

BURRINGTON PARISH COUNCIL

DRAFT MINUTES OF A MEETING OF THE PARISH COUNCIL held on MONDAY, 28 MARCH 2011 in The Parish Room, Burrington.

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

Also present Mr Mark Hughes, Head of Housing NSC, Mr Stephen Hale, Mr Martin Kerly,
Mrs Louisa Purcell (Clerk)

APOLOGIES FOR ABSENCE
District Councillor Liz Wells

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC
None

MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING held on 17th January 2011.
These were approved by Councillors and signed by the Chairman.

Mr John Rhodes signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office register.

MATTERS ARISING

- 1 Royal Wedding – further to the discussion in the Annual Parish Meeting, it was agreed to ask a retired Deputy Lord Lieutenant, who lives in the parish, to make the loyal toast.
- 2 Stocking Footpath – it was agreed that the Rickford Residents Association would take over the maintenance of the Stocking Footpath in this financial year, and money will be paid from the parish council to the Association for the undertaking of this work.

NSC LIAISON OFFICER'S REPORT

Mark Hughes reported that the Older Person's Strategy was agreed at a meeting last week.

NSC has set a budget for one year only, and is looking to minimise the impact on services. New ways of working are being implemented such as moving from paper forms to online processing.

Mark has also met with the Area Officer, Fay Powell, and he can follow up highways and other parish issues with NSC. He agreed to follow up on Rickford issues – the bridge is deteriorating and white lines near the chapel need to be renewed.

CORRESPONDENCE

- 1 Rurals Group – it is unlikely that anyone can attend the next meeting on 7th April.
- 2 Letters regarding accidents in Burrington Combe. PK read out letters sent to NSC by Blagdon and Langford/Burrington WI, TMTV and CPRE North Somerset. These organizations are calling for speed limits/traffic calming in Burrington Combe. After some discussion, it was agreed that the parish council would write to NSC. It would ask someone from NSC to come and speak at a parish council meeting or suggest that a meeting of the various parties concerned could be convened to start a discussion of the overall management of the Combe. Copies of the letter will be sent to the landowner (Sir David Wills), CPRE, TMTV, WI, Chief Constable of Avon & Somerset and the District Councillor.
- 3 Letter from Jason Beale, Performance and Customer Service Manager North Somerset Council re new procedure for sending details of planning applications to parish councils. It was agreed that the parish council did require paper copies of plans since there is no parish office/specialist IT equipment needed to undertake this work. The Clerk will respond.
- 4 Letter from Churchill Community School. The school is applying for Academy status and the clerk will send a letter to the school to wish them well in their endeavours.

PLANNING

11/P/0414/LB – Alden House, Langford Road – no observations.

11/P/0473/F and 11/P/0474/F – Alden House, Langford Road – the plans were discussed and considered to be an improvement.

11/P/0440/LB – the plans for the conservatory seem to be more in keeping with the character of the property.

BURIAL GROUND/CHURCHYARD

Mr G Edwards (former resident of Burrington parish) – burial of ashes in grave number 35.

ACCOUNTS FOR PAYMENT

	£
Clerk's salary (Jan - Mar 2011)	425.00
Hire of Parish Room	56.00
Paul Keel – refreshments for Parish Mtg	<u>20.00</u>
Total	<u>501.00</u>

For next financial year:

NSC Council Tax	23.97
ALCA	<u>99.02</u>
	122.99

We are awaiting the invoice for the parish newsletter (£48.50 + VAT) and it was agreed that cheques up £100 can be signed.

It was agreed to increase the clerk's salary by £100 pa.

All above accounts proposed by RD, seconded by FW

New rules from HMRC for paying the clerk were noted. Parish Councils should put in place measures to pay the clerk as an employee (with correct deductions for Tax/NI), and this can be done online via the HMRC website, or by using an agency. ALCA has suggested that an exemption may be possible and the clerk will contact the Tax Office to request an exemption.

ANY OTHER BUSINESS

JR asked who is responsible for litter picking, and if there is more we can do to encourage people to pick up litter outside their own house.

NEXT MEETING

The parish council AGM will be on Monday, 16th May at 7.30 pm.

The meeting closed at 9.55 pm