

BURRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

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MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING

held on **Monday 24th February 2020**, in The Parish Room, Burrington.

PRESENT:

Councillors:

Mr. Paul Keel (PK) - Chair
Mr. Roger Daniels - Vice Chair
Mrs. Helen Jackson (HJ)
Mrs. Teresa Martin - Clerk

ALSO PRESENT:

Mr. Craig Husher
Mr. Adrian Fenton, Yeo Valley

1. **APOLOGIES** - Mr. Eddie Kinsey, Mr. Richard Dors, Mr. Mark Hughes

It was noted that Mr. Eddie Kinsey has offered his resignation as Councillor and the Clerk undertook to advise NSC that we would shortly be advertising the vacancy.

2. **QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC** - there were none.

Helen Jackson requested a few moments thought for Ivor Keel who recently passed away, giving a potted history of his life in the village and his many years of involvement with the Parish Council and it was considered that an article in the Annual Newsletter would be very interesting. PK undertook to provide.

3. MINUTES OF COUNCIL MEETING held on 13th January 2020 were approved by the Councillors and have been displayed on Notice Boards and on the Website.

4 MATTERS ARISING

4.1 NSC **Local Plan 2035 & Mendip Spring Garden update** - RD advised that all presentations are on our website. The Joint Spatial Plan has been withdrawn and a new consultation will take place in June 2020 with submissions expected in 2021, Inspection Report in 2022 and adoption of the new plan possibly in 2023. Town & Parish Councils will be involved in the consultation with NSC. There are still concerns that the Joint Transport Plan will continue in its current form without taking into account the amended Joint Spatial Plan. RD undertook to keep abreast of the situation

4.2 **Speed limits within Burrington - new signage** - it was agreed that the smaller sign as designed by NSC would be purchased saying "Welcome to Burrington Please Drive Carefully" at a cost of £309

4.3 Rickford **Defibrillator update** - the Defibrillator has been purchased at a cost of £1,500 and will be installed at the south end of the Plume of Feathers in Rickford village. The Clerk undertook to advise BHIB Insurance

4.4 **VE Day celebrations May 2020 - BHIB Insurance cover** - noted. Burrington Church is organising a short service followed by a toast

4.5 **AutoSpeed Watch (RD)** - no further information. RD will keep an eye on the situation

4.6 **Drainage Issues Langford** - unsatisfactory reply received from NSC and PK will speak advising of other areas that are having drainage problems

4.7 **Link Lane, Burrington** - any signage would need to be approved by the land owner. All agreed to monitor the parking situation and bring forward at later meeting

4.8 Rickford - **damage to stream edge** - awaiting an inspection visit from NSC

4.9 **Website renewal** - RD will advise accordingly

4.10 **Recycled plastic notice boards** - the current notice boards will be given a facelift

4.11 **Kissing Gate modifications** - a quote to adapt and reposition will be obtained but is likely to be very expensive

4.12 **Mendip Hills AONB Partnership representation** - having spoken to Jim Hardcastle and obtained further information regarding the role, HJ has decided that other applicants have more experience to offer

4.13 **PCAA meeting 23rd January - Minutes** - noted. RD advised the PCAA are likely to be looking for large amounts of money to help fight any appeal from Bristol Airport

4.14 **Yeo Valley Farms** - Adrian Fenton gave a presentation on the initial thoughts of Yeo Valley for the Burrington Combe site - to be known as Burrington Base Camp - and also touched on proposals at other Yeo Valley sites on the Mendips. Their thoughts are to promote the area as the 'Gateway to the Mendips' with a visitors' centre, cafe and office/retail unit (possibly a farm shop). RD suggested Yeo Valley might use the local skills and knowledge of the Parish Council to help them get through consultation when putting forward planning applications. It was suggested that Yeo Valley put up some display boards in the Parish Room for residents to view when attending the Annual meeting on the 20th April to keep them up-to-date with their ideas. Mr. Fenton will confirm in due course.

4.15 **Precept** - Our request for £3,000 has been accepted by NSC.

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5. DISTRICT COUNCILLOR REPORT - There was none.

6. BROADBAND - TrueSpeed have still not connected the Parish Room and a number of houses close by. The Clerk undertook to find out what is causing the delay.

7. BURRINGTON COMBE PUBLIC CONVENIENCES - a lighting problem has been sorted. Unsavoury visitors are using the facilities at night and the Clerk undertook to ask the Police to look into the situation.

8. POLICE REPORT - can be accessed online.

9. NSC LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT - there was none. Mark Hughes advised that he is happy to help with any issues.

10. CORRESPONDENCE

10.1 NSC closure of Locking More Road 6-9 March - noted

10.2 Mendip Local Plan Part II - noted

10.3 Keynsham Climate Change & Environmental Showcase - Sat 14th March - Noted

10.4 NSC Cycle Forum 26th Feb - noted, nothing affecting our area

10.5 WPD Annual Stakeholder Workshop 26th Feb - noted

10.6 NSC Town & Parish Forum 12th Feb - presentations are on the home page of our website

10.7 NSC - MOD 22 Copthorne Lane, Wrington/Burrington - noted, the application was declined

10.8 Royal Garden Party representatives - noted

10.9 NSC Consultation on cycling & walking plan - noted

10.10 NSC Car Parking Review - Consultation - the review is in Weston-Super-Mare and we will keep an eye on the situation. It was noted that the new metro route from Long Aston into Bristol is not user friendly as it takes too long to get to the City centre. RD advised that local bus timetables have been updated on our website

10.11 Churchill & Langford Mini Bus Society update - all agreed that we should make a donation of £100 to the mini bus society

10.12 Mendip Hills Trees & Ash Dieback Seminar - noted, this is mainly geared to land owners

10.13 Dog excrement on The Ham - noted

10.14 Somerset Village of the Year - Councillors to consider

11. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

20/P/01231/AGA - Langford Green Farm, Bath Road - Resurfacing existing hardcore farmyard area - no comments

Updates

- **Bristol Airport expansion** - The recent planning application has been refused but no doubt there will be an appeal at some stage. RD will keep on top of developments and advise accordingly
- **Blagdon Water Gardens** - still awaiting results on drainage. There have been no changes to existing proposals.

12. JOINT SPATIAL PLAN & JOINT TRANSPORT PLAN - covered under 4.1 above.

13. BURIAL GROUND/CHURCHYARD - the funeral of Mrs Cynthia Wade will take place on 6th March. The funeral of Mr. Ivor Keel took place in January and the wording for the memorial was agreed by Councillors Jackson & Daniels, the Chairman, Paul Keel, having declared an interest. A Grant of Exclusive Rights of Burial was signed for Mrs. Alison Robbie.

All agreed that a leaf blower for use in the burial ground, churchyard and bus shelters would be a useful item to have and a limit of £350 for purchase was set. HJ has offered to lend their blower for a trial period to establish which might be the most appropriate model to purchase.

14. ACCOUNTS - RECEIPTS & PAYMENTS - payment of the accounts shown on the following page were proposed by Roger Daniels and seconded by Helen Jackson. It was noted that the figures shown on the screen for the Clerk's salary and Tax were incorrect, the new figures being £440 and £110 respectively.

15. DRAFT ANNUAL ACCOUNTS @ 31st January 2020 - were proposed as a true record by RD and seconded by HJ.

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16. ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- **Items for Annual Newsletter** - Planning applications (TM), Planning Issues (RD) Churchill & Langford Mini Bus Society (HJ), History of the Parish Council through Ivor Keel's service (PK)

18. DATE OF NEXT MEETING - The date of the Annual Meeting has been set for Monday 20th April at 7.30 pm, in the Parish Room, Burrington and will be preceded by refreshments at 7.00 pm.

The meeting closed at 8.52 pm.