

BURRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL held on MONDAY, 8TH NOVEMBER 2010 in The Parish Room, Burrington.

PRESENT: Councillors Mrs Frances Wilson (FW)
Mr Paul Keel (PK)
Mr Roger Daniels (RD)
Mrs Colette Davidson (CD)

Also present District Councillor Liz Wells, Mrs and Mrs D Simpson, Mr Martin Kerly (Chair of Rickford Residents Association), Mrs Louisa Purcell (Clerk)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE

Mr Stephen Hale, PC Ray Bradley, Mr Mark Hughes, Head of Housing NSC

In memory of the former parish councillor, Mr Julian Wills, who died recently, there was a minute's silence.

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

Mr Simpson reported that the improvements to the parish room were now complete and he thanked the parish council for their support. The Burrington Parish Room Ltd will be a registered charity, and Mr Barry Smith will be the Director of the new company. Mr Simpson will be stepping down in the next few months.

Mr Kerly, Chair of the Rickford Residents Association, raised some concerns regarding parish maintenance at Rickford. Firstly, it seems that the contractor has not been carrying out the maintenance on the Stocking Footpath and that residents have cut the hedges twice during the year. The Clerk agreed to write to the Clerk of Blagdon Parish Council to find out what has happened to the maintenance which Burrington has paid for.

Mr Kerly also reported that the retaining wall for the A368, at the turning into Rickford, is bulging and needs looking at. The white road markings (indicating no parking) at the junction also need to be repainted. In addition, at the ford, the stones are loose due to the traffic (particularly the refuse lorry and 4x4s) pushing the water against them as they go through the ford. The clerk will report both of these matters to the Streets & Open Spaces Dept at NSC. CD offered to be the contact point if further information is required.

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held on 6th September 2010.

These were approved by Councillors and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

- 1 Wrington Vale Medical Practice – PK reported that he had attended a meeting in Clevedon where the doctors had presented their plans for a single site. They will be looking for a suitable site and developing a business plan.
- 2 Rock of Ages plaque – a letter as been sent to the Conservators to ask their advice.
- 3 Black Down – PK thanked RD for his response to the consultants regarding Black Down.

POLICE REPORT

PC Bradley's report for October 2010 was read by PK. There were no incidents reported in Burrington. PC Bradley indicated that North Somerset is being targeted by gangs from Bristol carrying out dwelling burglaries. Having ascertained the house is empty, they have smashed their way into properties and taken TVs, laptops and jewellery. Parishioners are asked to report anything suspicious such as cars you do not recognise containing 2 or 3 youths, going into someone's drive

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

Nothing to report.

NSC LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

No report.

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR STEVE HALE

A letter from Steve Hale tendering his resignation as councillor was read out. PK asked the clerk to write to SH to thank him for his work over the last six years, particularly relating to the airport, CPRE and TMTV. He proposed that SH be co-opted as the parish council representative to report on airport matters. The clerk will notify NSC of the resignation.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 An email received from a neighbouring Parish Council regarding the National Grid project was noted.
- 2 Meeting at Bristol Airport on 1st December – 3 councillors will attend.
- 3 NSC draft consultation re housing – noted.
- 4 Parish Liaison consultation – RD will look into this subject and respond.
- 5 The predicted costs for the local elections in May 2011 for this parish were noted (£1,060).

PLANNING

New application - 10/P/1743/LB – Alden House, Langford Road

This planning application relates to Listed Building consent for internal works and the parish councillors did not feel they were in a position to comment.

BURIAL GROUND/CHURCHYARD

The clerk agreed to report again the loose stones in the church wall next to the school.

It was noted that we have received the money from NSC for two years' maintenance of the closed church yard.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

£

Contribution to project for the extension to Burrington Parish Room	1,000.00
Hire of hall	42.00
Clerk's salary & expenses (July-Sept)	448.22
Mr P Husher – Burial Ground/Churchyard (already paid)	<u>170.00</u>
Total	1,660.22

Proposed by CD, seconded by FW

DISCUSSION OF FUTURE PARISH PLANS AND PARISH WEBSITE

It was noted that changes may arise locally following government changes such as a decentralisation bill and other localisation plans.

It was agreed that drinks would be served before the Annual Parish Meeting and a date was pencilled in for this meeting on 28th March 2011.

ALCA

The Clerk had attended the North Somerset Group meeting recently and it appeared that a special meeting may be called on 23 November 2010 to vote on ALCA's future. After some discussion, the councillors agreed that a West of England or Bristol grouping would be the preferred option if ALCA is reorganized.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Land Registry

PK indicated that the parish council will write a Statement of Truth relating to The Pound and part of the Square to confirm that the parish council has maintained these areas. The Clerk will check the latest information relating to the BT phone box and possible adoption.

Wedmore Charity

It was noted that the committee for the Wedmore Charity will meet shortly to discuss this year's money.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, 17th January 2011 at 7.30 pm in Burrington Parish Room.

The Annual Parish Meeting has been pencilled in for 28th March 2011 with drinks at 7 pm and the meeting at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.00 pm