

BURRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL held on MONDAY, 12TH JULY 2010 in The Parish Room, Burrington.

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

Also present PC Ray Bradley, Mr Mark Hughes, Head of Housing NSC, Mrs Louisa Purcell (Clerk)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
District Councillor Liz Wells

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC
None

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held on 18th May 2010.
These were approved by Councillors and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

- 1 North Somerset Draft Town and Parish Charter
PK has reported back to NSC to say that the parish council is in agreement with the proposals in this document.
- 2 AONB Access Project – Roger suggested that the parish council respond to the proposals drawn up by the consultants who met recently with Burrington Parish Council and other representatives. The report contains a good mix of reasonable proposals.
- 3 Highways – the clerk agreed to report the following to NSC: drains blocked outside Pear Tree House (opposite the churchyard gates) and at the bottom of Frys Lane; potholes in Ashy Lane and also on A368 from Burrington Combe turning towards Churchill; pavement surface needs attention in the narrow part of the A368 in Upper Langford near Mendip View.
- 4 Stile in Rickford Lane, Burrington – it was noted that this stile still needed repairing. The Clerk will report it to NSC.

POLICE REPORT

Reporting on crime figures, PC Ray Bradley reported that there were 3 incidents for Burrington this month. He drew attention to a number of forged £20 notes in transactions in the area, often used purchasing eggs at “farm gates” or similar.

NSC LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

Mark Hughes drew the council's attention to two issues:

- a) Regional Spatial Strategy – this has been revoked by the Government although NSC still has to consider the local housing needs. There will be further discussion which will be fed into the core strategy.
- b) Rural Housing – letter from Emma Cook. Exceptions can be made to build affordable homes in villages.
- c) Older Persons' Strategy – Mark leads on this for NSC. He is consulting with a number of organizations on issues such as transport, care and support, safety and housing in order to ascertain what the priorities are.
- d) Libraries – it was noted that the parish council had written to the consultation to request that the Rickford stop is continued. MH reported that Libraries are not “Gateways” where people can find out about North Somerset Council and its services.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 National Grid – The clerk agreed to write to the consultation, with copies to NSC and John Penrose, MP. Councillors were concerned that the pylons would impact on the Burrington area

- and AONB. These areas not being formally consulted although they are located as near to the possible pylons route as other parishes which are being consulted.
- 2 Wrington Vale Medical Practice – CD will attend a meeting in Wrington Memorial Hall regarding the surgery and proposed changes.

PLANNING

New Planning Applications

10/P/1104/WT Wistaria House, Lower Langford – tree work
There were no objections.

10/P/1061/F – Langford Court Farm – Vehicular access, hedging and fencing
There were no objections. It was agreed that it would be essential to resite the 30 mile sign so that it is clearly visible.

BURIAL GROUND/CHURCHYARD

Gates – it was agreed that several “kiss gates” need repainting (gates at Burial Ground and Glebe Field). FW will ask the Village Orderly in the first instance if he can take on this work. It was agreed that an initial budget of £150 would be set aside.

Churchyard wall – this needs attention as two or three stones have fallen out (churchyard wall on the south side of the church, next to the school).

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

	£
Louisa Purcell, Clerk’s salary and expenses	441.75
Mr P Husher – Burial Ground/Churchyard	230.00
Maintenance of Stocking Footpath Blagdon	48.00
Website expenses – Roger Daniels	<u>23.57</u>
	743.32

Proposed by FW, seconded by SH.

DISCUSSION OF FUTURE PARISH PLANS AND PARISH WEBSITE

RD asked councillors to hand out business cards to promote the new parish website at Burrington Fete on 17th July. The website address is:

www.burrington-pc.org.uk

PK thanked RD for all his work on the website, and further suggestions are welcomed so that the site can be developed. RD has achieved this with minimal financial outlay. It was agreed that a winter event would be held to which parishioners would be invited. A focus group for the website could be formed and another questionnaire could be drawn up to consider parish plans.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

There were no items.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, 6th September at 7.30 pm in Burrington Parish Room.

The meeting closed at 9.05 pm