

BURRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL held on MONDAY, 17TH JANUARY 2011 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 Mr John Rhodes, Mr Mark Hughes, Head of Housing NSC, PC Ray Bradley,
Mrs Louisa Purcell (Clerk)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
District Councillor Liz Wells

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC
None

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held on 8th November 2010.
These were approved by Councillors and signed by the Chairman.

MATTERS ARISING

- 1 Highways: a number of matters were discussed and the Clerk agreed to write to the NSC Area Officer to report the following:
 - a. Road signs to be replaced after being knocked over in Langford Road (30 mile sign) and at the end of Langford Lane, near the Burrington Combe junction. Also some sort of replacement signage for the electronic sign which was stolen in Burrington Combe, on the dangerous "S" bend.
 - b. New signs – it was agreed in approx 2007 that a sign for Rickford Lane would be erected in Burrington Square, and this has not yet been done. Also a sign for Frys Lane would help delivery drivers to the village.
 - c. A request for the grit bins to be refilled.
- 2 Hedge cutting in Stocking Lane, Rickford: A letter has been received from the Blagdon Parish Clerk indicating that the contractor had found that the hedge had already been cut when he went to do the work. The question of Rickford residents maintaining the hedge themselves was raised, and CD will follow this up to see if there is interest.
- 3 Christmas event at Bristol Airport: the councillors who attended reported that this had been a useful meeting.

POLICE REPORT

There was one incident reported in Burrington. PC Bradley indicated that people should remain vigilant. For instance, a white Ford transit with trailer has been seen in the area, and the vehicle is suspected in connection with road signs and other items being picked up for "scrap metal".

DISTRICT COUNCILLOR'S REPORT

The Clerk reported on behalf of Cllr Wells. Churchill Leisure Centre has been kept open, and will be run by a Trust.

NSC LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

Mark Hughes reported that NSC are preparing plans to deal with the reduction in grants from central government over the next two years. The council needs to save £47 million over the next four years.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Emails regarding problems with waste collection services in the Christmas and New Year period were noted. Services are now nearly back to normal.
- 2 Older People's Strategy – RD will follow up and respond.
- 3 Two emails from companies offering Grounds Services – it was noted that Paul Husher will continue to provide a grass cutting service for this year for the Burial Ground and Churchyard.

ALCA

It was noted that ALCA has made some changes to its setup, in order to save costs, and will be moving to offices in Blagdon shortly. Councillors agreed that Burrington would remain in ALCA this year, and the situation would be kept under review. With issues such as the Localisation Bill going through Parliament, parish councils will need some back up support and advice.

The next meeting of the North Somerset ALCA Group will be on 24th February.

PLANNING

The parish council were asked for pre-submission comments with regard to a planning application for Ashcombe, Rickford. At this point, PK declared a non-pecuniary interest and withdrew from the discussions.

The plans were discussed, and the parish councillors commented that the extension appeared to be quite large compared with the original footprint of the house. The question was raised whether the applicants had considered a design which is more sympathetic to the existing buildings and the surroundings.

BURIAL GROUND/CHURCHYARD

The clerk agreed to report again the loose stones in the church wall next to the school, as the wall has deteriorated further.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

	£
Clerk's salary (Oct – Dec 2010)	425.00
Mr S Croker, Parish Orderly (27 hrs)	<u>175.50</u>
Total	600.50

Proposed by FW, seconded by CD

FINANCIAL STATEMENT AND PRECEPT

After some discussion, it was agreed that the precept should remain at £3,000 for the year 2011/12.

DISCUSSION OF FUTURE PARISH PLANS, PARISH WEBSITE AND NEWSLETTER

The draft newsletter was tabled by RD. It was agreed that a financial statement should be included, and councillors will meet in the next few weeks to agree the content.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

Vacancy for parish councillor

It was proposed that Mr John Rhodes of Lower Langford be co-opted onto the parish council – proposed FW, seconded CD. The Chairman therefore welcomed Mr Rhodes to the parish council.

Royal Wedding – 29th April

It was agreed that councillors would make informal enquiries to see if there is interest in the parish in holding a parish event.

NEXT MEETING

Monday, 28th March 2011 in Burrington Parish Room. The Annual Parish Meeting will take place at 7.30 pm, preceded by drinks. All parishioners are invited. Following the Annual Parish Meeting there will be a regular parish council meeting.

The parish council AGM has been pencilled in for Monday, 16th May at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.45 pm