BURRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF THE PARISH COUNCIL MEETING held on **MONDAY 8th April 2013,** in The Parish Room, Burrington.

PRESENT: Councillors

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

ALSO PRESENT:

Mark Hughes, Head of Housing (Liaison Officer) NSC (MH)
Cllr Liz Wells
Mrs. Teresa Martin (Clerk) (TM)
Mr. Martin Kerley

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE: PC Ray Bradley

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC
There were none.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held on Monday 4th March 2013 were approved by the Councillors and signed by the Chairman. Action

MATTERS ARISING
Rickford Ford - temporary repairs have been made, but funds will be available for proper repairs now the new financial year has commenced.

Burrington Combe - chevrons are scheduled to be erected this week. It is hoped that this action will reduce the level of accidents at this well-known black spot. JR met with David Bailey from NSC who will check the data from the flashing bend sign when he has had a device formatted. JR had noted that the 42 mph speed limit required to activate the flashing sign was way too high. The road was surfaced dressed last year and this is standing up well. The white lines need to be renewed and David Bailey will ensure they are added to the works schedule.

Burrington Combe Toilets - the matter is on-going and a further meeting will be held shortly between AONB, NSC, Parish Council and interested parties. Sir David Wills is happy to support improvements and the continued provision of the facilities provided they are sustainable and viable.

Pedestrian Access, The Batch - David Bailey from NSC has put us on the waiting list to have the temporary flashing 'slow' sign installed at this spot.

Flooding in Lower Langford & Blackwall - a recent meeting at Churchill had good representation from Wessex Water and North Somerset Council, and a good turn-out of local residents. The emphasis was more on the problems in Dolberrow, which were mainly road flooding, as opposed to the 11 houses that were flooded in Langford. JR undertook to send MH a copy of his comments on the source of flooding from the Langford Brook and the complacent reply. JR

Repair of Assets - Stan Croker, the Village Orderly, has already undertaken the tidying up of the bus shelters, and RDors had enlisted the help of local youngsters to repair the shed on the burial ground, which is now complete. The Chairman thanked both for their assistance.

Burial Ground - it was noted that one of the sunken graves has been repaired but there are still others requiring attention. Further consideration on the way forward is required at the next meeting. ALL

Speedwatch Road Signage - NSC have added Bath Road to the maintenance programme to replace the signs and review the repeater signs over the next few months. JR asked that if anyone is aware of any other signs that are obscured or damaged in any way, to let him know and he will pass on the information to be added to the works programme. JR

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CORRESPONDENCE Action

NALCA Conference details received - no one to attend.

A letter from Julian Moss, Chief Superintendent, in response to the Chairman's letter voicing our concerns over the future policing of the area when PC Bradley retires in 18 months time, was read out. His final comment in the letter said "I remain committed to providing dedicated Neighbourhood Teams for our rural communities".

Annual audit papers from our new external Auditors, Grant Thornton, have been received and will be completed by the next meeting. TM

A letter from Trevor Smallwood of Traffic Management for the Villages (TMTV) has been received requesting assistance in carrying out a further survey to check the number of lorries using the A368/371 which have weight restrictions on them. A copy will be placed on the Website. All agreed that we would assist and the Clerk undertook to respond accordingly. RD TM

PLANNING APPLICATION
13/P/0406/F - Aardvark Endeavours

Councillors felt the application was too vague and that further information was required on the visual impact, scale of the operation and the intensity of use. They also voiced concern over safety issues and security at the top of the Combe which looks over the site, and seek reassurance that the scheme will be well managed. Councillors would like to see a copy of the Management Plan and risk assessment. Should approval be given, they suggest 'temporary consent' to allow the impact on Burrington Combe to be evaluated. They would also like to feel that if permission is granted Aardvark Endeavours would agree to help towards the cost of the toilets in the Combe by means of Section 10 Agreement. The Clerk undertook to pass their comments to NSC Planning Department. TM

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

T. Martin, Clerk's salary Jan-Mar 2013	£360.00
HM Revenue & Customs - Clerk's Tax	£90.00
P Marshall, Parish Maintenance	£327.00
T Martin - Clerk's expenses March 2013	£11.99
P Keel - Refreshments for AGM	£25.00
	£813.99
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Payment of the above accounts was proposed by Roger Daniels and seconded by Frances Wilson. TM

Received from North Somerset Council - National Non Domestic Rates Bill for 2013-14 charge of £103.95 - for information only as classed as Small Business Relief therefore no charge.

PAYMENTS RECEIVED

NSC BACS payment of Parish Council Grant £119.09

MATTERS DEFERRED FROM ANNUAL MEETING

There were none.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There was none.

DATE OF NEXT MEETING

Monday, 20th May 2013, 7.30 pm in the Parish Room, Burrington.

The meeting closed at 9.15 pm.