

BURRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL held on MONDAY, 7 NOVEMBER 2011 in The Parish Room, Burrington.

PRESENT: Councillors Mr Paul Keel (PK)
Mrs Frances Wilson (FW)
Mr Roger Daniels (RD))
Mr John Rhodes (JR)

Also present PC Ray Bradley, Mrs Louisa Purcell (Clerk)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

District Councillor Liz Wells, Mr Mark Hughes (NSC Liaison Officer), Mr Richard Dors

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

At the start of the meeting the Chairman reported the sad news that two past Chairmen of the parish council had recently died. A moment of silence was held to remember Chris Thomas and Tony Goldsmith.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held on 5 September 2011.

These were approved by Councillors and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

- 1 Speed limits and traffic calming through Burrington Combe – there was concern that it had taken a long time to get the work carried out on this corner which is known to be dangerous. It was noted that a project scheme and a budget needed to be drawn up for the proposed chevrons. JR has been in email contact with John Painter from NSC and is monitoring the project. JR will also write to NSC to suggest that the speed activated sign should be triggered at 35 miles per hour and not at 47 miles per hour, which is the current setting. The situation will continue to be monitored.
- 2 Queens Diamond Jubilee 2012 - the Chairman has notified interested group of the plan to co-ordinate activities for the Jubilee, and a meeting with refreshments has been arranged for 14 November at 8 pm in the Parish Room. The aim will be to form a sub-committee of the parish council which can take forward ideas and to discuss costs. The sub-committee will be covered by the parish council's insurance and the parish council will pay for the hire of the parish room to hold meetings.
- 3 Speedwatch – the clerk will contact PC Bradley to ascertain how to take this forward.
- 4 RD will attend the hearing on 25 November re NSC Plan. Councillors thanked RD for his detailed work on the plan and the response submitted.
- 5 JR will contact North Somerset Council to follow up with the Area Officer the outstanding highways requests and parish work (such as signs, white lines, the ford at Rickford etc).

POLICE REPORT

PC Bradley explained that although crime figures for October sound high, 2 incidents resulted in 9 offences being recorded (in Churchill and Winford). There were no recorded incidents in Burrington. PC Bradley has recently received letters written anonymously, in one case regarding parking near a junction. He urges people to include contact details so that he can respond to the matters raised, or take them forward for investigation. An anonymous letter could not be produced in court. With regard to the parking incident, parking within 10 metres of the junction is not a specific road traffic offence; this is guidance only. Once again, as Christmas approaches, PC Bradley reminded people not to put shopping in their cars (eg at Cribbs Causeway) and then to go back inside to do more shopping, as thieves may be watching the car.

NSC LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

An update email had been forwarded from Mark Hughes regarding the traffic calming on Burrington Combe (see above).

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Litter bin in Rickford – the clerk agreed to write to North Somerset Council to ask if litter bins can be emptied (the bins in Rickford and Burrington have been emptied by local people as a favour, but this is not able to continue).
- 2 Event at Bristol International Airport – two parish councillors will attend the event on 1st December.
- 3 Information on NSC budget – to be circulated.

PLANNING

11/P/1924/F – Field to rear of 10 Yew Tree Close – solar panels. The plans were discussed and there were no comments.

11/P/1926/F – Primrose Cottage, Ham Link. The plans were discussed and there were no objections.

BURIAL GROUND/CHURCHYARD

The memorial for Mr William Alexander Sampson was approved.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

	£
HM Revenue & Customers (PAYE)	90.00
Clerk's salary (July – Sept 2011)	360.00
Hire of hall	56.00
Donations in memory of past Chairmen (Mr Thomas & Mr Goldsmith)	<u>40.00</u>
	546.00

Accounts proposed by PK, seconded by FW

The Clerk agreed to write to the Rickford Association to ask for the account for the work they had undertaken in maintaining the Stocking Lane footpath.

PARISH PLANS, NEWSLETTER AND WEBSITE

RD reported that Rickford now has its own pages on the parish website, and the church newsletter is uploaded. It is hoped that a newsletter will be produced for the end of the financial year/parish meeting. The website is acting as a kind of archive for the parish and we are looking for more photos to show the changing seasons and reflect more of the life of the parish.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

- 1 It was noted that Richard Dors is happy to stand as a parish councillor and will attend the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, 16 January 2012 at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm