BURRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on **MONDAY 9th NOVEMBER 2015,** 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)
Mr. John Rhodes (JR)

ALSO PRESENT:
Mrs. Teresa Martin (TM) - Clerk
Craig Husher
Christine Husher
Martin Kerly (Rickford Community Association)
Alan Purcell (Churchill & Langford Mini Bus Association)

ACTION

Before starting the meeting, the Chairman gave advance notice that as he has an interest in two of the planning applications on the Agenda, he would leave the room when those items were up for discussion.

1. **APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE** Mr. Mark Hughes (North Somerset Liaison Officer)
Cllr Liz Wells
PCSO Pen Gatenby

2. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC**
Martin Kerly raised, on behalf of the Rickford Community Association (RCA), concerns regarding road safety on the A368 at The Batch and urged the Parish Council to do all they can to improve the situation. Item 5 below gives an update on the situation. The RCA would like to work together with the Parish Council regarding celebrations for the Queen's 90th birthday next year and suggest a picnic street party on Sunday 12th June to coincide with the hamper lunch proposed on The Mall, London that day.

3. **MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETINGS** held on 7th & 29th September 2015 were approved by the Councillors along with the amendment to the Minutes of the 15th June.

4. **MATTERS ARISING**

- **Burrington Combe Public Conveniences** - the Safe post box at the facilities have raised £340 since the last meeting. The septic tanks have been emptied at a cost of £450. A solicitor's bill for £500 has been received in respect of work undertaken to issue the Lease - which is not yet complete. No utility bills have been received as yet, but this is likely to change once the Lease has been signed over. We have recently completed and returned a form from NSC who are monitoring the Community Investment Grant provided. The completed form detailed how the money has been spent to-date and what else is still to be covered. NALC is campaigning to exempt public toilets from paying business rates and we will look into this when we start paying rates on the building.

- **Broadband -** Rger Daniels reported on the programme for connection to 'superfast broadband' based on correspondence from Government minister, Ed Vaizey; a briefing note to NSC Cllrs forwarded by Cllr Liz Wells; information from the 'Connecting Devon and Somerset' web site; and information about 'Truespeed' which has taken over the 'Wansdyke Telecom' project in the Chew Valley. The Connecting Devon and Somerset web site shows that about half of the parish should be 'live' for 'superfast broadband' but with half, including Burrington and Rickford, 'out of programme' and some areas 'under evaluation'. RD expressed doubts, from personal experience, about whether all the postcodes shown as 'live' are actually capable of receiving 'superfast broadband'. This parish is unlikely to benefit from the plans of Truespeed. We therefore need to continue to lobby hard for improvements in programme, including the West of England Rural Network which is co-ordinating expenditure from the EU's LEADER fund in the West of England. RD agreed to continue pressing WERN and other organisations, including Connecting Devon and Somerset for more information and action on broadband services in this area.
- **Neighbourhood Development Plan -** we will make contact with Churchill & Langford Parish Council suggesting we meet informally to discuss matters of mutual interest — TM
- **Burger van in Burrington Combe** - despite objections from local residents, Mendip Hills AONB and the Parish Council, the application for Street Trading consent was granted by NSC with a number of conditions, one of which being the removal of the van at the end of each day. All to keep an eye on the situation. — ALL
- **Condition of road surface in Rickford Lane** - pot holes have been filled
- **Tree Warden vacancy** - we are advised that Judith Tranter is still the tree warden for our Parish therefore no vacancy exists

ACTION

- **The Queen's Birthday Celebrations** - A meeting will be set up in January 2016, and invitations to attend sent to various 'groups' identified within the Parish, with a view to discussing ideas for the occasion.

5. **SPEEDWATCH & ROAD SAFETY ISSUES -** Roger Daniels reported that he and Martin Law had met with PC Dave Adams (Road Safety Officer) and John Painter (Principal Engineer, NSC) on 29th October to show some photographs that we had compiled of specific problems including safety hazards and inadequate signing, with suggested improvements including better placed signs, road markings and a vehicle-activated speed sign. (These illustrations were shown to the meeting.) PC Adams had suggested that we make an application to Avon & Somerset Constabulary for a grant from the Police Community Trust's Road Safety Fund towards a vehicle activated speed sign. We mentioned that John Rhodes was also negotiating with NSC officers for the loan of a vehicle-activated speed sign, but that would only be temporary and would be complementary. The vehicle activated sign (VAS) promised in October has not yet arrived and JR undertook to chase every two weeks. John Painter promised to report back before Christmas on measures that NSC was prepared to undertake. RD agreed to forward a draft application for the Police Community Trust's Road Safety Fund to PC Adams for his advice and to chase NSC for a response. The Chairman asked that a thank you note be sent to PC Adams for his guidance and time. TM/PK JR RD

6. POLICE REPORT TM

There was no police report. Apologies received from Pen Gatenby.

7. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

There was none. Apologies received from Cllr Liz Wells.

8. NSC LIAISON OFFER'S REPORT

Apologies received from Mark Hughes - who spoke briefly to the Chairman advising that the recent tax credit issues will lead to further major cuts in the budget, details of which should be on the NSC website in December.

9. COMMUNITY RESILIENCE BURRINGTON

A further meeting took place on Tuesday 20th October. The Chairman thanked those involved, in particular Richard Dors for printing maps of the area; Roger Daniels for sourcing the maps; and Martin Kerly for his input in identifying the split of areas and taking minutes of the meetings. A formal letter of thanks will be sent to Martin Kerly.

10. CHURCHILL & LANGFORD MINI BUS ASSOCIATION TM

Alan Purcell, Chairman of the Churchill & Langford Mini Bus Association, attended the meeting to ask the Parish Council for their support in publicising the facility with a view to obtaining new members, and recruiting drivers. It was agreed that the Mini Bus would continue to be advertised our our website, and would be an item on the agenda of the Parish AGM in April. The Association has applied for a grant for a new mini bus and Councillors wished them well in their application - the outcome of which will be know by 13th November. Their AGM is to be held on 10th November and Parish Councillors agreed that John Rhodes be nominated to join the Associations' Committee. The Chairman thanked Alan for his time. RD

11. CORRESPONDENCE JR

- **Cruse Bereavement Care** - donation request declined. Limited funds restrict our donations therefore we prefer to keep them local
- **Invitation to Bristol Airport's Annual Community Review** - Wednesday 9th December 2015 - Paul Keel, Frances Wilson & Roger Daniels to attend TM
- **NSC Feed Me and Win campaign -** no action
- **Mendip Hills AONB Parish Representatives** -Frances Wilson to complete form in draft and return to the Clerk for processing. TM

FW/TM

12. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

New

15/P/2332/MMA - Oak Tree Barn, Frys Lane, Burrington - Minor material amendment to planning permission for application 14/P/1744/G - **No comment.**

The Chairman declared an interest in the following two applications and left the Hall, handing over to Vice Chair, Frances Wilson.

15/P/2401/F - Agricultural Barns at Bourne Farm, Bourne Lane, Burrington - Change of use to single holiday unit with provision of a bat roost in neighbouring barn - **No comment, leave to Planning Officer**

ACTION

15/P/2404/LB - Agricultural Barns at Bourne Farm, Bourne Lane, Burrington - Change of use to single holiday unit with provision of a bat roost in neighbouring barn - **No comment, leave to Planning Officer** FW

The Chairman returned to the meeting. TM

Update

15/P/1741/F - The Post House, Rickford Lane, Burrington - Erection of a two storey rear extension and single storey rear porch extension - **Permission Granted** TM

15/P/1981/F - **Holly House, Ham Link, Burrington, BS40 7AW House** - Erection of a detached car port - **Permission Granted** FW TM

15/P/2138/F - Black Down Cottage, 3 Ham Link, Burrington Combe, BS40 7AS Erection of a two storey side/rear extension and porch to front - **Permission Granted** TM

13. BURIAL GROUND

- Grave Spacing - the stonemason has moved the out of line headstone and, in due course, will place a marker showing position of the new row of burial plots PK/TM
- Interment of Ashes - Patrick Parsons - noted
- Inscription for David Francis - approved

14. ACCOUNTS RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS

Receipts

Adams Memorials - Inscription for David Francis	40.00
KC Britton - Interment of ashes Patrick Parsons	135.00
Bank Interest (Sept)	0.57
Burrington Conveniences:	TM
Safepost Box (Cash)	340.00
Automated Donations into Bank Account:	
Mendip Outdoor Pursuits (Sept/Oct 5)	200.00
Caving Services (15Sept/15Oct 15)	20.00
Infra Logistics (9Sept9Oct 15)	5.00
Total Receipts	**£ 740.57**

Payments

Michelmores LLP - Legal fees re: BC Toilets	500.00	
Alvis Contracting - empty septic tank at BC Toilets	450.00	
Mendip Hills AONB - PKeel & RDaniels attending Tourism in Mendip Hills Seminar on 16th November	20.00	(already paid)
C Husher, cleaning of BC toilets 28th September - 28th November 2015 - 9 wks @ £40	360.00	
T Martin, Clerk's expenses Sept/Oct 2015	30.00	
J G & T Martin, Maintenance of Burial Ground 26Sept 4Oct = 2 x £50.00	100.00	
CPRE Annual Subs Oct15 -Sept16	36.00	(Direct debit)
Total Payments	**£1,496.00**	

Payment of the above accounts was proposed by Roger Daniels and seconded by Frances Wilson.
An invoice from the Parish Room for hire of hall is expected and Councillors agreed the payment if under £150. Frances Wilson to provide invoice.

15. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **Village Agent** - it was agreed that Lyndsay Newman be invited to speak about the role of the Village Agent at the next meeting on 11th January and the Clerk undertook to send out an invitation
- **NSC Planning for Future Housing -** an update meeting for Parish Councils is to be held on 12th November. Frances Wilson to confirm whether she can attend
- **Waste Bin - Rickford village** - local residents empty the bin sited close to the Plume of Feathers. Jeff Shipway of NSC is to look at repairs to the bin and also provide bags

- **Hedge cutting, Ham Link** - some cutting has taken place but the tractor used was too big to complete the whole Link. Jeff Shipway will organise a smaller vehicle to complete the job
- **Drain Covers on A368** - many gullies have sunk and a tarmac 'quick fit' will be be carried out
- **Grass cuttings, Burial Ground -** the bins need emptying, action to be taken

16. DATE OF NEXT MEETINGS

Monday, 11th January 2016 to be held at 7.30 pm in The Parish Room, Burrington.

The Chairman thanked all for attending and the meeting closed at 9.05 pm.