Husher family for their hard work in cleaning and maintaining the toilets to a very high standard and it was noted that a letter of thanks had been left in the safe post donation box from a member of the public.

The Chairman also gave thanks to:

Alan Green for his work as Village Orderly; Jeff Martin for keeping the burial ground up to a high standard; Roger Taylor volunteered to do two of the three leaflet drops to every house within the Parish; PCSOs Pen Gatenby and Marie Broomfield for their attendance at meetings and keeping us up to date with crime figures and alerting us to problems; Mark Hughes (NSC) also a regular attendee, who acts as our liaison officer with NSC putting us in touch with the right department and chasing answers for us; Cllr Liz Wells for keeping us informed of issues affecting our area; Jeff Shipway our Area Contact with NSC, who is available 24/7 to assist with any problems; fellow Councillors for their time and commitment to the role; Bob Shapland, for auditing the books; the many people who serve on our behalf on local groups i.e. the speedwatch group, the Parish Councils Airport committee; Teresa Martin, the Clerk, for looking after the Councillors.

Maintenance of the Churchyard continues to be undertaken by contractors - Dignity - and despite a poor start to last season, this is working well. The Parish Council will continue to monitor.

BURRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT - Apologies received from Councillor Liz Wells.

REPORTS FROM REPRESENTATIVES

- NORTH SOMERSET COUNCIL

Mark Hughes gave a presentation of NSC Corporate Plan which was adopted this February, giving them a fresh Vision and outlining priorities. The Financial Plan, showing what and where savings are being made, is publicly available. The South Bristol link road is well under construction. Improvements continue in Weston-Super-Mare with the regeneration of Dolphin Square into a leisure and retail complex, and Weston College achieving University status working alongside UWE. Plans for the Portishead rail link are moving forward. 20,000 new homes are to be built over the next 10 years. NSC will continue to roll-out Community Resilience programmes and support Parishes with Neighbourhood Plans. Technology has been improved giving easier access for the public, for example, to pay for council services on-line and to bid for rental houses. It was noted that Government is considering creating a 'new Avon' incorporating four current councils - North Somerset, BANES, South Gloucestershire, Bristol City. Discussions are on-going.

- TRAFFIC MANAGEMENT THROUGH VILLAGES (TMTV)

Stephen Edwards offered his apologies and advised that they are taking a sabbatical for a couple of years.

- PARISH COUNCILS AIRPORT ASSOCIATION (PCAA)

Stephen Hale sent apologies and advised that expansion of the airport onto greenbelt land is still under discussion. Cllrs Keel, Daniels & Wilson attended a meeting at the airport in December and highlighted the issue of increased traffic through our Parish due to airport expansion.

- WEDMORE CHARITIES

Frances Wilson advised that there is £13,795.74 in the accounts of Wedmore Charities which unfortunately is earning little interest at this time. However, the Charity still manages to give a donation to those who have lost a partner during the year - 1 widow received £20 last year.

- CONSERVATORS

The Chairman advised that there has not been a meeting recently but management continues.

POLICE REPORT

PCSOs Pen Gatenby and Marie Broomfield offered their apologies. Police Reports will no longer be issued in paper format but can now be accessed online.

ACCOUNTS 2014/15

The draft accounts had been printed in the Annual Newsletter and the final accounts were displayed on the screen. The low amount of interest received was noted and the question raised regarding moving the monies into a higher interest rate account. It was agreed we would look into moving the £8,000 grant from NSC as this amount can only be used for the disposal of Burrington Combe toilets. The accounts were proposed by Frances Wilson and seconded by John Rhodes.

BROADBAND

RD gave a short presentation showing a map highlighting the areas receiving high-speed broadband from new cabinets in the area - none of which cover our Parish - and also the results of a local survey which showed that on average the broadband speed in our Parish is 2.93 mbps which is very poor. Generally with high-speed broadband you would expect to get 35 mbps and in some exceptional cases 1,000 mbps. RD has been in discussions with West of England Rural Network (WERN) regarding connecting Devon & Somerset and Chris Head has been very helpful. Phase 1 has been completed and monies have been provided from Government and NSC to commence Phase 2 but discussions are still taking place. It was suggested that NSC should take a strong, proactive approach with 'Connecting Devon & Somerset' to ensure that we are included in the second phase. We are doing all we can, but it is unlikely we will have any improvements in the near future.

There was no further business and the meeting closed at 8.35 pm to be followed by a Parish Council Meeting.